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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Parents and teachers always need to be on the lookout for learning opportunities for our children.

I'd like to suggest these opportunities arise virtually every day. Not necessarily through a specific question that requires a specific answer, but even more so through experiences and interaction with other people. The challenge for parents and teachers is how we manage the opportunity because learning is like breathing. It happens all the time!

There are so many examples that come to mind to illustrate this point:

- It's how we react to problems a child has experienced at school
- It's how and what we say to other people when our children are listening
- It's how we drive
- It's how we treat beggars
- It's whether or not we do everything and anything to make our children's life easier
- It's whether we as parents continually blame others
- Etc, etc . . .

Other learning opportunities present themselves more obviously. For example, if your child hears something inappropriate on TV or from a friend at school and asks you what it means, are you able to answer them honestly? Alternatively, do you deflect the question to say that it's only something adults should know about and leave them even more curious to find the answer? (A hint for parents: The best time to talk about *birds and bees* related issues is while you are driving, this way you avoid any awkward eye contact)

Tomorrow, 21 June, our girls and teachers will be allowed to come to school in their pyjamas. This is a wonderful learning opportunity to teach the girls about the winter solstice in the southern hemisphere (being the shortest day and longest night, with the sun directly over the Tropic of Cancer). The thinking being, that the day is so short – we may as well stay in our pyjamas all day! 😊

Girls in Gr 6 & 7 will also be permitted to do the Polar Bear Swim. Here is another learning opportunity. Girls who would prefer not to jump into freezing cold water on one of the coldest days of the year, need to be strong enough to stand up to peer group pressure and say 'no thanks'. Those who would be keen to do something crazy, (like the Headmaster) need to find the courage (or stupidity!) to do so. 😊

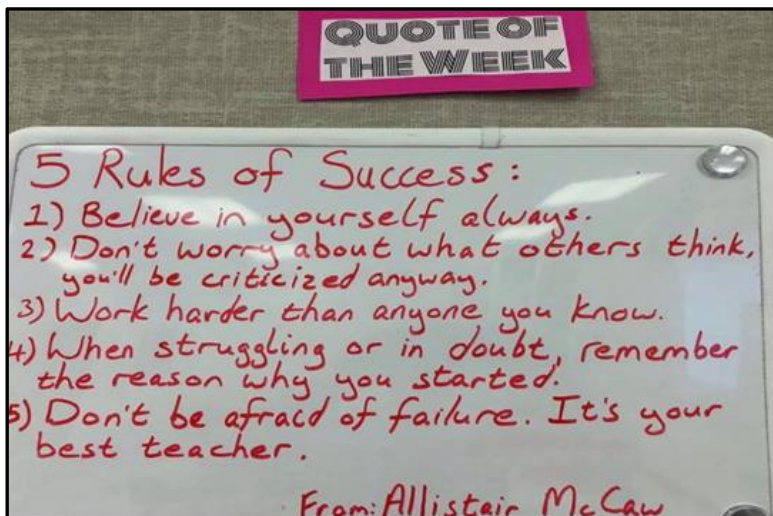
We, as the adults of this world, need to make the most of every learning opportunity that comes our way, not only to benefit our children, but also ourselves.

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Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Food for thought . . .



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

- Grade 7 Hockey – Please note that due to the Grade 7 Production there will be no sport for the Grade 7 girls next week.

Equipment needed for hockey . . .

Please note that the girls are required to have the equipment listed below. Gum guards and shin pads are compulsory to ensure that the girls don't pick-up serious injuries!

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

Team Structures

Due to the fact that the schools we play against do not have enough teams for all our girls to get a game every week, we will be running Mixed Ability Squads for our lower teams. Girls will be rotated, on a weekly basis, to give them as much game time as possible. Hockey matches will only start after the mid-term break.

Hockey Skills Development Session

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

TENNIS

Optional tennis

The optional tennis practices will continue as per the extra-mural timetable. All tennis players are to meet at the GIRLS' TENNIS COURTS for their sessions. Please ensure that your daughter has the correct shoes and hat when attending the practice sessions!

GIRLS CRICKET

DJ Coaching is a company focused on developing cricket players technically, mentally and physically. They also concentrate on developing the holistic *player for life*. Since 2003, DJ Coaching and has produced many top cricketers. DJ Coaching is now coaching at St Peter's Boys Prep. Any girls interested in playing cricket, please feel free to contact them for more details. See flyer, attached with the newsletter, for more details.

STRAPPING

Charne Cronin or Meaghan Badenhorst are available to do sports strapping between 13:00 and 14:00 at the sports office. If you would like your daughter to have any strapping done, there are two options available:

1. Girls are to provide their own strapping
2. Girls may pay R100 to cover the cost of the tape

Andrew Steyn
(Director of Sport)

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 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



SCHEHERAZADE

The Grade 7s are excited and eager to enthrall you as they bring the age-old tale of the *Scheherazade* back to life! The production is open to the public on Wednesday, 26 June and Thursday, 27 June. The show starts at 18:30.

Tickets will be available, via TIXSA (link soon to be added to the Communicator) from Friday, 21 June until Thursday, 27 June. Please note, that there will be *no cash sales of tickets, at the hall door* – all purchases are to be made online.

Scheherazade is a musical, based on 'Tales of the Arabian Nights'. This production promises to be a fun-filled collection of talent, displaying colourful sets, nightingale voices and Oscar winning performances. Don't miss it!

LOST PROPERTY

There are four pairs of children's glasses in Lost Property. Please collect from Reception.

WINTER WARMERS – SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 11:00 – 17:00

REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/winter-warmers-2019>

2019 Winter Warmers Family Fun Day

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Credit Card or ZAPPER**

Date: Sat 22 June 11:00 to 17:00
Venue: Mvukuzane Field, St Peter's Prep
Tickets on sale through TIXSA