



ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

GIRLS' REFLECTIONS OF THEIR GRADE CAMPS

GRADE 3s AT CAMP SEROBE

I found that going over the bridge was lots of fun - the Vaal River is soo big. I also liked making a catapult and shooting my friends with water balloons. There was a scary scorpion in the swimming pool! I loved watching the Serobe cart races.

Dineo Seotsanyana Grade 3 JA



GRADE 4s AT KLOOFWATERS OUTDOOR CENTRE

My highlights of camp were all the activities. The one I enjoyed the most was bum-sliding down the rocks. We also went on a creature hunt in the dam and caught tadpoles, yellow fish and the water boatman. Tree climbing was such fun too!

Madison Edwards

I thought it was interesting to learn about how clean the mountain water is. I loved learning about all the different water creatures there are. I also learnt how to be brave and responsible. I had a great experience and can't wait for camp next year!

Tanaka Matambo



GRADE 5s AT ATKV RESORT, BUFFELSPOORT

The Grade 5s journey to camp was both fun and educational. Some of our activities included bang, building a mud village, team activities and making our own potjie. We got healthy food every day to keep us happy and active. We stayed in cabins in groups of 4 – 6 with an open plan room that had a mini kitchen with bowls, plates and cutlery, a little workspace and beds.

Swimming was definitely a favourite for the Grade 5s, because we were fortunate enough to get three big pools and a super tube! I think the last day of camp was the most memorable day. We had a colour festival and everyone got covered in a rainbow of colour.

Eventually the time came when we had to leave Buffelspoort camp, so we said lovely thank you's and farewell's to our facilitators and left with smiles on our faces.

Afezekile Ngcaba Grade 5NM



GRADE 6s AT DIMALACHITE RIVER LODGE, PARYS

This year's Grade 6 camp at Dimalachite will be a camp I never forget. During this camp, we learnt about leadership and trust. Our facilitators helped us learn many new things about each other. We laughed and had fun and made new friends with people we never really knew before.

The activities were all interesting but the highlight for most of us was river rafting. Some of us got stuck on the rocks but we had the best time paddling through the rapids. Overall, I think it was an amazing experience.

Mia du Plessis Grade 6



I'm sure you will agree – it certainly sounds as though a good time was had by all!

I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that the copies of medical aid cards, identity documents and birth certificates handed in with camp forms will be stored safely in individual school files, for use in subsequent years. Should you prefer that the school does **not** keep this information, please email Cath Holm: cholm@stpeters.co.za

Please inform Nonhlanhla Majokane, at the Reception desk, of any changes to these details.

Cath Holm
(Head of Organisation and Administration)

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

ATHLETICS

The Sports Department would like to congratulate the Athletics captain of 2018, Serena Wolfenden and the vice-captain, Isabelle Barrow. We look forward to their leadership and to witnessing their performances on the athletics track.

We look forward to our first athletics meeting at Brescia House on Friday, 28 September.



SICK NOTES

The Sports Department would kindly like to request that all sick notes be emailed to Chris Tomsek or Toni Clarke before 12:00 to excuse girls from the afternoon sports practices. Should your daughter be excused for any length of time from sport, a doctor's note needs to be produced stipulating the length of time your daughter will be out of action.

Should your daughter fall ill on the day of her athletics meeting, we would require an email before 08:00 so that we can find a suitable replacement during the course of the morning.

HATS

A friendly reminder that hats are required for all sports lessons.

TENNIS

All tennis players need to train in their allocated grade or time slots. Players may only move and participate at a higher level (Grade) upon invitation.

The tennis team dusted off their cobwebs and displayed some awesome skills against Kingsmead in a friendly fixture last Thursday. Well played girls!

Chris Tomsek
(Acting Director of Sport)

COFFEE MORNINGS

Jo Hamilton, an educational psychologist presented at a Coffee Morning this week. The following topics were discussed:

- Tweens – the 'middle child' of primary school age
- Transitioning from concrete 'black and white' thinking to shades of grey (abstract thought) – in all aspects of life: cognitive, social and emotional areas
- Helping girls to understand different girls' perspectives. Who is responsible for what? How do we help girls to not take on unnecessary roles, but still maintain and foster empathy and kindness? Who is responsible for what?
- Contradicting emotions and behaviour
- Competitiveness and striving for power and capability
- The forming of groups and cliques in friendships, friendship triangles and social power
- Friendship issues: possessiveness, the unwanted friend, handling the friend parents don't like

- The push and pull for more independence – expectations of adults vs children
- Foster and encourage forgiveness and flexibility
- Lying, fabrication and truths – how to manage and think about the underlying causes of these behaviours

It was an extremely informative talk and I strongly encourage parents to attend these presentations in the future.

Cara Eggett
(Director: Pastoral Care)

AND THE NEXT ONE, COMING UP SOON



THINKING SKILLS COFFEE MORNING

Thursday, 27 September 2018

07:30 – 08:30 in the Girls JP Hall

RSVP: [Thinking Skills Morning](#)

Keynote Speaker: Katy Mthethwa

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DIVERSITY

HERITAGE MONTH

September is Heritage Month and this is a time to celebrate our heritage as a rainbow nation. The focus should be on our commonalities rather than our differences, but have an understanding and acceptance of the different cultures, traditions and religions. Girls are invited to wear cultural attire, share cultural food and stories on Friday, 21 September.



Happy Heritage Day

Please wear traditional clothing
or a colour from our South African flag
in celebration of Heritage Day.
on Friday 21 September.

MY STORY – TONIGHT!

Join us, in celebration of Heritage Day, as we embrace unity in diversity as a St Peter's family. Bring along any item that reflects part of your personal story or heritage - a photo, an article of clothing, memorabilia from a particular event in your life - and come and share that aspect of your story. Exploring our collective history sets us on a path towards building a stronger community.

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

Venue: Girls JP Hall

(Please note that the Junior Prep Schools will be running a separate event in the Boys JP Hall)

FESTIVALS

* Hindus celebrate Purnima and Pitra Paksh during September and October. PURNIMA is an annual festival in the Tamil Calendar which occurs from mid- September to mid -October and is dedicated to the worship of Maha Vishnu (the Preserver). During this period, devotees undertake a fast, devote time saying regular prayers to the Gods, seeking forgiveness for all their sins and offering thanks for the life on earth and its preservation. PITRA PAKSH is a period of 15 days during which Hindus or followers of Sanathan Dharma observe a memorial and thanksgiving to the departed souls. It is a special time when they acknowledge their indebtedness to their ancestors who made a valuable contribution to the world and specifically to their well-being. Hindus express their thanks to their ancestors and pray for their well-being by offering oblations of water.

* The Islamic New Year is on the first day of MUHARRAM, the first month in the lunar Islamic calendar. Muslims set spiritual and social goals and strengthen their relationship with Allah through prayer and good deeds. Deeds may be small in your eyes but it might inspire someone else to do a good deed, thereby creating a ripple effect of goodness.

* YOM KIPPUR, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jewish people traditionally observe this holy day with an approximate 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in service at synagogues.

St Peter's wishes all pupils, parents and staff members an enjoyable period of festivities.

Vijay Maharaj (*Director: Diversity*)



The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the 2018 Sunset Carols Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, 1 December!

This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies. This market has grown in popularity each year. It is held prior to the St Peter's Prep Sunset Carols, which in the past has attracted over 2 500 people. To apply for your stall click on the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RTuZaQASlx6BtnIK2>

Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser

R250 per Bunch

**Please support by ordering your bunch
of beautiful flowers by Tuesday
afternoon via email nicky@ntce.co.za.**

**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**



‘THE SOUND OF CHILDREN’ CHOIR FESTIVAL: THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER

The Cadet Choir (Grade 3-4) will be participating in ‘The Sound of Children’ Choir Festival. On this prestigious occasion the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra, conducted by Richard Cock, will accompany the choir. This event is one of the highlights of our choir year – enthusiastically anticipated by both participants and audiences.

The following schools will also take part on the evening: Pridwin, Kingsmead, APPS and Roedean School. Tickets for the concert can be purchased through Computicket at R100 per adult and R50 per non-participating child. I have attached the link below, but it can also be found by going to the Computicket website and searching for Sound of Children.

https://online.computicket.com/web/event/sound_of_children/1250101782/

A bus will leave St Peter’s Prep at 15:45, on Thursday, 4 October, for the Linder Auditorium. Please indicate whether your daughter will be travelling on the bus by following the Google Form link below (one way)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVwVEMlhWCojCGYobG47M_cZaa4LuOBHY_5KgUZE4nQfmn7w/viwwform?usp=pp_url

15:45 Bus leaves from the St Peter’s Chapel. Girls must be dressed in their No 1s (stockings).

Please provide your daughter with a healthy snack.

17:00 Combined rehearsal at the Linder Auditorium

18.30 Concert begins

Please join us for this fantastic musical evening.

Marguerite Schmitt
(Director: Music)

A COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE AT ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The **Girls Chapel Choir** will be singing at St Mark's Anglican Church in North Riding on Sunday, 30 September.

All choristers need to be at St Mark's by 09:00 dressed in their Cassocks. The service will start at 09:00 and should last for approximately one hour and thirty minutes. Parents are welcome to attend the church service. Please arrive early should you want to attend, as there is limited space available.

The address is 57 Hyperion Drive, North Riding, Johannesburg, 2188.

We really look forward to this community service and hope to see you all there.

Hugo Roodt

(Director: Choirs of St Peter's Prep Schools)

PA NEWS

RAFFLE 2018
R200 per ticket

ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS

Buy a raffle ticket and
stand a chance of winning
R30 000 towards
your *school term fees*.

T's & C's apply
Only 600 tickets available
Purchase your tickets on TIXSA
On sale from Wednesday, 19 September 08:00

Draw: 5 October 2018
Time: Approx. 19:00
Venue: Kyalami Country Club
Event: St Peter's Prep Schools Golf Day

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN!

Link to booking site - to purchase tickets:

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018/pre-sale>