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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

A Report from Derek Wilcocks

On Thursday, 8 March 2018, Greg Royce invited a group of parents involved in the information technology industry to join a 'think tank' to review information technology at St Peter's. Six parents kindly volunteered their time and met with the Heads and information technology staff, on both the technology provision and teaching sides, of both the Boys and Girls Prep Schools. The evening kicked off with Dieter Gloss, the IT Manager, giving an overview of the information technology infrastructure in place on the St Peter's campus. The overview covered connectivity, telephony, security, storage and continuity. In each instance issues such as reliability, performance, value for money and ability to meet future needs were addressed. After the review the parents congratulated Dieter and his team on their efforts over the past five years. After the presentation and ensuing discussion, no significant architectural or other changes were proposed.

Thereafter, Scott Hauptfleisch and Kerryn Schmidt presented the approach to introducing children to devices, programming, robotics and general computer skills. He explained that the goal is to provide our children with platform independent skills, so that they are comfortable entering different high schools with different platform standards. The investment in using tools such as *Scratch* for programming and *Lego Robotics* kits was praised by the assembled parents, who felt that this best prepares our children for a world where the integration between computers and physical processes will deeply affect the career and entrepreneurial choices available to them. Kerryn also covered the use of robotics to teach other academic skills, such as age-appropriate sequencing and logical reasoning in a fun and highly interactive way. Some discussion ensued about future directions, covering ideas about artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies and how these technologies will affect our curriculum and the children. Kerryn also spoke about some of the development opportunities that he and other teachers have been exposed to, to ensure they are up to date with the latest thinking on the safe and innovative application of information technology in teaching.

The evening concluded on a very positive note with high praise for all the St Peter's staff involved in information technology. Our school and our children are in good information technology hands. Thank you once again to the parents who volunteered their time and expertise and who continue to assist the school in obtaining the best possible value in procuring technology and providing encouragement and advice to our highly dedicated and motivated Heads, teachers and administrative staff. Ultimately, most thanks is due to the teachers who have taken up the challenge of preparing the children for high schools and ultimately for professional life where technology plays an increasingly foundational role.

Derek Wilcocks (*Council Member: IT Portfolio*)

Greg Royce
(*Rector*)

FROM THE HEADMASTER

This is always an anxious time of year for our Grade 7 girls, who await the results of numerous interviews, entrance and scholarship exams from various High Schools around the country. The information I have received from the girls so far, is that they have all been accepted into their High School, of choice. This is great news, indeed!

What is, however, even more exciting – is that I received a phone call from Miss Deanne King, the Headmistress of St Mary's, to let me know how impressed she was with our girls after their interview process.

The good news continues: I then received this note from the new Headmistress of St Stithians:

Dear Darrel

Over the past two weeks or so our 2019 Grade 8 admissions process has been underway. During this time we have interviewed and interacted with a number of your girls from St Peter's Prep. I would like to compliment you on the superb calibre of the girls we have had the privilege of interacting with. They are confident, yet humble and have a sound set of beliefs and values. It has been wonderful interacting with them, they are wonderful ambassadors for St Peter's. Please pass on my compliments to your staff team.

*Kind regards,
Sally*

It's not the St Peter's way to boast, but I do think we can be justifiably proud of our Grade 7 class of 2018.

Have a wonderful weekend! Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)

THE ST PETER'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT IS HOSTING A COFFEE MORNING: TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2018


Kindly confirm your attendance by filling out our google form link <https://goo.gl/forms/BS705FAFC3C1uD0t1>

My child has started an instrument, now what?

Coffee Morning

We would love for you to join us to discuss the following:

- ♥ I don't play an instrument, how can I help?
- ♥ What should I expect?
- ♥ Busting the Myths of practicing/practicing explained
- ♥ What does a music exam involve and how can I help my child prepare



ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS



Date : Tuesday, 20 March 2018

Time: 07:00 – 07:30

Venue: St Peter's Girls Senior Prep Music Room

REMINDER: TOMORROW IS PYJAMA DAY

Cancer is an illness that can affect anyone - regardless of age, gender or race. Within our own St Peter's family, we have people who are fighting this disease at present and one of these is a youngster in the Girls JP Prep. We, as a school, have therefore chosen CHOC as our charity to support this term to remember all children who are fighting cancer.

We encourage the children and staff to come to school in their PJ's in order to empathise with children who are sick and suffering with cancer.

There is no charge for this day - as this is about us, as a community, becoming aware and pulling together to support one another.

Blessings

Fr Richard (Chaplain)



SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Netball season is now in full swing so the girls will be involved in activities relating to netball skills, fitness and agility in all their sports lessons from now on. Please ensure they wear their sports kit, predominantly white takkies and white socks for all sports lessons. Girls must please also remember their hats, sunscreen and water bottles.

Weekly fixtures and venues will reflect on the Sports Week Ahead and the full fixtures up until the end of Term 2 are also available on the Communicator.

Please note that all girls who are playing away matches, are required to travel on the bus with the team. Once all their grade's matches have been completed, girls may go home with a parent, but are required to sign out with the teacher-in-charge. For away matches, the bus will always return to St Peter's, where girls can be collected – the class moms will be informed as to when the bus returns to school.

In the event of inclement weather, or of a lightning warning notification, all sports lessons will continue indoors and girls can be collected at the normal ending times. If lessons are cancelled, parents will be informed and may then collect girls early.

Mrs Keitumetse Makola is the teacher-in-charge of netball. Please direct any excuse notes/queries to her on kmakola@stpeters.co.za.

Liz Ashmore

Director of Sport (LAshmore@stpeters.co.za)

ECO NEWS: CELEBRATING WATER WEEK: 19 – 23 March

Water Day is on Wednesday, 21 March and we highlight this day here at school. More than ever, this year, it is our responsibility to educate our boys and girls about the importance of water and water conservation. A variety of water related activities have already been done across the grades, with more to follow for the remainder of Water Month.



Each girl will be given a 'Water Passport' with seven water saving challenges to complete at home. This is to create an awareness of daily water consumption, build 'water-wise' habits in their own environments and create empathy when they hear about other communities in dire need of water. Please support us by encouraging your daughter to work through these water saving tips.

Cathy Linnell
(HOD: Science)

ST PETER'S WINTER WARMERS 2018 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Back by popular demand – the *Winter Warmers* concert will be hosted on Saturday, 14 July 2018.

Last held in 2013, this event has a 'Joburg Day' type feel to it, offering musical entertainment for parents, food stalls and vendors, plus the very popular *Inflatable Park* for the kids. Families can bring camper chairs, blankets and their own picnics or buy food on the day and enjoy an afternoon of fun and entertainment with family and friends.

We are looking for a group of parents who want to be involved in co-ordinating the day. Please look out for the online link to sign up to volunteer, it will be sent out this Friday, 16 March.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

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

GIRLS' ART



Belicia Tshidibi



Chloe Jacobs



Mokgethwa Masilela



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08:30 Arrive and register

09:00 Headmaster's address, followed by school tour and refreshments

Venue St Peter's College, College Lane off Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill, Sandton

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