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# ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

#### FROM THE RECTOR

#### **NOTICE IN A FRENCH CHURCH**

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

#### **Ouestions for the Rector:**

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at <a href="mailto:groyce@stpeters.co.za">groyce@stpeters.co.za</a> or <a href="mailto:drawbeers.co.za">dradloff@stpeters.co.za</a>

Greg Royce (Rector)

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Two new and wonderfully exciting initiatives took place this past week:

# GLOBAL WORLD CARDBOARD CHALLENGE (Mrs Pam van Gass)

Last Friday, St Peter's Prep girls joined 867 709 participants, from 80 different countries around the world, in 'a time of play'.

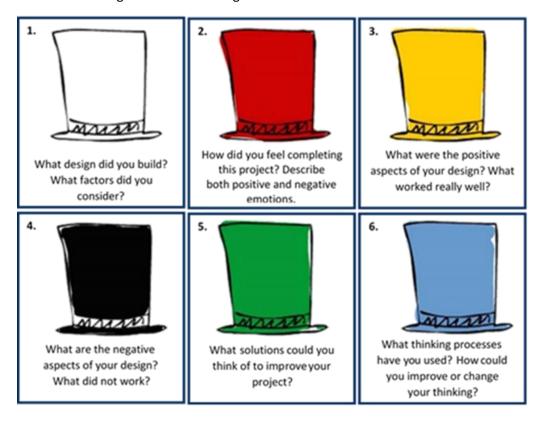
The inquiry topic for this year's World Cardboard Challenge was 'Up, up and away'! The girls were challenged to design and build something, relating to the theme, out of recycled cardboard.

The various grades focused on different learning approaches. Some girls recorded and planned their construction using the design process.





Others approached the task using de Bono's Thinking Hats.



In some classes the girls reflected on their Maths skills.

- Have you used a variety of 2D and 3D shapes in your construction?
- Did you use the words: edges, vertices, faces correctly when discussing your construction?

. . . And then there was the development of the more important skills and values as the girls practised a range of

essential life skills.

- collaboration
- communication skills
- creativity
- critical thinking
- resourcefulness
- problem solving
- perseverance and
- teamwork

Some of the creative models were:

- Dream catcher
- The sky
- The house from the movie 'Up'...
- Elevator
- Pegasus with a carriage...
- Helicopter









The cardboard challenge was a powerful tool, which fostered and advanced many facets of learning through play. Such a fun Teachers' Day for all!

# JP SPORTS DAY (Mrs Leanne Fleming)

In the JP, the focus is on physical development, learning through play and developing each girl's self-esteem and self-belief. The JP Sports Day was designed to display the girls' development in these areas.

An oval field area was set up (on Newlands Field) with appropriate apparatus for various activities. This area was cordoned off with chevron tape and parents could stand on the outside of it – viewing the activities taking place, in close proximity. The girls moved from activity to activity, in small groups. Parents were able to move around the field, following their daughter, as she participated and moved from one activity to the other.

Apart from the skills acquired and demonstrated here – great fun was had by all!





I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb (Headmaster)

## **SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

#### **ATHLETICS**

St Peter's Girls Prep competed in their first full Athletics meeting of the season at home on Friday, 5 October. The athletes put in a phenomenal performance! There was great excitement around the high jump event that took place with our athletes setting the bar high, while our competitors fell by the wayside. Our sprinters got into their stride early and finished the sprints with a strong team relay effort. This has set the tone for the season, as we look to build on this strong performance set by our athletes.

Upcoming fixtures:

Friday, 12 October - Athletics meeting at St Stithians

Friday, 26 October - Athletics meeting at St Peter's Girls Prep

#### **TENNIS**

This past week, the St Peter's Girls Prep tennis team challenged St Stithians and St Catherine's to a fixture. Although St Stithians were very strong opposition our girls made a great effort to try and rally their way into the points. The C & D team put in a polished performance against St Catherine's.

Upcoming fixture:

Thursday, 25 October – Tennis A & B vs Roedean (Away)

The Tennis Championships will commence after the mid-term break. We wish all our tennis players the very best of luck as they prepare for this prestigious St Peter's Tennis Championship!

#### **CROSS- COUNTRY**

Please take note that the Inter-house Cross-Country event will take place on Wednesday, 17 October from 09:30 to 10:30 at St Peter's Girls Prep. We have pushed the initial 08:30 start out to 09:30 and apologise for any inconvenience caused. All parents are welcome to come and support!

## **D6 COMMUNICATOR**

Sporting Fixtures have been uploaded onto the D6 communicator to keep parents informed with regard to forthcoming sporting events, so that parents may plan well in advance.

The Communicator St Peter's app is also a tool used by the Prep, the Sports Department in particular, to inform parents should there be any alteration to the fixtures or events. Though we try hard, to keep the set fixtures, there are sometimes changes to schedules or additional fixtures that we need to add. When updating, the sporting fixtures will be re-loaded with the changes stipulated under the description column of the Communicator. This is to make you aware of where the change has been made. This may, or may not, affect you depending on the sport or team your child represents. The sporting fixture list is updated as soon as any changes are made to it for the convenience of all parents and athletes.

Chris Tomsek (Acting Director of Sport)

# **HOUSE PLAYS: THIS EVENING - THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER**

The Grade 6 parents are invited to watch our House Plays tonight - Thursday evening, starting at 18:30. The girls need to be at school by 18:00.

The Grade 6 girls have been working on their own productions of Folktales. They have learnt to collaborate through group work. The costumes and set are their own designs. Staff have helped to manage the teams and my thanks go to Alyssa Stockers, Leigh Tennant and Ron Thackwell.

Entrance is free. The girls are working toward their second Drama certificate - so please come and support them.

Melanie Aspeling (HOD: Drama)

# POEM – 'HERITAGE' BY KATE BACKMAN, GRADE 6

'What is Heritage?' they all say

Well I'm here to tell you about it today.

Heritage is where you come from, who you are!

To be unique, your own shining star

To dress up in your traditional clothes and show where you come from

Bringing your traditional meals mmm Yum!

This day is to bring people together

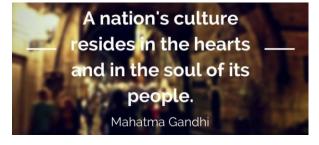
To show people that different cultures will stay here forever

We need to accept people who are different from us

We need to be kind and not make a fuss.

Standing and striving together is the right way

This is why we have Heritage Day!



#### **AERIAL PICTURES OF THE SCHOOL**

We had many offers of help, thank you. Watch this space for some beautiful, updated aerial views of the school!

Jean Macleod (Marketer)





# The St Peter's Intern Programme invites you to advertise in the 2018 Sunset Carols Brochure.

St Peter's will be celebrating its **sixth Sunset Carols** event on **Saturday, 1 December 2018.** This event attracts over 2 500 adults and children and has become the School's annual flagship event. It is preceded by a bustling Christmas Market.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please contact Monica on <a href="mailto:msloane@stpeters.co.za">msloane@stpeters.co.za</a>



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- ✓ scan your virtual card at the till point,
- √ link your Woolworths card, and
- ✓ find out where you can shop in the area you're driving/living/visiting.





## INDIGENOUS PLANT APPEAL

We would like to upgrade the St Peter's Prep Schools gardens. Many of you are busy in your gardens at the moment splitting plants and preparing for spring and summer. If you can spare a few plants, we would really appreciate them. They can be dropped off at the cross in the Chapel car park. The security staff will assist.

We are looking for any indigenous plants: succulents, grasses, mother-in-law tongue, gazanias, wild irises, normal irises, strelitzea, aloes and groundcovers.

If anyone has an 'aloe tree' (not large) that they can spare, that would be wonderful.

# **CONGRATULATIONS, ALMAAZ MUDALY!**

Almaaz Mudaly flew the St Peter's flag high recently when she participated in the International Science Fair from the 2 - 5 October. She won a bronze medal in the *innovation and technology* category.

Almaaz a Grade 6 pupil, was one of the youngest students at the science fair. She competed against pupils up to Grade 12. Almaaz was selected for the Science Fair, having submitted work of an exceptional standard.

She competed against approximately 700 international pupils from countries including Mexico, Ghana, Namibia, Kenya and many more. She represented 'Team Jozi'!

Almaaz's project was to build the 'Ultimate Cooler Lunch Box'. Her project required many prototypes using engineering and scientific methods and ensuring her project adhered to very specific engineering goals and design principles. The judges assessed Almaaz's 28-page project, her background research journal and the actual prototypes she built using cost effective materials. Almaaz managed to build the ultimate cooler lunchbox for less than one third the price of similar, commercially available, cooler lunch boxes and her prototype was more than 50% effective in keeping food cold. She then designed a template that is easy to build at home and made her 'Ultimate Cooler Lunch Box' available to children from all socio-economic backgrounds. Her amazing efforts rewarded her with the bronze medal in her category at international level.

A remarkable achievement, Almaaz! We are so proud of you. You are our very own St Peter's Girls Prep *Young Scientist of 2018* – congratulations!



# ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS GOLF DAY

The St Peter's Prep Schools annual golf day was held on Friday, 5 October at Kyalami Country Club.

A full field of 36 fourballs (144 golfers) teed off at 12:00 in perfect weather conditions. The objective of the day was to raise funds for the Parent's Association, whilst ensuring a memorable & fun-filled day for the golfers. The day certainly proved to be very festive for all involved (especially with the gin bar and well stocked watering holes!), and the evening event and prize giving was enjoyed with an incredible view over the course.

The golf was of a high calibre, with congratulations going to the winning fourball of Bruce Baisley, James Newmann, Mark Parsons and Kyle De Matteis.

Thank you once again to all the golfers and sponsors for your incredible support, which ensured that the day was such a success!



**Golf Day winners! Congratulations!** 

# ST PETER'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

St Peter's College invites you, your parent body and Grade 5 - 7 students to attend our Open Day on Saturday, 13 October 08:30 - 12:00.

The Open Day presents parents and students with an opportunity to engage with our students and staff members, explore our facilities and inquire about our offering.

For convenience, attached please find the Open Day info flyer.

We would love to see you there.

Nosipho Nkosi (Marketing Manager St Peter's College)

# THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

Day	Date	Start time	Finish Time	Title	Location
Monday	15/10/2018	-	-	Choir Tour Choir Tour	
Tuesday	16/10/2018	07:30:00	08:30:00	Parents: Gr 5 & 6 Class Moms' Meeting	Boardroom
Tuesday	16/10/2018	16:00:00	16:00:00	Choir Tour Returns	
Wednesday	17/10/2018	07:30:00	09:00:00	Eucharist - girls to wear Blazers with Summer Uniform	Chapel
Wednesday	17/10/2018	09:30:00	10:30:00	Interhouse Cross Country - girls to wear sports kit with house shirts	Newlands Field
Wednesday	17/10/2018	11:00:00	11:00:00	School finishes for Half Term	
Thursday	18/10/2018	-	-	Bishop's Holiday	
Friday	19/10/2018	-	-	HALF TERM	
Saturday	20/10/2018	-	-	HALF TERM	
Sunday	21/10/2018	-	-	HALF TERM	
Monday	22/10/2018	-	-	HALF TERM	
Tuesday	23/10/2018	07:30:00	07:30:00	Advent Term Recommences	

# **CHARITY EVENT**

