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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

#### THINKING SKILLS CONFERENCE HOSTED BY ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS

*The Learning Pit – Encouraging Deeper Thinking* (written by Mel Aspeling, Bronwyn Peake & Kaila Mellvill-Smith)

St Peter's welcomed James Nottingham, to the Royce Hall, on Wednesday, 13 February, to share and inspire over 230 educators from 45 schools throughout Gauteng with his anecdotes and vision for the future of Education. James hated school. The fact that he is a champion activist for forward thinking and deeper learning is in itself a phenomenon. He is the co-founder and executive director of the company *Challenging Learning*, the goal of which is to transform the most up-to-date research into strategies that can be used in the classroom. James is a well-known author who has penned many books to help educators and parents deal with the demands of making schooling pleasant for their children. James studied Philosophy of Children on which he has based many of his lessons, books and inspirational talks. He believes that his research and learning has revealed three pillars: Children need to think more; they should be encouraged to go beyond their answer and they must make connections in order to reach a deeper understanding and curiosity for the unknown. James explained how we can use challenge to develop resilience, higher-order thinking skills and a growth mindset. His advice to teachers and parents with regard to their children is invaluable – ENCOURAGE RATHER THAN RESCUE!

James Nottingham, author and entrepreneur developed, The Learning Pit Model in order to help students through the process and stages of engaging in a collaborative way. This leads to progress through pioneering challenges designed to invoke various thought processes. St Peter's is already an accredited Thinking School and James' presentation complemented many of our learning and teaching strategies.

This form of Positive Psychology is yet another example of how we are making our teaching visible at our school.



He encourages parents to get involved with their children. Help create the excitement around learning. Get a preview of what is happening in the classroom so as to give your kids a greater appreciation for what they are learning. Make connections with their environment so as to make learning more apt and meaningful.

It was a thought-provoking, motivating conference which allowed the opportunity for the professional development of our staff as well as the showcasing of the Thinking Skills work done at St Peter's. Excited teachers came away empowered and inspired to reflect on their approaches and stratagems in the classroom, knowing that sometimes a slight change can make THE WORLD OF difference.

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Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)

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## RESPECT

This week we have focused on the value *Respect*. Respect means to show regard or consideration for someone or something. It is crucial for our children to understand the importance of respect, so that they can communicate effectively with others throughout their lives. Equally important, self-respect means to hold proper esteem or regard for the dignity of one's character. The virtue of self-respect allows children to feel good about themselves and helps them to achieve their short-term and long-term goals. Respect isn't a trait that is built-in, it is something that needs to be taught and encouraged. As our girls' parents and teachers, the girls will look up to us to help them shape the person they will become in the future; it is the foundation on which a healthy and fruitful life is built. Teaching respect will help our girls develop positive relationships throughout their lives. Teaching respect is, however, not always easy, especially in our 'selfie' centered society. We all do so much for our children, that they can often be left feeling entitled. We need to find a balance.

Some tips to help our children learn respect. To this end, we want to ensure that our children lead a happy life and treat others with kindness:

- Demonstrate respectful behaviour
- Teach polite responses
- Avoid overreacting
- Expect disagreements
- Set limits
- Talk it through at a later time - COMMUNICATE
- Praise respectful behaviour

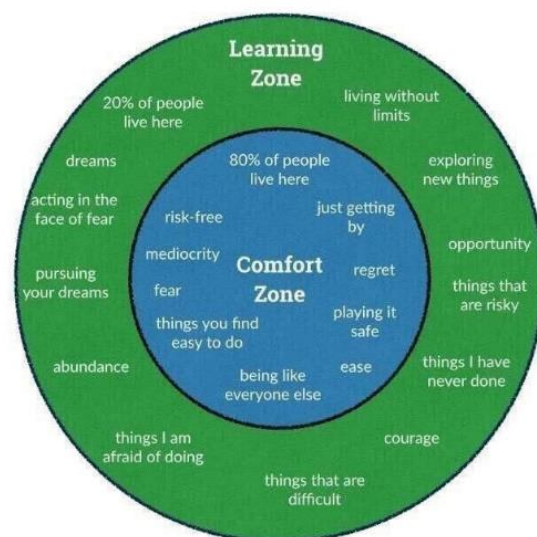


Cara Eggett (*Director: Pastoral Care*)

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### Food for thought...

One of our main focuses, in the Sports Department this year, is developing a Growth Mindset within our girls. In order for this to happen, we need to continue to challenge and encourage them to step out of their 'comfort zones'.



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PAL Programme – We are happy to announce that we ready to start with the PAL Programme. We will be running the programme in conjunction with our Physical Education for the Grade 4-7s.

Through the programme, parents will be able to track their daughter's fitness and compare it to a global norm for their age.

### SWIMMING

**Galas** – Please see the Sports Week Ahead. The teachers accompanying the swimming teams to next week's galas are as follows:

- A Team – Mrs Toni Clarke
- B Team – Mrs Leanne Flemming
- C Team – Mrs Tumi Makola

**Challenges** – Challenges will take place every Monday and Thursday from 06:30-07:15.

- Monday – Grade 6/7
- Thursday – Grade 3/4/5

### TENNIS

**Team tennis** – Girls are able to challenge each other to get on to the school ladder, from which the school teams are selected. The team practice is held on a Tuesday morning from **06:30-07:15** and is by invitation.

**Tennis fixtures** - Please see *Sports Week Ahead* for next week's fixture.

### WATER POLO

There will be water polo sessions every Wednesday morning in the Girl's pool from 06:30-07:15. Hurricanes Water Polo Club runs the sessions and it is open to Grade 6 and 7s. Please see Communicator St Peter's/Resources/Girls Sport for more details.

### HOCKEY

St Peter's College Hockey Centre invites all Grade 3-7 girls, wanting to play hockey, to attend their Skills Development Sessions on a Monday evening at the College Astro. Please see Communicator St Peter's/Resources/Girls Sport for more details.

Andrew Steyn (*Director of Sport*)



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Zimbabwe is currently experiencing a humanitarian crisis in which its poorest people are facing enormous daily challenges just to survive. *River of Life Church*, a voluntary organisation in Harare, is collecting and distributing food for Zimbabwean families in rural areas who are currently battling to subsist. If you are able to assist, your donation will be gratefully received and directed, via *River of Life*, to those who need it most.

St Peter's is acting as a drop-off point for people who would like to make any basic food donations. Please drop off any of the following in the Prayer Room in the Chapel and it will be collected and transported to those in need:

Sugar • Cooking oil • Flour • Baking powder • Self-raising flour • Rice • Sugar • Dried beans • Salt • Packet soup • Teabags • Cremora • Tinned fish • Tinned beef • Instant porridge • Handwashing detergent • Bath soap • Toothpaste

If you would prefer to donate cash (which will be used to make bulk purchases of the necessary items), please visit the BackaBuddy site at <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/zimbabwe-aid>

God Bless Zimbabwe!

Fr Richard Wossler  
(Chaplain)

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## CUBS & SCOUTS

On 22 February Cubs and Scouts worldwide, celebrate Founder's Day to mark the birthday of [Lord Robert Baden-Powell](#).

As Friday, 22 February is in our mid-term break, children have been granted permission to come to school tomorrow (Thursday, 21 February) in their Cubs and Scouts uniforms.



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### Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser



R250 per Bunch

Please support by ordering your bunch of beautiful flowers by **Wednesday afternoon via email** [nicky@ntce.co.za](mailto:nicky@ntce.co.za) or **WhatsApp 083 609 1185**

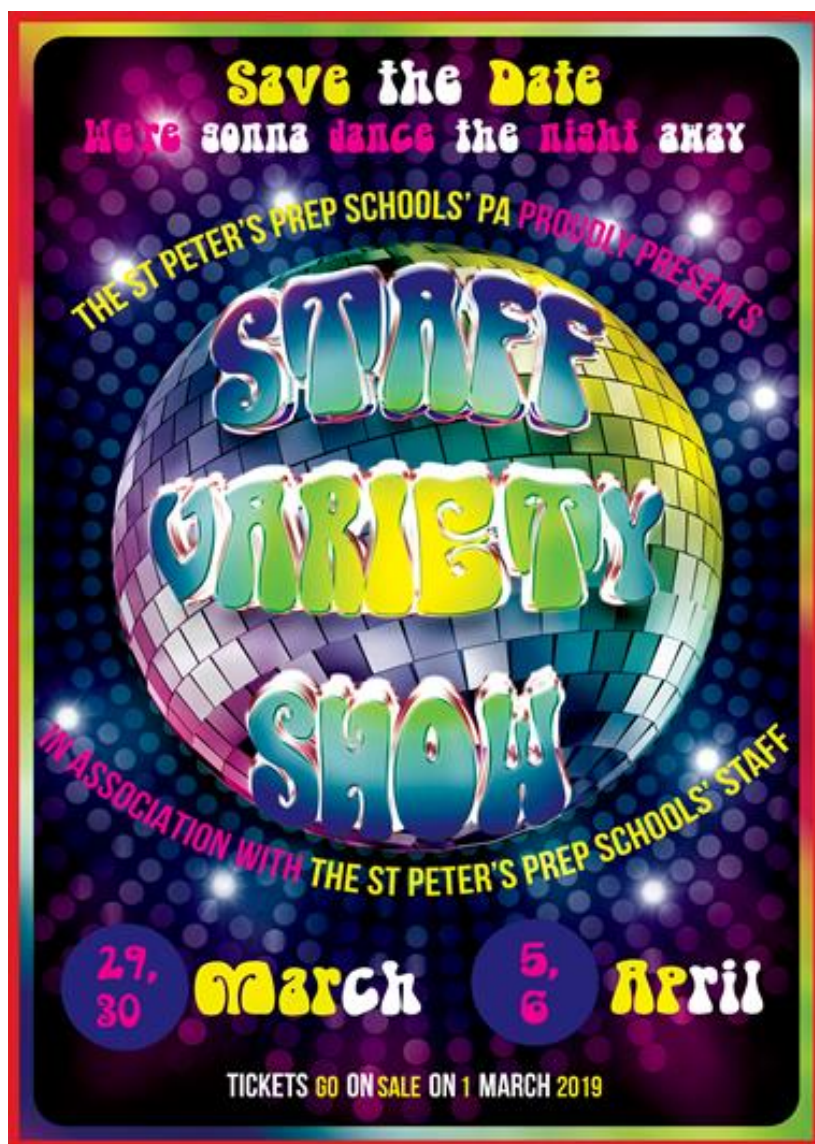


Collection of flowers on Friday from 12:00 at

**ALL Receptions where relevant,**  
i.e.: Girls SP and JP, Boys SP and JP.

Many thanx  
**Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee**

## PA NEWS



## MORNING BUS SERVICE TO ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS

We are all striving to reduce the traffic congestion in and around the school car parks and Witkoppen intersections. The morning bus service is a convenient and safe alternative to getting your children to St Peter's in the morning traffic.

There are two routes:

1. **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.
2. **Kyalami** bus runs from the **Kyalami Downs Shopping Centre**, next to the KFC. Time: 06:25 to leave at 06:30.



Bus Consent and Indemnity Form can be found on the Communicator. Please send to: [reception@stpeters.co.za](mailto:reception@stpeters.co.za). For more information please contact Tim at [tim@sagolfing.com](mailto:tim@sagolfing.com)

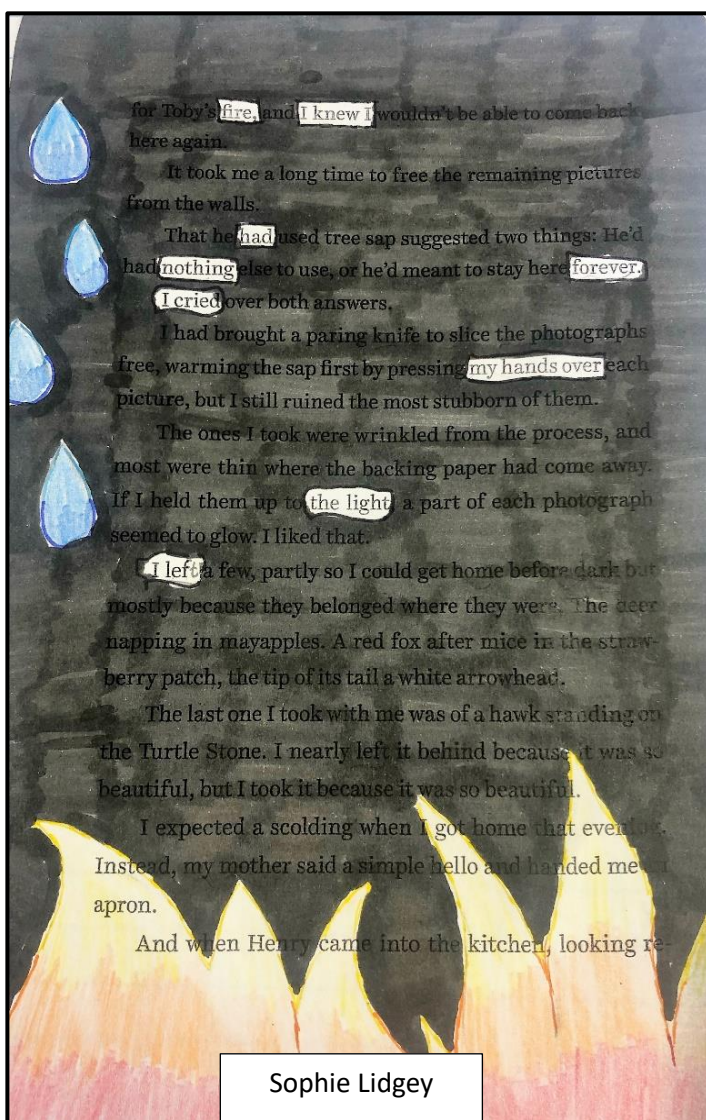
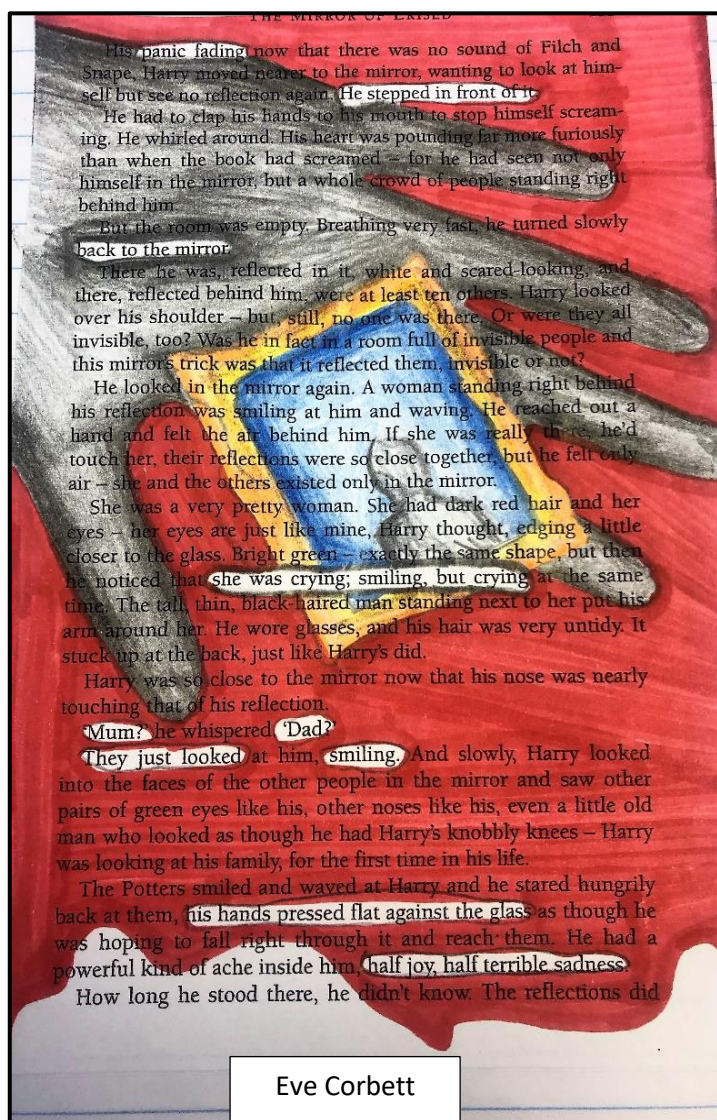


## FORTHCOMING WEEK

25/02/2019	25/02/2019			MID-TERM		
26/02/2019	26/02/2019	07:30:00	07:30:00	EASTER TERM RECOMMENCES		
26/02/2019	26/02/2019	18:30:00	20:00:00	Foundation Trustees Meeting		
28/02/2019	28/02/2019	07:30:00	08:30:00	Parent Coffee Morning: Breathwork - Dr Ela Manga		Girls JP Hall
28/02/2019	28/02/2019	14:00:00	17:00:00	Tennis Matches	A-D Teams	Home/Away
01/03/2019	01/03/2019	14:00:00	17:00:00	Swimming Gala	Grade 3-7	Home/Away
03/03/2019	03/03/2019			REMINDER: CHAPEL COLLECTION FOR TOMORROW		

## THIS WEEK

The Grade 6 girls have been doing Blackout poetry, which is a mixture of poetry and art - made by taking any form of printed text (in this case, pages from different novels) and blacking out the unwanted words to create an entirely new work of literature birthed from an existing one. Here are some beautiful examples:





A SHORT, BUT BUSY WEEK







**ST PETER'S  
COLLEGE**

[www.stpeters.co.za](http://www.stpeters.co.za)

**OPEN DAY  
2019**

**Respect | Responsibility | Resilience | Relationships**



**SAT 2 MARCH | 08:30 - 12:00**

**COLLEGE LANE, OFF MAXWELL DRIVE, SUNNINGHILL, SANDTON, 2128**

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