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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Girls SP School

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

In the week of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, I thought it would be relevant to share some insight from Father Richard. Every time I hear Father Richard speak to our girls, I am reminded of how incredibly lucky we all are at St Peter's to have him and Mr Kotsi in our lives! They represent, so admirably, the spiritual foundation of everything we do:

*From Father Richard:*

*The countdown to Shrove Tuesday, or pancake Tuesday as most of us know it, has ended and this signals the beginning of the journey towards Easter. I'm still recovering from Christmas and trying to implement all those New Year's resolutions I decided on. I'm not ready for Easter, but I have to be because time zooms on.*

*Often our Christian journey mirrors the same sentiments. We really do want to be better Christians, go to church more often and yes, we do strive to be better people, but time just runs away with us and we are left with only good intentions!*

*This time, before Easter is exactly that. It is about us deciding on one attribute, which we want to change, regarding our relationship with God, and taking the next 40 to make that change. It's about perseverance and never giving up. It's about struggling, conquering and, most importantly, being victorious.*

*This is the first time since 1945 that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day. Certain churches have requested that, on such years, Valentine's Day be celebrated the day before - as Ash Wednesday should take precedence. For me, it is not an either/or situation, but the true message of St Valentine reminds us that Ash Wednesday is about relationships, that which we have with God and those that we have with each other. It is about our unconditional love for our creator and those important people in our lives.*

*So toughen up; commit to 40 days of lent, change and journey with God as he continues to hold you and your loved ones in His gentle arms.*

Have a good weekend!

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Darrel Webb  
(Headmaster)

## FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

The Inter-house swimming galas will be held on 27 February. Due to the increase in numbers in our Middle School, we have decided to split the gala into two sections:

15:00 – 17:00 Middle School Gala (Grade 3 & 4)

18:00 – 20:00 SP Gala (Grade 5-7)

This will allow us to ensure that all girls get to swim, as is customary, without making the event significantly longer. The Grade 7 fundraising committee will have drinks and food on sale for those parents and girls who will be staying for both galas.

Please be reminded that, whatever the sport, girls are expected to remain to the end of the match/gala/meeting. They are part of the St Peter's team and need to support their peers and be part of the war cry at the end of the event.

Some of our girls with braids are battling with the school swimming caps. There is a wonderful product available, called *Swimma* caps, that we will allow the girls to wear for swimming should they need to. We are currently negotiating for the school shop to stock these caps, but should you wish to purchase one for your daughter in the meantime, the website is [www.swimma.co.za](http://www.swimma.co.za)

Toni Clarke-Buchanan is the teacher-in-charge of swimming, so please send any correspondence in this regard directly to her at [tclarke@stpeters.co.za](mailto:tclarke@stpeters.co.za).

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, queries or questions!

Liz Ashmore

(Director of Sport)

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## EDTECH PLEDGES AND BYOD POLICY

I would like to extend a big thank you to all parents for assisting us in getting all the EdTech and 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) for Grade 6 & 7 pledges signed and returned to the school. The pledges form an important part of our Digital Citizenship programme that promotes the responsible and appropriate use of technology.

Girls will now be expected to adhere to the expectations set out in the pledge. Grade 6 and 7 girls who transgress will be expected to hand in their device, to either Sis Non or me, and thereafter it can be collected by parents. The girls will then not be permitted to use their device at school for a week. We look forward to your support in developing our girls to be outstanding digital citizens.

Any queries should be directed to me or Cara Eggett (*Director: Pastoral Care*)

Kerryn Schmidt

(HOD: EdTech)

## MY STORY: SAVE THE DATE

*"The scarcest resource is not oil, metals, clean air, capital, labour, or technology. It is our willingness to listen to each other and learn from each other and to seek the truth rather than seek to be right."* (Donella Meadows)

'My Story' is our St Peter's community 'safe space.' We believe that inviting St Peter's parents and staff to share their experiences helps us to break down the barriers that stand between us and sets us on a path towards a stronger, more cohesive community. Please join us on this exciting journey:

Date: Wednesday, 28 February  
 Time: 18:30 – 20:00  
 Venue: Girls Junior Prep Hall

## MUSIC STAFF SHOWCASE



Please make bookings using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/NRKf1LcTygRfS1TR2>

### Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser

**R250 per Bunch**

**Please support by ordering your bunch of beautiful flowers, by Tuesday afternoon, via email [nicky@ntce.co.za](mailto:nicky@ntce.co.za).**

**Collection of flowers on Friday from 12:00 at Girls SP Reception.**

**Many thanks  
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee**





## OUR VALUE: 'HONOUR'

The Fifth Commandment says, '*Honour your father and your mother*'. Do we, as adults, always do the honourable thing? Below are some questions for thought.

- Are our lives righteous examples for our children to follow?
- Are we always honest with our children?
- Do we frequently express our love and appreciation to our children?
- Do we listen to our children with genuine interest?
- Are we supportive of their interests and activities?
- Are we fair and consistent with discipline?
- Are we firm in setting reasonable limits?
- Do we show trust and confidence in our children?
- Do we give children opportunities to make their own decisions and choices?
- Do we encourage children to fulfill their own dreams, goals, and ambitions?



## FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check the Calendar section of Communicator St Peter's for the forthcoming week's activities.

## FOR THOSE WHO STILL NEED THE APP: COMMUNICATOR ST PETER'S

### HOW TO GET IT: THIS IS THE FIRST STEP AND CANNOT BE SKIPPED

There is a link below to a **Google Form** – which you are required to complete, please. These details are needed in order to set up the once-off verification step.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/forms/kvMdLCEq0G>

PLEASE ALLOW **1 WORKING DAY** ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GOOGLE FORM BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD THE COMMUNICATOR, TO ENABLE YOUR DETAILS TO BE VERIFIED.

Please go into your PlayStore/AppStore and download **Communicator St Peter's**.

- After download, you will be prompted to fill in your email address and make up a password (or request a password and then you will be prompted to make one up).
- An email will be sent to you asking you to verify your email address. Once you have clicked on this you will be able to continue with the download, filling in your email address and password. Remember the password as it will be needed when you authenticate your other devices as well.
- Choose **St Peter's Schools**
- Personalise from which school you wish to receive notifications and tick at least one of the following; Girls Junior Prep General, Girl Senior Prep General, Boys Junior Prep General, Boys Senior Prep General, or College General.
- Personalise other channels from which you would like to receive information e.g. Grades, Sports, Music, etc.

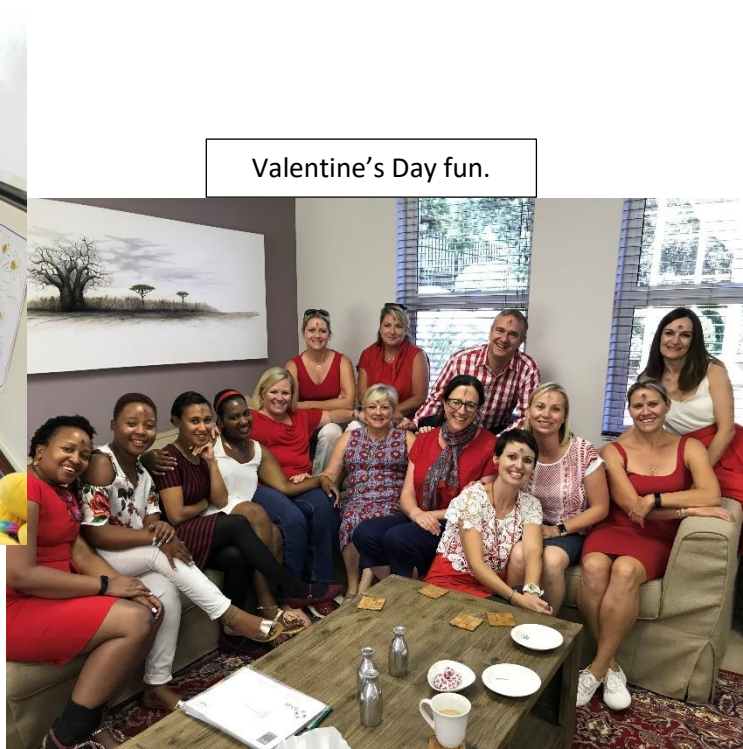
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### THIS WEEK



Captivated, in Mrs Aspel's class!



Valentine's Day fun.