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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL



Mr Webb!

### FROM THE RECTOR

#### TOWARDS ROAD SAFETY

We're all concerned about the safety of our community on the roads. In our immediate environment (Witkoppen Road below the school and the intersection of Witkoppen and Main), the situation has been exacerbated. At peak periods, taxis drive into oncoming traffic while both taxis and motorists fail to adhere to the traffic signals at the latter intersection.

A former parent and the Founder of eblockwatch, André Snyman, has come forward to assist us. eblockwatch collects and distributes information about crime. It also assists members. Membership is free ([www.eblockwatch.co.za](http://www.eblockwatch.co.za)). André is working with the Safety & Security MMC of the City of Johannesburg to curb these offenders. We have been impressed with the willingness of Jo'burg Safety & Security to assist and their quick response time. Those who use the route will have noticed the presence of the JMPD last week at the intersection.

A campaign to halt this behaviour will continue for a while, so we all need to take care that we don't contravene the rules of the road! We are grateful that the City of Johannesburg has responded to our needs, given the mammoth task it faces.

#### Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at [groyce@stpeters.co.za](mailto:groyce@stpeters.co.za) or [dradloff@stpeters.co.za](mailto:dradloff@stpeters.co.za)

Greg Royce  
(Rector)

## 2018 LEADERSHIP

As we come to the end of 2018, I would like to share some information with you around how our girls, particularly our Grade 7 girls, have grown as leaders. In fact, we'd like to believe that our deliberate teaching of leadership skills has had something to do with the number of girls who have been appointed to leadership positions in their respective High Schools, over the years.

Leadership Development at St Peter's is about helping girls learn and practise positive character attributes that support leadership skills. In building good character, strong leaders are created and thus strong communities. Our Programme aims to inspire each girl to respond to the 'call to lead' in her own unique manner. Leadership is not reserved for those few individuals who fulfill formal roles, e.g. team captains, head servers or choristers, but is a way of life that girls can live every day. Our goal is to equip every girl with the courage, skills and sense of community to exercise the power of her voice.

The Grade 7s started their year with a 5 day 'Keys Camp'. This camp focused on leadership development and aimed to create a cohesive Gr 7 leadership team. To this end, girls were not able to choose their rooms on camp, but were rather intentionally placed with peers with whom they did not normally spend much time. By the end of the week, these new 'besties' knew a great deal more about each other and this, in turn, led to larger Gr 7 friendship groups. From the camp, the Grade 7 girls were then involved with caring for their Grade 3 *buddies*, a job that was taken extremely seriously. This was an invaluable initiative, as the younger girls look up to, respect and seek out their senior *buddies* for guidance. The older girls display empathy and understanding for their younger peers.

The Grade 7 girls have also facilitated Hot Lunch, performed scholar patrol duties and have mediated many friendship disputes with the younger girls, during break duties throughout the year. Another Grade 7 duty has been to assist the Marketer (Jean Macleod) with school tours for prospective parents. The girls' knowledge and explanations to visitors of the school routine has added immense value to this process. These 'young Marketers' have also assisted with escorting new parents at events, including Grade 0 Orientation days. For 'soon-to-be Grade 0s', seeing a young friendly face (aka, a Grade 7 girl), has made the experience a little less daunting for these tiny newcomers.

On the sporting field and in the music arena, the girls have led with pride and respect for their school. They have guided and motivated the younger girls. Whilst all grades read in Chapel, Grade 7s have been responsible for Wednesday 'Prayers'. They have hosted and run our weekly Prayer Service.

Concerning Servant Leadership, the Grade 7s have served in the Chapel. All Grade 6 and 7 girls have undertaken one or two hour's compulsory community service – with some girls even exceeding these compulsory hours. Girls have played an active social role in our community. The Grade 7s host the end-of-year Christmas party for Sefikeng School, whilst the Grade 6s, read to the Sefikeng Grade 2s on a weekly basis.

Grade 6s performed in House plays. Here, the girls were given the responsibility of producing and directing their own group's play. This was an opportunity to motivate others and be able to bring others together to accomplish something as a team. This week, there has been great excitement as the Grade 6s met their Grade 2 *buddies* (in preparation for next year). This will foster a new and different kind of relationship.

Grade 7s will soon head off on their Leavers' Camp and during SPEET week, the Grade 6s will attend a Leadership Day. Next year, we hope to take our focus on leadership in the Girls School to the next level, with a number of new and exciting initiatives.

Cara Eggett  
(Director of Pastoral Care)

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## FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD

### GRADE 6 AND 7 EXAMS

The Grade 6 and 7 girls start writing exams on Friday. As learning has moved away from a knowledge-based curriculum, many of the questions involve application of knowledge and the relevance and appliance of the Units of Inquiry. St Peter's approaches exam writing as a preparation for high school and the girls are afforded fifteen minutes, when the papers are handed out at the beginning, to read the paper and ask any questions they may have. There is also a fifteen-minute period at the end to check and edit their work. As part of the experience, they write in the Royce Hall. The Grade 6 and 7 girls will leave each day at 13:00 and there is an optional study day on Tuesday, 20 November, in the middle of the exam period, during which they are encouraged to revise as well as take a break and relax. The girls have been encouraged to apply themselves consistently throughout the year, so they are extremely well prepared. We encourage them to manage their workload and stress levels and approach the challenges of the exam period in a positive manner. Exams are part of life for many years to come.

### PRIZE GIVING

The invitation has been distributed to all the Grade 5 to 7 parents. This prestigious event takes place on Tuesday, 4 December and all Grade 5 to 7 girls are expected to attend.

Darrel Webb will give a brief address to the girls. The evening will be approximately one hour long. Parents of all recipients of prizes will be contacted. We look forward to welcoming you to the evening function.

Pam van Gass  
(Deputy Head: Academics)

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## ST PETER'S EXTENSION AND ENRICHMENT TIME (SPEET WEEK)

The annual SPEET Week programme takes place from Tuesday, 27 November to Wednesday, 5 December.

A variety of activities, outings, talks and experiences are organised for the girls in each grade. Please note that the school will not be attending the pantomime this year for a number of reasons. This time is characterised by energy, enthusiasm and fun, while broadening the educational experience of the girls. Time is also allocated to activities which allow for some relaxation after the routine of exams and formal class work.

SPEET Week activities in each grade vary and the cost for this programme will be debited against your school account. A detailed programme and breakdown of costs, as well as notes of what to wear or bring to school will follow in an email to parents. Please note that school closes at 1pm during SPEET Week. The library will be closed in the afternoons but afternoon supervision will continue, until 4pm Monday to Thursday, in the outside playground (or indoors should there be lightning/rain).

Catherine Holm  
(Head of Organisation and Administration)

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## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

### TENNIS

The final of the tennis championship will be played on Wednesday, 5 December 10:00-11:00 during Speet Week.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Well done to all our girls who participated at the St Peter's Inter-schools Cross-country event.

Last fixture:

Friday, 23 November - Cross-country meeting at St Peter's Prep

### REMINDER

Girls are reminded of the no hat no play rule.

Chris Tomsek (*Acting Director of Sport*)

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## MORNING BUSES – UPDATED INFORMATION AND ROUTE CHANGE

Up until the end of the year, students may use the bus service on a pay per ride basis.

### The Bus Route in the Lonehill area has changed.

Take note of the details below.

First pick up is from Fourways Gardens in the Spar parking lot on Uranium. Time: 06:20 to leave at 06:30. The bus will continue to the Lonehill Fire station, arrive 06:35 to leave at 06:40.



**The Kyalami Bus** runs from the Kyalami Downs Shopping Centre, next to the KFC.

Time: 06:25 to leave at 06:30.

If you would like to make use of one of these bus routes, please complete the Bus Consent and Indemnity Form, which can be found on the Communicator and return this to the school.

[reception@stpeters.co.za](mailto:reception@stpeters.co.za).

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## FINAL REMINDER: PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS – DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER!

Group photos available to view and order on the website. How to order GROUP photos:

- Web address: [www.lifeimaging.co.za](http://www.lifeimaging.co.za)
- Username: stpeters
- Password: spg123
- Click on St Peter's Girls Groups 2018
- Scroll down, select the group you want to order
- Choose quantity and 'Add to Cart'. Once all required products have been selected, click Checkout on right hand side
- Complete Checkout page
- Select PAY BY PAYFAST
- Click PLACE ORDER to be directed to PayFast site

OR

- If you choose not to order via PayFast online please, make payment via EFT and email your order with proof of payment attached to [info@lifesevents.co.za](mailto:info@lifesevents.co.za)
  - Banking details: Life Imaging FNB Rivonia Acc no 6211 077 1179
  - Life Imaging contact details:  
Email: [info@lifesevents.co.za](mailto:info@lifesevents.co.za)  
Web address: [www.lifeimaging.co.za](http://www.lifeimaging.co.za)
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## PA - HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP IN 2019?

St Peter's is proud to have a thriving Parents Association and parent body who are always willing to assist in organising and participating in the various PA and school events. Should you wish to volunteer for a school or PA initiative next year please click on the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qxKDr35N8hpGNuRp1>

**The first names received will be submitted on Monday, 19 November, so please remember to sign up. However, please note that this list is not closed.** We look forward to hearing from you!

St Peter's Prep Schools PA

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## CHRISTMAS BOX INITIATIVE

We are sending a box home with your child, for our Christmas Box appeal. These boxes will be distributed to vulnerable children and families in Diepsloot. Please encourage your children to get involved in the process of giving to others - the true meaning of Christmas. We are including the following suggestions, as sometimes this is the only treat these communities receive:

Please include:

- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Face Cloth, Soap
- Small toy (Maximum value R60 as the children will open their boxes in front of other children who have received a box and we don't want any disappointment)
- Packet of Sweets
- Crayons and blank book

You can fill the box up with: Tinned fish, tinned Beef, tinned fruit, baked beans, sugar, tea bags, long life milk, jam, biscuits. Please wrap the box in Christmas wrapping paper or newspaper. Please return your boxes by **Wednesday, 21 November**.

Collection points: Senior Primary Girls and Boys: Chapel; Junior Primary Girls and Boys: JP reception areas.

Father Richard  
(Chaplain)

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## PLEASE HELP TEDDY!

Poor Teddy is very tired of wearing three pairs of glasses! He is very small and the glasses are heavy for him.

Please claim these spectacles if they belong to you!

Teddy resides on Nonie's Reception desk!



## FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	19/11/2018	08:00:00	13:00:00	Grade 6 & 7 Exams	Royce Hall
Tuesday	20/11/2018	07:30:00	14:00:00	Gr 6 & 7 Study Day (optional attendance)	
Wednesday	21/11/2018	08:00:00	13:00:00	Grade 6 & 7 Exams	Royce Hall
Wednesday	21/11/2018			REMINDER: Chapel Collection for Tomorrow	
Thursday	22/11/2018	08:00:00	13:00:00	Grade 2 and 4 Music Open Morning (during Music lessons)	Classrooms
Thursday	22/11/2018	08:00:00	13:00:00	Grade 6 & 7 Exams	Royce Hall
Thursday	22/11/2018	10:30:00	11:00:00	Grade 3MH Outreach: Sandwich Making	Classrooms
Friday	23/11/2018	07:00:00	08:00:00	Chapel Choir Practice	
Friday	23/11/2018	08:00:00	12:00:00	Grade 6 & 7 Exam Feedback	Classrooms
Friday	23/11/2018	09:00:00	10:30:00	Grade 5 Christmas Market	Girls SP Terrace
Friday	23/11/2018	12:00:00	13:00:00	Grade 7 Leavers' Dinner Rehearsal	Royce Hall
Friday	23/11/2018	13:00:00	16:00:00	Cross Country Meeting	St Peter's Girls School
Saturday	24/11/2018	18:00:00	22:00:00	Grade 7 Leavers' Dinner	Royce Hall

## 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!



A Kit Kat for every girl!



**SUNSET CAROLS: SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER**The poster features a vibrant sunset background with silhouettes of trees and birds. The text 'SUNSET CAROLS 2018' is prominently displayed in a stylized font. The St Peter's Foundation logo is in the top left corner.

**Ticket Sales for Sunset Carols are now open!**

Go to [bit.ly/SunsetCarols](https://bit.ly/SunsetCarols) to purchase yours.

PRICES ARE:

Adults (18+)	R130
Child (3-18)	R70
Under 3	Free
Tables	R230 per person (min 8, max 12 per table)

CHOIR participants are FREE (armbands will be given out beforehand)

For all enquiries please email [tickets@stpeters.co.za](mailto:tickets@stpeters.co.za)

Link to purchase Sunset Carols tickets: <https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stpeters-sunset-carols-2018>

**ART EXHIBITION: 27 – 30 NOVEMBER**