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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL



## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to a new year at St Peter's Girls Prep School and may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families everything of the very best for 2018! May it be a year filled with love and laughter!

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new staff and families:

In terms of teachers:

*Miss Lerato Mafatle starts as our new Gr 0 teacher.*

*Mrs Robyn von Gingel joins us in Gr 2.*

*Mrs Leanne Fleming joins us to head up physical education in the Junior Prep.*

*Mrs Boitumele Ledwaba starts as our new Middle School and Gr 5 isiZulu teacher.*

*Mrs Keimtumetse Makola joins our Senior Prep Sports Department.*

*Miss Charne Bardenhorst also joins our Sports Department as a qualified biokineticist.*

We also wish the following teachers every success in their new roles in the school:

*Mrs Kerry Schmidt as our new Head of IT*

*Mrs Thobile Kozito as our new Gr 4 class teacher.*

We welcome the following girls and new families:

Starting with our new Grade 0 girls and their respective families.

Into Grade 1: *Kaeya Vandayar, Hazel Matema, Alessandra Georgiades, Alisha Tsunga, Glorious Ngorima, Oratile Hlongwani and Alma Pettersson.*

Into Grade 2: *Princess Mtambo, Sanaa Mutua, Riley Scott and Anne Claasen.*

Into Grade 3: *Paballo Makoro, Kaylin Eagle, Teagan Eagle and Tamsin Geyve.*

Into Grade 4: *Amolemo Makhubo, Storm Badrian, Tawonga Nkosi, Tyla du Preez and Chloe Jacobs.*

Into Grade 6: *Georgie Pearse*

I am delighted to inform you that our very first Matrics (Gr 0 class of 2006), achieved some outstanding Matric results with a number of girls achieving 7 and 8 A's! We will publish a list of achievements as soon as we have confirmed all the results.

This week saw the start of our Information Evenings with Gr 0 and Middle School. Next Monday Evening (22 January), we have our Gr 1s in the Junior Prep, starting at 18:00 and Grade 5s and 6s in Royce Hall starting at 18:30. On Wednesday (24 Jan) we host Gr 2s in the Junior Prep starting at 18:00 and the Grade 7s in Royce Hall, starting at 18:30.

Parents are strongly encouraged to make every effort to attend these meetings as they not only provide crucial information about the year ahead, but also serve as an opportunity for parents to reconnect and meet new parents.

Have a good weekend!

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Darrel Webb  
(Headmaster)

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to the new school year. We are looking forward to another successful sporting year at St Peter's!

Please remember to check the School Communicator 'Resources' tab for any information regarding sport. The term's fixtures and extramural timetable have been added for your information. Weekly team lists will be published here too, so that you are able to get the information as soon as possible.

The Sporting Week Ahead, which is included in the mail with the newsletter, looks slightly different this year – the week is set out per grade, so you can quickly see which activities your daughter is involved in the following week. Obviously, tennis matches and swimming galas will be subject to your daughter's selection to one of those teams.

Some grades have their afternoon sports lesson on a Thursday, and this will overlap with tennis matches for the first 6 weeks. Tennis matches take precedence on those days, and this will not affect their selection to swimming teams.

Grade 7 parents will notice the optional netball trials taking place next week – this is a once off occurrence as we need to select the A team for the upcoming tour.

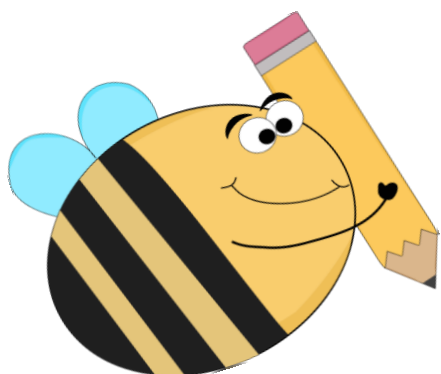
As we are all aware, the water crisis in Cape Town has had a huge impact on the whole country. It has also, unfortunately, affected our planned tennis and netball tour to Wynberg Girls in March. The good news, however, is that Collegiate in Port Elizabeth has offered to host the festival from 23-25 March, so this means our A team tennis girls and Grade 7A netball team will still be touring, albeit to a different destination! More information will be distributed to the relevant girls and parents as it becomes available.

We have also been experiencing extreme weather in Johannesburg recently, with temperatures well over 30 degrees. Please can I appeal to all parents to ensure that their daughter comes to school with a full water bottle, a sunhat and with sunscreen applied every day. The water bottles can be refilled as needed (especially before sport) and the sunscreen should also be re-applied before sports lessons. Our coaches have been briefed as to how to handle the heat (especially on the tennis courts) and should the weather reach a high discomfort level, we will make a call to cancel sport.

As Toni Clarke-Buchanan is the teacher-in-charge of swimming, please direct any communication in that regard directly to her ([tclarke@stpeters.co.za](mailto:tclarke@stpeters.co.za)).

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

Liz Ashmore  
(Director of Sport)  
[LAshmore@stpeters.co.za](mailto:LAshmore@stpeters.co.za)



*Here's to a happy year!*

## COMMUNICATOR, ST PETER'S

Please remember to re-personalise your channels for new grade and sports age groups.

If you do not have the Communicator App yet, please follow these instructions:

Completing the Google Form is the first step! These details are needed in order to set up the once-off verification step.

LINK:

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

PLEASE ALLOW ONE WORKING DAY, AFTER COMPLETING THE GOOGLE FORM, BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD THE COMMUNICATOR TO ALLOW TIME FOR YOUR DETAILS TO BE VERIFIED.

You can then download the app, onto your mobile device, via Appstore or Playstore.

*FYI - Please see the instruction document for Communicator, attached to this email.*

Jean Macleod  
(Marketer)

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## PHOTOGRAPH USAGE

From time to time, we like to use photos that we have taken of the girls. They may be published in the newspaper, in a magazine, on Facebook, on the d6 Communicator Gallery or on our website/on-line. If you DO NOT wish to allow us to use photos of you or your daughter in the media, please inform Jean Macleod, in writing, at [jmacleod@stpeters.co.za](mailto:jmacleod@stpeters.co.za)

Jean Macleod  
(Marketer)

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## ISEMATHOLENI INTERN PROGRAMME

St Peter's congratulates the interns on their splendid 2017 results, 40 of the 93 modules attempted earned distinctions.

Three interns qualified last year, one being employed at the Girls JP and two were snapped up at other leading schools. Based on the success of the interns, the evolving programme and excellent mentorship provided by the St Peter's staff, we welcome on-board the new interns in the JP and Middle School Phase in both the Boys and Girls schools.

The support of staff, parents, Council, PA and the St Peter's Foundation is appreciated.

Vijay Maharaj  
(Campus Compliance Deputy and Intern Director)

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## GRADE 6 & 7 GIRLS

We are excited to announce the launch of our first competitive robotics club. All girls will be learning about coding and robotics as part of our new extended EdTech curriculum. The robotics club is a great opportunity for girls who feel passionate about this field to expand their knowledge and skills.

We will be using the Lego Mindstorm EV3s and joining the national league.

The club will run on a Thursday from 14:00-14:45 and 14:45-15:30 (girls can attend both sessions if they want to!). The club is open to Grade 6 & 7 girls. Spaces are limited so we may need to introduce an application process, depending on the number of girls who are interested.

Joining the club is a yearlong commitment and girls are expected to attend the session every week. Girls will also need to make themselves available for competitions - we hope to compete locally, nationally and even possibly internationally.

If your daughter is interested in joining the robotics club, she must give her name to Mrs Schmidt (in EdTech) or Mrs Haas by Wednesday, 24 January 2018.

Any queries can be directed to Mrs Schmidt ([kschmidt@stpeters.co.za](mailto:kschmidt@stpeters.co.za)) or Mrs Haas ([mhaas@stpeters.co.za](mailto:mhaas@stpeters.co.za))

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## LIBRARY

Parents are requested to consider donating a book to the Library on the occasion of their daughter's birthday. This is something that was successfully done in the past and meant that the Library received a beautiful collection of books over the year.

Your daughter's name will be documented inside the book, which will be a record of the fact that she donated it to the Library.

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## HOT LUNCH FORM

If you would like your daughter to have Hot Lunch, please click on this link to fill in the form:

<http://goo.gl/forms/UJRWAZM6ng>

**FORTHCOMING WEEK**

Monday	22/01/2018	14:00:00	14:00:00	<b>EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME COMMENCES</b>	
Monday	22/01/2018	18:30:00	20:30:00	Grade 5 and 6 Parents Information Evening and Class Social	Royce Hall
Wednesday	24/01/2018			<b>REMINDER: CHAPEL COLLECTION FOR TOMORROW</b>	
Wednesday	24/01/2018	18:30:00	20:30:00	Grade 7 Parents Information Evening and Class Social	Royce Hall
Thursday	25/01/2018	13:30:00	16:30:00	Tennis Matches vs St Andrew's	Home/Away
Friday	26/01/2018	13:00:00	16:30:00	Swimming Galas	Home/Away
Saturday	27/01/2018	07:30:00	13:00:00	Grade 5 Tennis Festival	St Stithians College
Saturday	27/01/2018	07:30:00	13:00:00	Grade 6 Tennis Festival	St Andrew's School for Girls
Saturday	27/01/2018	07:30:00	13:00:00	Grade 7 Tennis Festival	St Mary's Junior School, Waverley

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