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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

The Bishop has again granted the school a holiday via the Vicar-general on St Peter's Day.

The holiday will be taken on Tuesday, 29 October to extend the half-term holiday.

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 or dradloff@stpeters.co.za.

Greg Royce (Rector)

FROM THE HEADMASTER

One of the issues raised by teachers in our IQAA review and more recently by parents in a class reps meeting was, 'greater consequences for actions'. This was debated in some detail at a staff meeting last week.

It was agreed that any behaviour modification system has to focus on the positive, particularly when it comes to children. The joint objective of teachers and parents should always be to develop an intrinsic mindset of children doing their best at all times and making the right decisions in terms of their behaviour, not because there are extrinsic rewards or punishments, but because they know the difference between right and wrong. This is the result of a values based upbringing. However, life is also about working hard to achieve a particular goal and understanding that, if we stray from the path, there are consequences in place to ensure we get back onto it as soon as possible. The end result of our meeting was to re-launch of two initiatives, in the Senior Prep:

Incentive

Exemplary behaviour, action, acts of kindness, achievement or work ethic will be rewarded with a House Card. This card will be placed in a box in the library – the cards will be counted as house points every week and the winning house will be announced at our Thursday Chapel Service. Each week we will start from scratch, thereby giving the losing houses the opportunity to compete again the next week.

Girls will continue to be sent to me for High Five stickers and teachers will continue with their own class systems of reward and consequence.

Consequence

Two 'three strike' processes will be implemented. One for academic misdemeanours: missing deadlines, incomplete work, no homework, no effort etc. The other for behaviour: disrespect, non-compliance of the school's expectations, etc.

Teachers will be requested to document the misdemeanour and on the third occasion the girl will be sent to Mrs Cara Eggett, Mrs Rachel Amm, Mrs Pam van Gass or me to reflect on the school's expectations in relation to their conduct, with the objective of developing the relevant fundamental skills and behaviour. After this chat, parents will be informed accordingly, via email. If a girl is sent to one of us twice, we will ask parents to attend a meeting to discuss the attention seeking behaviour and what strategies we are able to put in place to further guide and support. Girls will start with a blank slate at the beginning of each term. This will provide them the opportunity to show new intent, each term.

Any major offences will continue to be dealt with in accordance to the Code of Conduct.

Please could we ask parents to monitor the two processes and provide constructive feedback in order for us to improve or refine.

As an aside – in talking to the girls about the value of being Honourable, in Chapel, this week - I challenged them to show you their phones, not because you have asked them, but because they have nothing to hide. I realise some platforms auto delete messages – but for the most part there should never be anything on your daughter's phone that they wouldn't be happy for you see.

Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb (Headmaster)

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

GO SA NETBALL - GIRLS MAY DRESS AS SUPPORTERS!

In celebration of the success of the South African team at the 2019 Netball World Cup, the girls will be allowed to come to school dressed in South African colours on Friday - in support of the SA Netball Team. (The SA Netball Team have reached the semifinals) The girls must wear South African colours, please.



HOCKEY - TIC Andrew Steyn (asteyn@stpeters.co.za)

- Grade 4-7 hockey are playing St Mary's on Friday, 19 July.
 - Grade 4/5 at Home.
 - Grade 6 and 7 at St Mary's.
- Hockey teams will be posted on the sports notice board and St Peter's Communicator.
- Please could you remind the girls that there are internal matches scheduled every week for girls who are not involved with the inter-school matches.

Equipment needed for hockey . . .

There are still a number of girls who are arriving at practices and matches without the correct equipment. Please could you ensure they bring the correct kit to hockey:

- Hockey stick
- Shin pads 'NO SHIN PADS, NO PLAY'
- Gum guard 'NO GUM GUARD, NO PLAY'
- Appropriate shoes

HOCKEY TOUR

We wish the Grade 7 hockey teams, touring in KZN, all the very best and a safe journey.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . .

Five things that require little effort or talent, but guarantee much success in life:

- 1. Be the first to say hello.
- 2. Say 'thank you'.
- 3. Say 'please'.
- 4. Think of others first.
- 5. Put your phone away when talking to people.

#championminded

Andrew Steyn (Director of Sport)

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL - TONIGHT: THURSDAY, 18 JULY

18:30 in the Royce Hall.

This year's festival will be split over two venues, to cater for more people.

- Girls Prep School Parents: Royce Hall
- Boys Prep School Parents: Dodson Hall
- If you have a child at both schools, please select the venue which best suits you. We will have staff watching over the children whilst parents collect them after the event.

All choirs, boys and girls, will perform at both venues (staff will walk the children between the two schools during the interval). The Girls Choirs will end in Royce Hall and the Boys Choirs will end in the Dodson Hall.

Ticket sales are closed for tonight's performance.

The Junior Choirs will repeat the performance, at 07:30 in the Royce Hall, tomorrow (Friday, 19 July). No tickets are needed for this performance.

Tonight's programme order, for the girls:

- The girls' choirs arrive at the Boys' School, Dodson Hall by 18:15. (Parents then please proceed to the Royce Hall)
- Girls must be dressed in their winter uniform:
 - o Gr 2 Girls: Red fleece and socks (no stockings)
 - Gr 3-4 Girls: No 1s (stockings)
- Concert begins at 18:30
- Girls' Choirs will end the concert in the Girls School, Royce Hall at 19:30

We look forward to an amazing evening filled with beautiful music.

MUSICAL SHOWCASE – WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY

The Musical Showcase is on Wednesday 24 July at 18:30 in the Royce Hall. The Orchestra, Grade 6 and 7 Marimba bands and the Rock band will perform.

The girls must be dressed in Number 1s and be at school by 18:15.

Marguerite Schmitt (Director of Music)

Our Middle School MADD Performance has a new look!

Please join us for MADD 2019

Our **Grade 3** Girls will perform on: Monday Morning 5/08 08:00-09:30

(Class slots have been allocated and will be communicated shortly)

Our Grade 4 Girls will perform on: Wednesday Evening 7/08





We look forward to sharing our journey, the experiences and learning during these two exciting Music, Art, Dance and Drama events!

VEHICLE SECURITY ACCESS

For new parents and parents who don't have a QR Code, (to access and exit the school property) please do the following:

STEP 1

Submit vehicle details online (link below)

Click on the link and capture details of all relevant vehicles requiring access to school.

https://goo.gl/forms/NX1PEDAYmpKMctxR2

STEP 2

Download and register with Charlie

- 1. Download and install the Charlie App from your respective app store (click either Android or iOS)
- 2. Sign in with either email or cell phone number (if you use your cell phone number you will receive a 6-digit pin)
- 3. Once in the app, select the blue block to update your profile details

STEP 3

Request QR codes

Please send an email to stpeters@appcharlie.com requesting QR codes. Please include the same details used to update your Charlie profile.

Once you receive your QR code, via email print, cut out and place on vehicle windscreen.

'SPANNS OF SPORT' ROUND ROBIN HOLIDAY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Venue St Stithians Tennis Courts

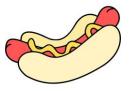
Date 12 – 15 August **Time** 08:30 – 13:00

Please contact Nadine on 083 306 2886 for more information.

HOT DOG DAY

FRIDAY, 19 JULY - R25

On Friday, girls can wear SA colours to school.





PA NEWS - EXCITING NEWS!

Makro have launched a new programme and are inviting parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning mRewards on their Makro purchases - at any Makro store!

This program replaces the existing Makro rebate programme, which was only linked to the Makro Woodmead store. See below for more details but if you need any assistance with joining, please contact Anne on annedp@live.com Please consider joining – it is quick and easy and you no longer need to have your Makro card when you use their mCard App. You are also able to track your mRewards on the mCard App.





MANDELA DAY AT ST PETER'S









A beautiful service was held in memory of Nelson Mandela today, 18 July, at the Madiba Tree!

CHARITY



