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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

Last Friday we hosted our annual Matric Chapel Service to wish our third group of matrics everything of the best for their upcoming exams. I've included extracts of Cara Eggett's heartfelt address to the class of 2014 – 2019 for your enjoyment.

#### MATRIC CHAPEL SERVICE – 2019

A school only two years old - what belief the parents sitting in our balcony today, must have had in St Peter's Girls Prep, to send their little cherubs to such a new school. Immense gratitude must be extended to Trish Attlee and Greg Royce for their incredible vision and passion.

The hype of being a founder member of St Peter's Girls Prep was now over, so would the Grade 0s of 2007 live in the Grade 1 and 2s shadow, where being a founder member of our school, held exceptional importance to them and their parents? Not a chance, these young ladies were not going to stand in anyone's shadow. They would shine as bright as the next star. Amongst us today, we have two South African rowers, a South African water polo player, provincial sports players, a dancer, doctors in the making. One of our matrics is in an interview as we speak, to be accepted into an Australian University to study medicine. So there would be no overshadowing of the class of 2014. For this grade, failure was never an option and teamwork, dedication and determination prevailed.

New beginnings awaited all of us as we began our dance together. With a school that was constantly growing, change was a permanent fixture in these young girls' lives, and they adapted like ducks to water. And this was with great thanks to your Gr 0 teachers: Roz Benson, Janet Buck and Belinda Ramsden – all of whom are with us today. We also have your Grade 1 teacher here, Shelli Golden, your Grade 2 teacher Jean Macleod and your Headmistress Trish Attlee. These teachers definitely sent these girls off on the dance of their lives.

To mention a few of these dances over the years. The opening of the Royce Hall, where Mel Aspeling, put on a whole school production called "New Beginnings".

This was an exceptionally strong academic year, and the girls pushed each other. They set the bar high for years to come. The class of 2014s talents spilled over into the arts, so much so that the loss of their singing was greatly felt the following year.

The moms in this grade were supportive and level headed, well most of them at least. They loved a good ladies lunch, especially the hippy one! We won't go into details. It is so lovely to see so many of these ladies still friends today. Three moms present today were our speakers at different leavers' dinners.

My hope for you, Class of 2019, from a beautiful song:

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder  
You get your fill to eat, but always keep that hunger  
May you never take one single breath for granted  
God forbid love ever leaves you empty handed  
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens*

*Promise us that you'll give faith a fighting chance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance*

### ***I HOPE YOU DANCE***

*I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance  
Never settle for the path of least resistance  
Living might mean taking chances but they're worth taking  
Loving might be a mistake, but it's worth making  
When you come close to selling out, reconsider  
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance  
And when you get the chance to sit it out or dance*

### ***I HOPE YOU DANCE***

*Time is a wheel in constant motion, always rolling us along  
Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder where those years have gone*

Girls you are facing new beginnings, new dances, some of the best times of your lives lie ahead. Be kind and good to people you meet on your way. Allow the words of God to guide you on your dance to greatness.

Remember every story has an end, but in life, every end is a new beginning, Class of 2014/19, this is where your new DANCE begins.

And when you get the chance Girls – **DANCE!**

Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)



## FROM THE JP HEAD

### SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was held last Saturday and the girls proudly showed off the skills covered this term, all of which work on functional movement and gross motor skills. These skills are important for learning and affect their performance in the classroom. It was a delight to watch them having so much fun while also working on strengthening their bodies and improving their skills.

A sincere thank you to Leanne Fleming, Tshego Mashabela, the interns and teachers who worked so hard to ensure the day ran smoothly.

### EISTEDDFOD

The Grade 1 girls will be participating in an internal Eisteddfod on Monday and Tuesday afternoon next week. The girls thoroughly enjoy showcasing their Drama skills and we look forward to watching their individual performances.

### BIRTHDAYS

The following girls will receive their birthday cards on **Tuesday, 22 October** at 08:00 in the chapel. Parents of these girls are welcome to attend.

**Leabetswe Letshwiti, Maya Mogale, Matlotlo Seotsanyana, Leabetswe Letshwiti, Maya Mogale, Matlotlo Seotsanyana, Rosie Hall, Bontle Mzimba, Riley Venter, Charleigh Hartnady, Seetja Mametsa**

### HALF TERM

On Thursday, 24 October, the school closes for Half-term. The school closes at 10:30 for Grade 0, 1 and 2. There will be Aftercare available until 14:30 and girls not picked up by 11:00 will be escorted to the Aftercare facility.

School resumes on Wednesday, 30 October. Enjoy the break!



Thank you to all the girls who donated food to Woodrock Animal Rescue.

Hamba kahle!

Trish Attlee (*Girls JP Head*)

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Swimming season has begun at school and we are looking forward to a fun few weeks in the pool. Please send the girls with their swimming kit for every lesson until the end of the year. Some weeks we swim in all the lessons and others we have a dance or perceptual lesson; weather dependent.

The Grade 0 and 1 girls will be having swimming demonstrations in November:

### Grade 0: Friday, 22 November at the Boys Prep Pool

- SG - 08:00-08:30
- CH - 08:30-09:00
- JB - 09:00-09:30
- MB - 09:30-10:00

### Grade 1: Tuesday, 19 November at the Boys Prep Pool

- SS - 10:30-11:00
- LL - 11:00-11.30
- RVG - 11:30-12:00

### Grade 2: Saturday, 16 November at the Girls Prep Pool - *Internal Swimming Gala*

- All girls to meet at the pool at 07:30
- Gala will start at 08:00. It will end at 09:00
- Arrive in swimming costume
- School PE kit over costume
- Slops or barefoot
- Towel
- Swimming cap
- Goggles for those who use them

The Grade 2 parents will be selling food and drinks as part of the Grade 2 fundraiser. 😊

Leanne Fleming (HOD: JP Sport)

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## FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER IS 'BOK FRIDAY' FOR ALL PUPILS

Pupils may wear Springbok supporter colours, otherwise school uniform.



## GRADE 2 CHOIR PHOTOGRAPH

These photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 23 October** (*instead of this Friday, as previously scheduled*). The Grade 2 Choir photo will be taken at approximately 09:30.

## ST PETER'S BOYS PREP IS TURNING 70 YEARS, IN 2020, AND WE ARE TRACKING DOWN ALL OLD BOYS

If you, as a dad, grandfather, uncle, brother etc. went to St Peter's Boys Prep, please complete this short google form:

<https://forms.gle/o25tdakrZQCLMoUt7>

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## FAMILY ORGANISER 2020

We have limited stock of the popular Family Organiser – R150. The organisers also make great Christmas presents.

### LABELS

Get your label orders in early so that you have one less box to tick during the end-of-year rush.

Current Grade 2 boys and girls will need stationery labels for Grade 3. The Stationery Pack consists of 20 big name labels, 100 pen and pencil labels and two bag tags – R110.

If you would like us to order labels then please email the School Shop on [schoolshop@stpeters.co.za](mailto:schoolshop@stpeters.co.za) with the details you would like printed on the labels.

Nadia Thompson  
(School Shop)

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## PLEASE HELP

Our Aftercare facility has been renovated to accommodate the Pre-Prep until their building can commence. The venue is looking most appealing and our boys and girls are enjoying their new surrounds.

We are starting to work on improving the garden and grounds in this area. With the start of Spring we are appealing to parents who may be splitting plants or re-doing flower beds, to consider a donation of plants. We are looking for water-wise, indigenous plants, especially succulents, to plant in this area. If you are able to assist please could you drop plants at either the Boys or Girls JP offices, by Half-term on 24 October.

Thank you!



The poster features a colorful geometric pattern at the top. On the left is the St Peter's Foundation crest. The main title 'Sunset Carols' is in a large, stylized, yellow-outlined font, with '2019' below it. The background of the text area is a solid teal color.

**ST PETER'S FOUNDATION**

# Sunset Carols

2019

*Planning is now well underway for our wonderful 2019 St Peter's Prep Sunset Carols Christmas Market*

**Date:** Saturday 30 November  
**Set up time:** 12:00 - 14:00  
**Selling time:** 15:00 - 19:00

**Should you be interested in a stall at our market, please submit your registration application using the google link below:**

Sunset Carols Market Application Form <https://bit.ly/2ost9tQ>

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