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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD: ACADEMICS

At the Kingsmead Book Fare last weekend, Emma Sadlier and Nicky Bush debated the issues around social media and the challenges involved for our children. They have both visited St Peter's in the past and will be invited to address our girls again. A brief summary is included below as a reminder of the online world our girls negotiate each day.

Both presenters mentioned that they have contracts on their websites for parents' use when a cellphone is given to their children. It isn't as much around the signing of the contract and the understanding of the consequences, but also the importance of the conversation on acceptable social media behaviour. Nicky mentioned that the parents 'own' the cellphone and that there should be conditions under which the phone can be used.

- Our girls need to learn how to self-protect on the internet. 'Nice' kids can still be tricked online because they don't think through their actions. We need to encourage them to take their value system into the online world and avoid taking risks because of anonymity.
- If something is free - then they are the product. The saying applies, 'If it feels too good to be true, it usually is.'
- There needs to be an understanding of the choices to be made when parents aren't around. Conversations should include scenarios. What to do if . . . happens? Share stories to make your girls alert. There is frequently no going back after cyber bullying. Make girls aware of their online reputation. Some children have had to change their names to escape their 'new reputation' as the internet 'never forgets'.
- Screen shots are out of their control once they have been posted. The platform is immediate and international.

Both presenters suggested that the girls shouldn't have smart phones before the age of 13 and mentioned that the average age of children seeing porn on their cellphones in South Africa is 11 years old. 'Sexting' under the age of 16 is illegal.

- Comments on posts suggest consensus. Receiving pictures can also be seen as consensual. Not everyone on a WhatsApp group is a friend.

Then, there was advice on the management of phones:

- Don't sleep with cellphones next to the bed. There is a major addiction problem and we all feel that there is a need to respond to messages immediately.
- The blue light of the phone may influence sleep patterns. More and more children are arriving at school tired.
- We need to create 'device free' areas in our homes - perhaps the dinner table?

Nicky Bush has written *Tech Savvy* and Emma Sadlier has just published *Selfies, Sexts and Smartphones*. They suggest that these books can be read by children from the age of 11.

Pam van Gass
(Deputy Head: Academics)

SPORT IN THE GIRLS SCHOOL – COFFEE MORNING

On Friday, 8 June (07:15 – 08:00), in the Girls JP Hall, we will be hosting a Coffee Morning to discuss 'Sport in the Girls School'. We will ask for parents' input in terms of drawing up a final 'Sports Philosophy' document. For parents who are unable to attend, minutes of the meeting will be made available.

D. Webb (Headmaster)

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

NETBALL

Well done to all the netball girls who played in the Crawford Lonehill netball festival this past weekend! There were some amazing performances! A special mention to our Grade 6A and Grade 4A netball teams that played in the respective finals of the tournament.

HOCKEY SEASON

28 May – 3 August 2018

From Monday, 28 May we will have a changeover of winter sport, hockey will replace netball. All girls are reminded to please bring their change of kit for this exciting new hockey season.

Some kit that will be required:

- Gum guard (Compulsory – no gum guard, no play)
- Shin pads (Compulsory – no shin pads, no play)
- Hockey stick (strongly advisable to have your own)
- Sports kit
- Hockey boots or trail shoes may also be worn



On Friday, 1 June there will be Grade 6 and Grade 7 A-team hockey trials at St Peter's College. Transport will be provided to the College and back. Girls may be collected at the College once the trials are completed. These trials will serve as part of the Midlands Hockey tour 20 – 22 July to St Anne's College in KwaZulu Natal. These trials are not compulsory, but any Grade 6 and Grade 7 girl wishing to be part of the tour must attend the trials. Girls wishing to participate in the trials must give their name to Mrs Clarke-Buchanan by Tuesday, 29 May.

Some amazing facts about Hockey:

- The modern game grew from Scotland in the early 19th century.
- The original name of Field Hockey is 'Shinty'.
- Players can be substituted as many times and at any time in the game.
- There are only right handed hockey sticks.
- Unlike soccer, there is no Off-Side rule in field hockey.
- Field hockey has the fastest speed of swing, even more than golf and baseball.
- Field hockey is played by over 3 000 000 players spread over 100 countries and 5 continents.

TENNIS

The Tennis programme will commence this term. A reminder that tennis is not compulsory and your daughter's participation is therefore voluntary.

See 'Extramural Timetable - Trinity Term schedule', attached to this email.

Chris Tomsek
(Acting Director of Sport)

ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS BUS SERVICE SURVEY

As part of our strategic intent to alleviate traffic congestion, both on campus and en route to school, St Peter's Prep is considering offering a bus service that would depart from the pickup zone around 06:25 in order to arrive at school around 07:05.

Please answer the survey on the following link, to help us gauge if this service would be viable.

<https://goo.gl/forms/jAf8wXKRAa0MMFBa2>

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ST PETER'S VALUES

Last term we successfully introduced our 'St Peter's Values', which will guide our girls on their behaviour and character. The girls have embraced the process enthusiastically and have made a visible effort to adopt these dispositions.

We would like to involve you, as parents, in the ongoing dialogue we are having with the girls regarding the values that we hope will become intrinsic in St Peter's girls. We have placed posters in the car parks and driveways and encourage you to engage in conversations with your daughter, around these questions.

Jane Ritchie
(HOD Thinking Skills)

SUMMIT COLLEGE PERFORMANCE: MONDAY, 28 MAY

The Cadet Choir (Gr 3-4) will be participating in the Summit College Choir Festival. This event is one of the highlights of our choir year – enthusiastically anticipated by both participants and the audience.

Girls need to be at Summit College by 17:15 dressed in their No 1s. Kindly indicate whether your daughter will be attending by following the link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/hDLU5vtnC9iiOIT83>

17:15 Arrive at Summit College

17:30 St Peter's Girls Sound Check

18.30 Concert begins

There is no entry fee, seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis. Please join us for this fantastic musical evening.

Marguerite Schmitt (*Director of Music*)

EDTECH & BYOD COFFEE MORNING

Date: Tuesday, 5 June

Time: 07:30 - 08:30

Venue: Boys SP Library

The use of devices in schools worldwide is growing daily, with many South African schools following the trend.

The above-mentioned workshop will assist parents to understand (i) the use of these devices at St Peter's, (ii) how to manage them at home and (iii) what the school is doing, to protect your child.

We will also shed some light onto the challenges our children are facing and how we, as a community, can provide the correct assistance.

Scott Hauptfleisch (*Campus ICT Integrator*)

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

Saturday, 9 June 2018

18:00 – 20:00

The Grade 6 girls will host a fun evening of dinner and dance, for all Grade 4 and 5 girls and their dads. Invitations to follow next week with ticket sale details.

DADS & (GR 3) DAUGHTERS' ORIENTEERING AND CODING MORNING – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 9 June 2018

09:00 – 12:00

The Grade 3 girls and their dads are invited to a fun morning of 'Orienteering and Coding'. Invitation and details to follow.

A promotional poster for St Peter's Prep Schools Soccer Day 2018. The background is a vibrant green field with a soccer ball in the foreground. The text is in red and black. The St Peter's Prep Schools logo is in the top left corner.

**St Peter's Prep Schools
Soccer Day 2018**

Get ready to celebrate the
Beautiful Game!

Saturday, 16 June
11:00 Registration
11:30 First kick-off

- For St Peter's Prep Schools boys & girls only.
- Siblings welcome (minimum age group is Grade 0).
- Only participating players to register.
- Submit one registration form per participating child.
- Sports departments will allocate players into teams.

**Remember to register by
Wednesday, 13 June**

Click on this LINK to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/QKJpQ9xaDPsGg5uY2>

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.

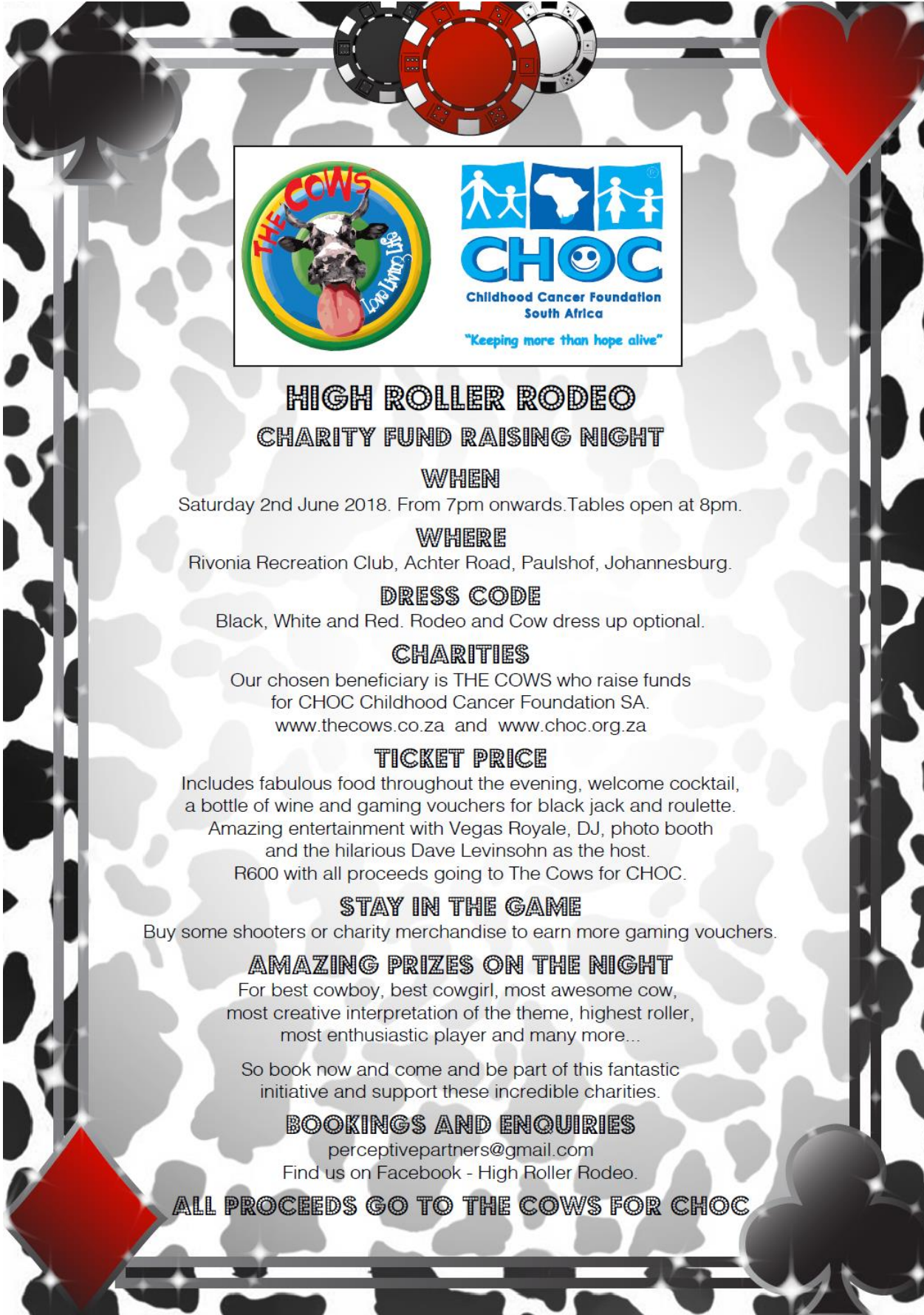
Collection of flowers on Friday from
12:00 at


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

Many thanx
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee



CHARITY





**HIGH ROLLER RODEO
CHARITY FUND RAISING NIGHT**

WHEN
Saturday 2nd June 2018. From 7pm onwards. Tables open at 8pm.

WHERE
Rivonia Recreation Club, Achter Road, Paulshof, Johannesburg.

DRESS CODE
Black, White and Red. Rodeo and Cow dress up optional.

CHARITIES
Our chosen beneficiary is THE COWS who raise funds for CHOC Childhood Cancer Foundation SA.
www.thecows.co.za and www.choc.org.za

TICKET PRICE
Includes fabulous food throughout the evening, welcome cocktail, a bottle of wine and gaming vouchers for black jack and roulette. Amazing entertainment with Vegas Royale, DJ, photo booth and the hilarious Dave Levinsohn as the host.
R600 with all proceeds going to The Cows for CHOC.

STAY IN THE GAME
Buy some shooters or charity merchandise to earn more gaming vouchers.

AMAZING PRIZES ON THE NIGHT
For best cowboy, best cowgirl, most awesome cow, most creative interpretation of the theme, highest roller, most enthusiastic player and many more...

So book now and come and be part of this fantastic initiative and support these incredible charities.

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES
perceptivepartners@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook - High Roller Rodeo.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE COWS FOR CHOC