

ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY HEAD: ACADEMICS

In line with current research and trends we continue, in the last few weeks of the term, to follow-up on the progress of our girls after comprehensive reports were issued after Half-term.

Student-led conferences ensure that the girls are stakeholders in their own learning. Critical conversations assist the girls in the acquisition and development of the language, necessary to be able to talk about one's learning. John Hattie states that 'feedback is most powerful when it is from the student and the teacher and when it occurs, it helps to make learning visible.' Reflection and thinking critically about one's own role helps personalise learning, encouraging students to question, challenge and celebrate success. 'Me-learning' is something they do; it isn't something that others do for them. This engagement in the process of learning, and setting goals for the future, develops autonomous, self-regulated, life-long learners and places our girls at the centre of their learning.

Student-led Conferences, in the Trinity Term, are optional. During these conferences, the Grade 4-7 girls, and their parents, meet with their class teacher or mentor to discuss their progress. Grade 3 parents will meet with the class teacher only. These are scheduled from Monday, 29 July to Wednesday, 31 July. Booking forms will be on the classrooms doors on Friday, 26 July 2019 for Grades 3 to 5.

The mentors of the Grade 6 and 7 girls will arrange suitable interview times via email.

Parent Consultations involve Specialist teachers teaching Grade 5-7. They will be available to meet with parents in the Royce Hall on Tuesday, 6 August from 14:00 to 16:00. This enables further feedback on the student-led conference and report, if required. Parents are asked to keep these meetings to a maximum of five minutes. If more time is required, parents are asked to schedule an alternative meeting. Parents who are unable to attend the Parent Consultations are also welcome to schedule alternative meetings with specialist teachers.

Academic specialist teachers, who will be available, are:

First additional Language:	Ronel Schoeman, Rose Nkomo, Boitumelo Ledwaba and Wilna Coetzee
Maths:	Kim Gordon and Anthony Blackhurst
English:	Kirsty Morey, Rick Wilson and Ron Thackwell
STEM:	Cath Holm
Exploration and Learning:	Rick Wilson, Ron Thackwell, Kerryn White

Staff, involved in the Life Skills Departments, are available from 14:00 to 15:00.Art:Belinda van der WattMusic:Marguerite SchmittEd Tech:Kerryn SchmidtSport:Andrew SteynPastoral Care:Cara Eggett

Mel Aspeling

Have a wonderful weekend!

Drama:

Pam van Gass (Deputy Head)

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Compete Against Yourself

Competing against others can be awesome in short bursts, but if you focus your attention outward for too long it will rob you of all of your joy, for there is always someone better.

If, however, you compete against yourself, you can only win. Every time you beat your previous best you've just grown more powerful - all of your energies are on improvement instead of jealousy.

And over the long run, that's how you become great.

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

- Gr 4-7 hockey are playing Kingsmead College on Friday, 26 July.
 Grade 4 and 5 are at Home.
 Grade 6 and 7 are at Kingsmead College.
- Hockey teams will be posted on the sports notice board and the St Peter's Communicator.
- Please remind the girls that there are internal matches scheduled every week for girls who are not involved in the inter-school matches. Teams playing are highlighted in yellow.

Hockey Festivals – Saturday 27, July

- Grade 5 A C at St Andrew's
- Grade 4 A Mixed Ability (MA) 2 at Brescia House
 Team lists have been posted on Communicator. Please ensure that the all the girls participating are at their venues by 07:30.

Equipment needed for hockey . . .

There are still girls who are arriving at practices and matches without the correct equipment. Please could you ensure they arrive at hockey with the correct kit?

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

SPORT FROM 29 JULY – 2 AUGUST

- Please note that there will be NO SPORT PRACTICES next week, due to student-led conferences.
- Thursday, 1 August Gr 3 match at St Mary's. Teams to be confirmed
- Friday, 2 August Gr 4-7 matches vs Brescia House. Teams to be confirmed.

Andrew Steyn (Director of Sport)

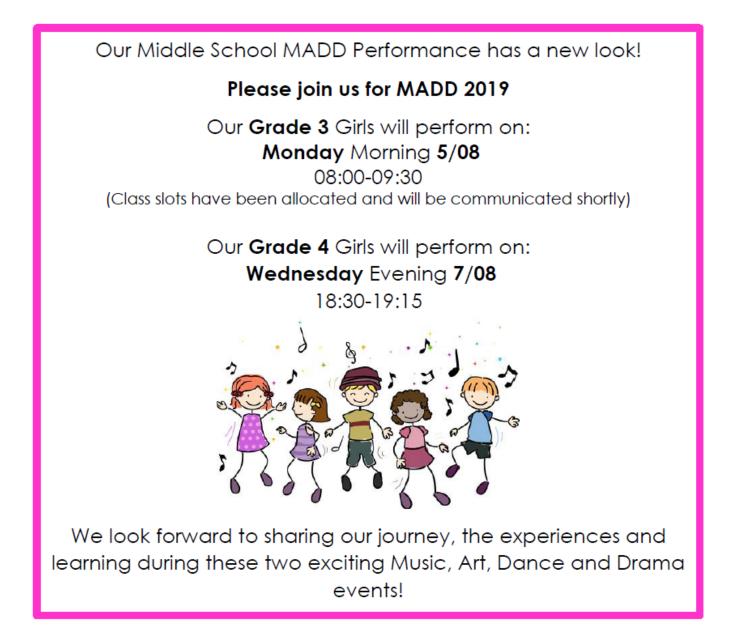
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PROACTIVE EDUCATION PARENT TALK: TONIGHT, 25 JULY 18:30 IN DODSON HALL

PRESENTED BY: DEAN RUNDLE

Topic:

- The best time and place to talk about puberty, sex and your child's body
- Age appropriate conversations and what should you say
- How do you handle a situation when your child behaves in a manner that goes against family values?
- Dangers of Social Media



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THANK YOU, ST PETER'S FAMILY FOR #MandelaDay2019, AT SEFIKENG PRIMARY SCHOOL

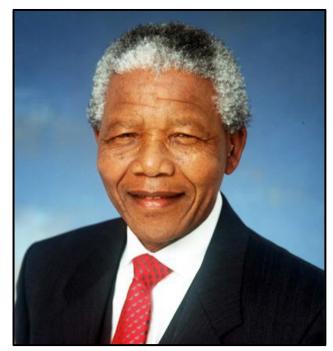


DIVERSITY: MANDELA DAY

St Peter's Girls Prep held a special Mandela Day service on the chapel lawn on Thursday, 18 July. Almaaz Mudaly (Grade 7) addressed the girls. Excerpts from her talk:

Today I want to talk about Nelson Mandela, and the way in which he embodied servant leadership. Servant leadership is displayed when leaders are attentive to the concerns of their followers and empathise with them, no matter their status. They make others better by their presence. Servant leaders are humble and think of the team before themselves. Mandela lived up to all the attributes of a servant leader and we should all aspire to be servant leaders too. We should strive to better others the way Jesus did - be attentive and empathetic to the concerns of others, serve our followers, lead from the front and be humble. Help others before we help ourselves. As a servant leader, we should incorporate the values into our everyday lives by being compassionate, honorable, responsible and resilient and collaborate with our peers. This is what a servant leader would do.

Let us walk in Mandela's footsteps and live the legacy of a great servant leader.



Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)

AUGUST HOLIDAY CLUBS



Email rschoeman@stpeters.co.za or nmayne@stpeters.co.za to register



Email tclarke@stpeters.co.za to register

DROPPING OFF OF ITEMS DURING TEACHING TIME

School hours are from 07:30 – 13:00. Should parents need to drop any item off for their daughter, during these times, please could you do so via the Reception desk? Nwabisa will ensure it is delivered.

This is to avoid the lessons being interrupted.

Thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.

PA NEWS - EXCITING NEWS!

Makro have launched a new programme and are inviting parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning mRewards on their Makro purchases - *at any Makro store*!

This programme replaces the existing Makro rebate programme, 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 <u>annedp@live.com</u>. 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.





Kyalami Country Club Friday, 27 September 2019

- R1000 per player includes green fees, halfway house, 2 drinks, watering holes, casual dinner and mulligans
- Shotgun start at 12noon
- Prize giving
- Raffle (no fundraising auction)
- Fourball bookings now open!

For any further information please contact the committee at golfday@stpeters.co.za

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CHARITY EVENT – GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION



FORTHCOMING WEEK Please check the Communicator St Peter's for the 2019 Trinity Term Calendar.

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