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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 Peters 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 SPORTS DESK

ATHLETICS – TIC Tumi Makola (kmakola@stpeters.co.za)

- This week's athletics meeting will be held at Home.

Inter-House Athletics

- Reminder that we will be hosting our Inter-House Athletics on Saturday, 19 October. All the girls from Grade 3-7 will be participating, so are expected to attend the morning. The day will run from 08:00-11:00. Girls are please to meet on Newlands Field at 07:30. Captains will lead a warm up and then all girls are to be seated by 07:55 ready to start at 08:00.

TENNIS

- Our singles tennis championships are in full swing. Girls must please consult the Sports Board to see who they are playing.
- Please note that there is little opportunity for the girls to challenge due to the Championship matches. The Championship matches will then act as challenge matches. If a girl ranked lower than her opponent wins, she will move up to that position. All the other positions will then adjust downwards accordingly.
- The final ladder standings will, however, have little or no impact on next year's tennis team, as challenges will happen early in the year to determine the team for the upcoming season.

EQUESTRIAN

- St Peter's is proud to have a number of girls who currently compete at the SANESA events and have done remarkably well. We would love to grow our Equestrian Team in 2020! If your daughter is a horse-rider and would like to represent the school, in a team, the details of how to register have been loaded onto Communicator/Resources/Sport.
- If anyone has any questions or is interested in joining the team next year, they are welcome to contact Daniela Morris at Daniela@message.bz, 082 445 3211 or Kirsty Jutzen Kjutzen@nmg.co.za or 082 770 8462.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - WATER POLO

- The girls will be back in the pool for all PE lessons after the mid-term break.

Andrew Steyn (*Director of Sport*)

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

Pupils may wear Springbok supporter colours, otherwise school uniform.



SPORT & CULTURALS PHOTOGRAPHS

These photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 23 October** (*instead of this Friday, as previously scheduled*). The schedule for the day will be distributed shortly.

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>

2019 SCHOOL MAGAZINE: GRADE 7 GIRLS

The 2019 Girls Prep magazine is being compiled and designed. The price is R180. This is a notification to Grade 7 parents that you will be billed for the yearbook on your final invoice from St Peter's Girls Prep. This book will be a special keepsake, for your daughter, of her final year at St Peter's!

The magazine will need to be collected, from the Girls Prep next year, once it has been published. You will be notified when it is ready for collection.

Should you not wish to purchase the 2019 School Magazine, please let me know on jmacleod@stpeters.co.za by Monday, 21 October. I will then advise the Accounts Department not to bill your account for this amount.

Jean Macleod
(Marketer)

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 with the details you would like printed on the labels.

Nadia Thompson
(School Shop)

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!



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>

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's for the 2019 Advent Term Calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS SUBMISSIONS IS 10:00 ON WEDNESDAYS

2020 TERMS DATES

EASTER TERM (Term 1)

Start: Wednesday, 15 January

Close: Thursday, 9 April

Half Term:

Close: Thursday, 27 February

Return: Tuesday, 3 March

Public Holidays: Saturday, 21 March (Human Rights Day)

TRINITY TERM (Term 2)

Start: Tuesday, 5 May

Close: Friday, 31 July

Half Term:

Close: Friday, 26 June

Return: Monday, 6 July

Public Holidays: Tuesday, 16 June (Youth Day)

ADVENT TERM (Term 3)

Start: Tuesday, 1 September

Close: Friday, 4 December

Half Term:

Close: Thursday, 15 October

Return: Tuesday, 20 October

Public Holidays: Thursday, 24 September (Heritage Day)