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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

PRE-PREP HEAD

We have been extremely fortunate in being able to appoint Angi Buys as the Head of the new Pre-Prep. Angi was formerly Principal of Cleverdon (previously known as Bryanston Pre-Primary) and has 16 years of experience in the field of Early Childhood Development. She has developed a curriculum and produced papers on learning in this age group. St Peter's is adamant about the application of research-proven teaching methodologies to ensure that our children are as successful as they can possibly be. Angi's experience and educational philosophy aligned perfectly with our requirements. Moreover, parents whose children have been in her hands have experienced her as highly competent, caring and empathetic. The Pre-Prep is very definitely part of the foundation of all future learning and for us, it is critical that this phase is handled to the same high standards which we expect in all areas of teaching.



Welcome, Angi Buys!

Invitations to apply for places in the Pre-Prep are being staggered to ensure that siblings of current pupils and thereafter those on the waiting list have the first option.

However, should you wish to apply, please feel free to contact Nonhlanhla Majokane on <u>admissions@stpeters.co.za</u> or 011 705 3423.

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

St Peter's Prep is so much more than a school! I say that having just had the privilege of witnessing our First Holy Communicants and their families, receiving the sacrament, this past weekend. This special service was the coming together of faith and family and I felt truly honoured to play a small part.

Congratulations to all these girls!



Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb (Headmaster)

UBER

We would like to remind parents about the law against underage use of Uber. The following confirmation has been received from ISASA:

ISASA has always referred schools to *Uber's own Terms and Conditions, which stipulate that the service is not available to persons under the age of 18 years, unless they are accompanied by an adult.* Furthermore, schools are advised to bring this to the attention of parents.



What does ISASA recommend?

- That schools warn parents against the use of Uber by children, owing to its age restrictions, as set out in its Terms and Conditions: 18 years.
- Schools should also inform parents that the school will not be liable for any incidents resulting from the use of Ubers by pupils.

Please take heed of this communication and avoid using Uber unless the child is accompanied by an adult.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Food for thought . . .

At St Peter's we pride ourselves on having girls who have humility, respect and manners. We want them to be tough competitors on the court and hate to lose, but still have class and dignity when it comes to handling defeat and respecting others.

I would like to remind all the girls playing matches this week that, despite the result, they do the following after their match:

- Graciously congratulate their opponent on a good game.
- Thank the umpires for umpiring.
- Thank anyone who is handing out refreshments.
- Whether the game is at home or away, before they leave, to thank one of the hosting staff for a
 wonderful afternoon.

Small gestures go a long way towards building, not only their reputation as a sportswoman, but that of the school as well!

(Allistair McCaw – Becoming a great team player)

NETBALL – TIC Mrs Makola (kmakola@stpeters.co.za)

Shooting Practice

Tumi Makola and Charne Badenhorst will be having additional shooting practice for any girls wanting to improve their shooting. The days and times are as follows:

Grade 3 & 4 – Monday from 07:00-07:20

Grade 5 to 7 – Thursday from 07:00-07:20

Internal Netball Fixtures

Due to the fact that the majority of schools are not able to field enough teams for all our girls to compete on a weekly basis, we will be introducing Internal Netball Matches. These matches will happen on the respective match days. We encourage all girls not participating in an Inter-Schools fixture to participate, as they will gain valuable game time.

Netball Festivals

The netball festival happening this Saturday, 25 May is as follows:

Grade 5/6/7 B Teams - Playing at Holy Rosary

TENNIS

Optional tennis

The optional tennis practices will continue as per the extra mural timetable. Please could all girls playing tennis meet at the astro tennis courts for their sessions. Please ensure that your daughter has the correct shoes and hat when attending the practice sessions!

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)

DADS & (GR 4 & 5) DAUGHTERS' DINNER – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 8 June 2019 18:00 – 20:00

Dads and Daughters' Dinner is an ideal occasion for girls to bond with their fathers and dance the night away!

Girls will complete a special activity with their dads and they will walk away from the night with unforgettable memories. Each dad and daughter will also have a special photograph taken of them during the evening. A delicious dinner with a delectable dessert will be served. Dads are welcome to bring their own drinks. The Grade 6s look forward to hosting this wonderful evening for the Grade 4 and 5 girls and their dads.

Tickets will be on sale via TIXSA. The link for purchasing these tickets will go live on Monday, 27 May on the link below:

https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stp-dad-2019 (it will not work until Monday!)

ST PETER'S PREP PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to all the parents who have logged into the Parent Portal and given us feedback. Based on the information received, we have decided to put the Parent Portal on hold and work with the developers to overcome some of the "glitches." We will update all received changes of Parent information.

This means that we will not be placing the first semester reports onto the Parent Portal. Further details will be communicated to you shortly. Please continue to use the School Communicator as the official app for school communications.

'MUSICAL MOMENTS' ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL 2019: THURSDAY, 30 MAY

ORCHESTRA, ROCK BAND AND GRADE 7 MARIMBA BAND

On Thursday, 30 May a variety of our ensembles across the three St Peter's Schools will showcase their talents. This event is the first event of its kind and we would be delighted if you could join us.

16:30 - 18:15 Combined orchestra rehearsal with St Peter's College

18:10 - 18:30 St Peter's Boys Prep and College Marimbas play outside the Royce Hall

18:10 Girls Marimba and Rock Bands arrive

18:30 - 19:30 Concert in the Royce Hall

Girls must be dressed in Number 1s and are welcome to bring a healthy snack. There will be tea/coffee available for parents.

There is no charge for this festival. We encourage parents, siblings and friends to come and join us in this celebration of talent and hard work.

'Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common.'- Sarah Dessen

Marguerite Schmitt (Director of Music)

ECO DRIVE FOR THE TRINITY TERM 2019 – ECOBRICKS

An Ecobrick is a <u>plastic bottle</u> packed with plastic to a set density to create a reusable building block. Ecobricks are used to make modular furniture, garden spaces and full-scale buildings such as schools and houses. An Ecobrick is made of a plastic bottle or container of some sort (including paper/laminate milk cartons) which has random plastic waste compressed inside it. Generally, a stick is used to stuff the rinsed and dried bottle densely layer by layer with non-biodegradable.

This term, the girls will be pledging to be aware of what plastics they use and how frequently they use plastic. We are encouraging each girl to bring a clean, dry 2L bottle to school by Monday, 27 May. During the school week, the girls will be collecting single use plastic waste, e.g. straws, glad wrap and plastic bags, from their lunch boxes to help build their Ecobricks after each break. At the end of the week, the girls will bring home their Ecobrick to complete at home. Once the Eco brick is full and weighs between 400-600g, the girls may return it to school. For every bottle returned, the girls will earn a Bee Responsible merit.

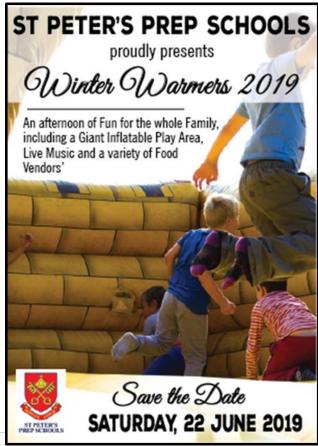
We are very excited by this project and hope that you will encourage and assist your daughter with completing an Ecobrick.

FOUND

Two purses were found on our school campus over the weekend.

If you have lost your purse, please email Caron du Plessis (cduplessis@stpeters.co.za) and she will ask you to identify it!





PA NEWS

EXCITING NEWS!

Makro have launched a new program 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 program 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.



FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check on the Communicator St Peter's, CALENDAR tab - for the 2019 Trinity Term calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS 10:00 ON WEDNESDAYS

