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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

St Peter's Prep Schools intends opening a Pre-Prep in January 2020. The initiative is driven by demand but also by our belief in the importance of effective Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes. Uninformed people often see Pre-Preps as 'nursery schools' or 'crèches'. A good ECD programme is a great deal more than this. It sets the foundation for learning to read and write and makes these skills so much easier for children to master. Lags in developmental milestones can be addressed and confidence built.

We are planning to open the school with two Grade 00 and two Grade 000 classes, each of which will have, in addition to a teacher, an ECD teacher intern, providing much-improved contact time for each pupil.

In line with our educational philosophy, the curriculum will be play-based with emphasis on developing imagination, curiosity and perceptual skills in order to create the best possible transition to formal learning.

We shall be constructing a new school in order for the children to enjoy a happy and stimulating environment, separate from 'big school'. The facility will be sited on the property across Witkoppen Road, opposite Newlands field. Entry will be via Estelle Road at the back of the property.

While we construct the new building on the aforementioned property, the Pre-Prep will open in the current Afterschool Programme facility, in the grounds of the Prep School.

The recruitment drive for a Head with appropriate ECD knowledge is currently underway. We hope to announce the appointment next term. Those of you who have investigated the fees of Pre-Preps will notice that stand-alone schools are inevitably cheaper than those attached to Prep schools, as is the case with St Peter's. Cost is largely driven by teachers' salaries. We shall be looking to employ teachers qualified in ECD and will be remunerating them as we do all St Peter's teachers. In addition, they will be included in the comprehensive training programme required for all staff.

In order to be transparent and fair in receiving applications for the Pre-Prep we have offered accepted pupils on our waiting list first priority to apply for Gr 00/000 without jeopardising their accepted places for Grade 0. We will then extend the offer to families that are already on our waiting lists according to priority weighting points for Grade 0 2021 and 2022 and thereafter spaces will be open to the wider community.

Please see the list of FAQ's below for further information.

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information, please contact Admissions (admissions@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce
(Rector)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) WITH REGARD TO GRADE 00 AND 000 2020

- **WILL THE PRE-PREP HAVE BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS IN THE SAME CLASS?**

The Pre-Prep will be co-educational; where possible there will be an equal number of boys and girls in each class.

- **WHAT ARE THE TIMES FOR THE SCHOOL? WHAT TIME WILL IT OPEN & CLOSE, AND WILL THIS BE IN LINE WITH THE REST OF ST PETER'S IF ONE IS DROPPING OFF A SIBLING?**

The school day will start officially at 08:00 and finish at 12:30, with a supervised waiting class until 13:30 and an Aftercare Facility until 17:30. Supervision will be provided from 07:00 every morning.

- **WILL THE AFTERCARE BE RUN JOINTLY WITH THE PREP SCHOOLS? WHERE WILL AFTERCARE BE AND HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

The Pre-Prep will have its own Aftercare Facility. This will be in the same place as the Pre-Prep School. The fee structure will be similar to that of Grade 0-2 in the Prep Schools.

- **WHERE WILL THE PRE-PREP BE SITUATED?**

The Pre-Prep will ultimately be on the property across the road from St Peter's Prep Schools. The access will be through Estelle Road, Paulshof. If the building is not completed in time, the upgraded Aftercare Facility will be used until the new facilities are completed.

- **HOW MANY CLASSES WILL THERE BE AND HOW MANY CHILDREN PER CLASS?**

This will be determined by the interest we receive. We are hoping to start with two Gr 000 and two Gr 00 in 2020 with between 18 and 20 children per class with a teacher and a trained Intern/Assistant in each classroom.

- **WILL THE DEPOSIT BE CARRIED OVER FOR GRADE 0?**

The deposit will be carried over to Gr 0 with a top up required to meet the Prep School Deposit for each specific year. If a term's notice is given before a child is withdrawn from the Pre-Prep, 50% of the deposit will be refunded as with the Prep Schools.

- **WHAT ELSE WILL THE FEES INCLUDE IN TERMS OF MUSIC LESSONS, SPORTS, OUTINGS ETC.? WHAT ARE SUNDRIES?**

The programme will include Music, Playball and Sport in the weekly timetable. As with the Junior Prep Schools, the Sundries amount will include outings, productions, stationery, individual and class photographs and any other expenses except Hearing/Eye Screening, School Production DVD and Photographs.

- **IS THERE A SIBLING'S DISCOUNT?**

The sibling discount (of ten percent on the third child's fees) will be given, providing all three children attend the preps concurrently.

- **WILL EXTRA-MURALS BE OFFERED?**

We will offer the regular extra cost extra-murals offered by most Pre-Prep Schools but this will also be dependent on interest and numbers initially.

- **IS THERE A ST PETER'S UNIFORM, OR DO THE CHILDREN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES?**

At this stage, there will be no uniform for the children attending the Pre-Prep and we do not think this will change.

- **WHO WILL BE THE HEADMASTER/MISTRESS OF THE PRE-PREP SCHOOL?**

This position has been advertised and we are in the process of recruiting. As is its custom, St Peter's is seeking an exceptional educator familiar with current ECD methodology to manage the school. The Head of the Pre-Prep will start part time in the second term 2019 and will be employed full-time from the third term to oversee the project and set up the Pre-Prep for its opening in January 2020.

- **WHO WILL THE TEACHERS BE?**

Once a Head has been appointed, we will begin the process of advertising and employing both teachers and other staff required. All appointments will be made by the start of the third term 2019; teachers will officially take up their positions in January 2020. Teachers will be suitably qualified to teach Early Childhood Development (ECD).

- **ARE CURRENT TEACHERS AT ST PETER'S LIKELY TO BECOME THE TEACHERS, OR WILL THE TEACHERS BE SOURCED FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL?**

This will depend on interest shown by internal staff and the CV's received as Early Childhood Development (ECD) qualifications or experience will be a requirement. We will be looking for staff who align with the ethos and values of St Peter's Schools within the Pre-Prep.

- **WHAT IS THE STRUCTURAL LAYOUT OF THE SCHOOL GOING TO LOOK LIKE AS WELL AS THE CLASSROOMS?**

The design of the school will be similar to the Girls Junior Prep buildings with a farm-style theme to it. We want to create a warm, safe environment with an element of fun and nature coming to the fore. Both the plans and a model will be presented at the open day in June 2019. The classrooms will be large with activity centres and lots of light.

- **WHAT WILL THE SCHEDULE BE LIKE?**

This question will be answered in greater detail at the Open Morning (in June 2019) once a Head has been appointed. We are looking at a flexible programme with the focus on learning through play. The programme will be aimed at developing the perceptual skills of young children through inquiry, investigation and wonder. Nature and the outdoor environment will play a large role in the curriculum.

Information will be provided on a regular basis informing parents, whose children will be attending the Pre-Prep, of developments as they happen. We can, however, assure you that the St Peter's Pre-Prep will hold the same values and ethos as the Prep Schools and children who attend the school will be well prepared for entry into Gr 0 and the start of formal learning in Grade 1.

You will be invited to an Open Day in June 2019 at which the building plans and model will be presented. The Head will also present an overview of the curriculum and the overall plan for opening the Pre-Prep in 2020, which will coincide with the 70th celebrations of St Peter's Boys Prep School.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY SERVICE

Please note that the start time of the Human Rights Day Service, scheduled for Wednesday, 20 March, has changed from 08:00 to 07:30. This service will run from 07:30 – 08:00 during Prayers, in the Royce Hall.

Cath Holm

(Head of Organisation and Administration)

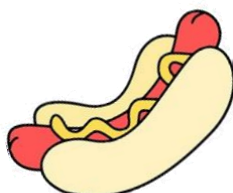
HOT DOG DAY AND CIVVIES DAY

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH – R35

On Friday, girls can wear civvies to school.

Hot dog Day - R25

Civvies - R10



VALUE OF THE WEEK: COMPASSION**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (RAK)**

Being kind and compassionate are characteristics that shape relationships between people and help to create caring communities. It involves understanding and responding empathetically to the needs and desires of others as well as your own.

Children demonstrate compassion and kindness when they act on feelings of empathy and concern. One way of demonstrating kindness is by performing 'random acts of kindness' (RAK). My challenge to you, as a family, is to perform RAK's together. Not only will this make a difference in someone else's life, but it will also be an opportunity for a positive family experience. Kindness connects us to each other. It shows people that they are worthy of love. Acts of kindness can be large or small - according to Aesop: *'No act of kindness, however small, will ever be wasted.'* One can never underestimate the power of kindness to change someone's day or perhaps even his or her life - just knowing that someone cares. An act/random act of kindness is an affirmation of our shared humanity.

To read about good news of this kind, visit *Lead SA* <http://www.leadsa.co.za/> and *SA Good News* <https://www.sagoodnews.co.za/> - these being a few of the many organisations reporting on spreading kindness in our country.

I would love feedback on your RAK's, or photos, which we could share with our school community to spread the love even further.

Cara Eggett
(Director: Pastoral Care)

AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

Afternoon supervision is provided on Monday – Thursday, from 14:00 – 16:15. All girls from Grade 3-7 should be in one of the places listed below, if not participating in an extramural activity. There is a teacher on duty every afternoon in shifts from 14:00 – 14:45, 14:45 – 15:30 and 15:30 – 16:15, who will be supervising the areas mentioned below.

- **Library**

Girls may use the library for reading, homework and revision. This is a *quiet* space and we ask all to be respectful of those who are trying to work or read. Grade 6 & 7 girls may only use their ipads with teacher supervision. Access to devices is unavailable for Grade 3-5 girls.

- **Outside Playground (between school entrance and hall):**

Afternoon play is encouraged after completion of homework and revision. Girls who are wanting to play outside should make use of this area.

- **Grade 4 IdB classroom (downstairs, first classroom on the left of the foyer if you are walking down the stairs from the main entrance):** This classroom is available in the event of cold/wet weather. Games are stored in Ingerid de Bruyn's classroom. All girls are required to play responsibly and tidy up before leaving the venue.

There is no Friday afternoon supervision. If your daughter is not involved in an extra-mural activity on Friday afternoon, please make use of the Afterschool Programme. (Contact **Trish Attlee**: 083 375 0342)

Please note that in the event of lightning conditions in the afternoon, girls are required to move quickly to the nearest indoor venue or stay inside.

- If the lightning siren goes off while a class/grade is participating in an afternoon activity with a teacher, that teacher will direct them to the nearest indoor venue and stay with them until it is safe to move or they are collected by a parent/guardian. The teacher in charge will notify reception of the girls' whereabouts so that they can be collected from the venue.
- If the lightning siren goes off or sport is cancelled due to wet weather conditions, girls will be supervised by the sports department in the STEM Lab and may be collected from there.
- If the lightning siren goes off while girls are waiting to be collected in the afternoon, they will be required to stay in either the Library or the Grade 4 IdB classroom until collected by a parent/guardian.

Please note that all girls are required to move to Aftercare after 16:15. If the lightning siren goes off in the afternoon and stays on until after 16:15, the teacher on duty for afternoon supervision will stay with them in the Grade 4 IdB classroom until they are collected, as it is unsafe to walk across to aftercare when the school is under lightning conditions.

Cath Holm (*Head of Organisation and Administration*)

MUSIC DEPARTMENT - GRADE 4 OPEN MORNING

Reminder about the Grade 4 girls' trumpet, ukulele and clarinet Open Morning on **Monday, 8 April**.

These lessons will take place at the following times:

Grade 4TK	09:00 – 09:30
Grade 4RA	11:20 – 11:45
Grade 4IdB	11:45 – 12:10

Marguerite Schmitt (*Director of Music*)

Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser



R250 per Bunch

Please support by ordering your bunch of beautiful flowers by **Wednesday** afternoon via email nicky@ntce.co.za or WhatsApp **083 609 1185**

Collection of flowers on Friday from 12:00 at

ALL Receptions where relevant,
I.e.: Girls SP and JP, Boys SP and JP.

Many thanx

Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee

SAVE THE DATE: MANDELA DAY SATURDAY, 20 JULY

This year, St Peter's is planning a major project at Sefikeng Primary to clean, refurbish, paint and much more. If your company would like to join us, please contact us so that we can coordinate our efforts to make a difference! (msloane@stpeters.co.za).

Early next term, we will start the drive for our families.

The Mandela Day Team



CHESS AT THE GIRLS PREP

MONDAY CHESS TIMES

Grade 6	: 14:00 -14:45
Grade 3	: 14:45 - 15:30
Grade 4 & 5	: 15:30 - 16:15

THE COACH

The chess coach's name is Tshediso Mpya.

He is extremely passionate about Chess and teaches the girls new strategies and more about the game. He is very patient and accommodating and the girls enjoy learning from him.

TEAM SELECTION

The girls are rotated, which means that they all get a chance to play one match.

Stronger players tend to remain in the team each week - to help achieve good match results

MATCHES

Four matches are played a term. Letters are sent to parents, informing of team selection. A Chess WhatsApp group has been created to send messages to parents.

Matches start at 16:45 and end at 18:00

Dinner is served at 18:00 and ends at about 18:15

When the girls are finished eating, the parents may take them home.

UPCOMING MATCHES

18 March – St Peter's Girls Prep vs APPS

25 March – St Peter's Girls Prep vs St Stithians

Kelsey Mohamed

(EdTech Integrator and Chess Co-ordinator)

THIS WEEK



Our girls participated in an **Inter-Schools Robotics League event**, on Wednesday, hosted at St Peter's Girls Prep. There were 80 children from 10 schools. It was a great afternoon of collaboration and problem solving.



The St Peter's Girls Prep team achieved first and second place at the **Tour de Maths** competition, held at Pridwin. This is an inter-schools Mathematics problem-solving competition, where children collaborate with those from other schools. There were 160 children from over 20 schools competing. **WELL DONE, GIRLS!**

ST PETER'S COLLEGE



ST PETER'S COLLEGE MUSIC SOIREE

St Peter's College MADD Centre presents **The Chanticleer Singers**, directed by Richard Cock, performing a programme covering all things natural.

The programme includes 'All Creatures Now are Merry Minded' by John Bennet, 'Christ Hath a Garden' by Eleanor Daley and 'Lullabye of Birdland' by George Shearing, in addition to works by Elgar, Morley, Stanford and Lauridsen.

Featuring soloist Nicholas Nicolaidis in his final appearance with the Chanticleer Singers before emigrating.

Click on the image below and follow the [link](#) to purchase your ticket:



PLEASE NOTE:

- Limited seats available - first come first served!
- Payment options on the system are: VISA/MASTER Credit or debit card, SID EFT and Zapper
- Coffee and tea served from 15:00 in the MADD Centre foyer.
- Audience to take their seats from 15:40.

Thank you for your support!

Vaughan van Zyl & the MADD production team

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Date: 7 April 2019

Venue: PWC Bike Park JHB
(1A Libertas Street, off Sloan Street, Bryanston, Sandton, 2191)

Time: 07h30-12h00

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