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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

You may recall from a previous article that the current Head Master of Eton College, Simon Henderson, spent the year at St Peter's as a gap student as I commenced my tenure as Headmaster of the Boys School.



Simon Henderson - Head of Eton College

At ISASA's request, we approached him to deliver a keynote address at the ISASA and Independent Schools Heads' Conference, which took place over the half-term last week.

We welcomed Simon and his wife Ali, a former advisor to Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, at a dinner at St Peter's prior to the conference. It was fascinating to hear his anecdotes about the school and the boys, some of which involved the reigning monarch. Much later in the evening, he startled us when he jumped up to make an impromptu speech. He expressed his gratitude to St Peter's for making him feel so welcome and went on to emphasise the impact that many staff had had on him. He coyly admitted that one of his passwords for the Eton IT network contained the letters 'FNIMH' – *Furber Nothard Is My Hero*. Furber is a recently retired Boarder Housemaster who pops in from time to time as a substitute teacher. The boys have always loved him.

In his scholarly address to the 500+ delegates at the conference, Simon spoke passionately about the need for a social and emotional connection as technology and artificial intelligence played an increasingly dominant role in teaching and learning.



He went on to say that it was crucial that all children feel accepted at school, welcomed and valued as individuals. Of all the schools at which he had taught or visited, St Peter's had been by far the most welcoming. He had felt a true sense of acceptance and belonging. His St Peter's experience, Simon said, had persuaded him to pursue a career in teaching. It was this ethos, he said, that he was attempting to bring to Eton.

Our little prep school featured disproportionately in the conference. The ISASA National Director, a St Peter's Old Boy, opened the proceedings. This was followed by the annual report by the ISASA Chairman, David Hunter, also a St Peter's Old Boy. Simon Henderson's address followed that of the Minister of Education. The speakers were all presented with the gift of an original painting by James Delaney, another St Peter's Old Boy.

The culture of making every child and staff member feel included and valued is a facet at which we work constantly. We see it as the core of our Anglican ethos. We are reminded of our successes and failures in this aspect each time an Old Boy or Girl returns to visit the school. We only ever want to be *'ahead of the game and behind every child.'*

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)

MORNING BUSES

We currently have two routes available. Please see the information below.

A minimum of 16 students per term are required for the service to run. The service will start on Friday, 26 October 2018 and run until Thursday, 6 December 2018.

If you would like to make use of one of these bus routes, please complete the Bus Consent and Indemnity Form, which can be found attached to this newsletter email or on the Communicator.

Please return the form to the School – using the following address: reception@stpeters.co.za

See additional details below:

1. Leaping Frog – based on a minimum of 16 pax for the term

Pick up Point	Time
Leaping Frog Shopping Centre	06:30 to leave at 6:40 - R1 690 per term (approx R25 per trip). For the remainder of this term: R750
*Option for other parents subject to minimum of 16 pax	Cash rider/booklet pre purchased = R35 per trip
School ETA	07:00 – 07:05

2. Kyalami Shopping Centre – based on a minimum of 16 pax for the term

Pick up Point	Time
Kyalami Shopping Centre	06:25 to leave at 6:30 - R1 890 per term (approx R28 per trip). For the remainder of this term R850
*Option for other parents subject to minimum of 16 pax	Cash rider/booklet pre purchased = R45 per trip
School ETA	07:00 – 07:05

MUSIC DEPARTMENT**REMINDER OF MUSICAL SHOWCASE DATE CHANGE**

The date for this term's *Musical Showcase* (originally planned for Thursday, 25 October) had to be changed.

New details:

Date: Tuesday, 6 November 2018
 Time: 18:30 - 19:30
 Venue: Royce Hall
 Performers: The orchestra and the Grade 6 & 7 marimba band

Marguerite Schmitt
 (Director of Music)

SPORTS DEPARTMENT**ATHLETICS**

The athletics season is building to a crescendo as the athletes gear up for the Prestige meeting next Friday at St Stithians. The hard training has certainly paid off with some fine performances from the athletes at previous meetings. The athletes had another hard week of training as they start their preparation in our taper week.

'In the context of sport, tapering refers to the practice of reducing exercise in the days just before an important competition. Tapering is customary in many endurance sports, such as long-distance running and swimming. For many athletes, a significant period of tapering is essential for optimal performance. The tapering period frequently lasts as much as a week or more. This tapering means gradually reducing the exercise over a short period of time then stopping completely when leading up to competitions.' (Cooper, Bob (2003-12-09). *It's Taper Time. Runner's World*. Retrieved 2016-03-06.)

We look forward to a fun-filled Sports Day on Saturday, 27 October. Please may we request that your daughter arrive at 08:00. The events for the day kick off at 08:30 with some exciting shuttle relays and end off with our 4 x 100m relays at approximately 10:30.

Upcoming fixtures: Friday, 26 October - Athletics meeting at St Peter's
 Saturday, 27 October - Sports Day at St Peter's
 Friday, 2 November - Athletics Prestige meeting at St Stithians

SPORT, MUSIC AND CULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHS – FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

Please note that Sport, Music and Cultural Photographs have been rescheduled to **Friday, 2 November**.

Dress code includes sports kit, cassocks and Numbers 1s. Sport photographs will be taken in standard sports kit so the girls do not need to bring swimming costumes, hockey boots and socks. The equestrian team are to please bring their riding uniform.

Please refer to the schedule attached to this email, for further information.

Catherine Holm
(Head of Organisation and Administration)

PA NEWS



Did you know you can join the Makro Rebate programme to support the St Peters Prep PA and Foundation?

Link your Makro card, by completing the form, attached to this email. A small percentage, from your purchases at Makro (Woodmead store only), will then go towards an annual rebate.

The banner features the Makro 'm' logo on the left. The main text reads 'Points are pointless. CASH IS KING' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, it says 'Download the app, register, and earn BIG with mRewards today!'. On the right side, there are two buttons: 'Download on Google Play Store' and 'Download on Apple App Store'. A small rainbow-colored bar is visible at the bottom right corner of the banner.

Also, why not download the Makro app and earn mRewards for yourself as well?

For those parents already participating, your **continued support** when shopping at Makro Woodmead, is **sincerely appreciated**.



If you have any questions or would like help with joining, please contact Anne annedp@live.com



Look out for details of a competition, taking place during November 2018

OLD GIRLS NEWS

ANASTASIA STROUTHOS

Anastasia Strouthos, now Grade 10 at St Peter’s College, competed in the South African Irish Dancing Champs. She won and is S.A. Champ for the second year in a row. She also qualified to represent South Africa at the World Championships in 2019.



Anastasia is the young lady in blue. Congratulations!

**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**



FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	29/10/2018	14:30:00	16:00:00	Inter-Schools' General Knowledge Quiz	Kyalami Preparatory
Monday	29/10/2018	17:00:00	18:30:00	Chess Matches	St Peter's Girls School
Wednesday	31/10/2018	18:30:00	21:00:00	2019 Grade 0 and New Parents' Evensong and Cocktail Evening (Chamber Choir)	Chapel, Girls JP Hall
Wednesday	31/10/2018			REMINDER: Chapel Collection for Tomorrow	
Thursday	01/11/2018	10:30:00	11:00:00	Grade 4IdB Outreach: Sandwich Making	Classrooms
Thursday	01/11/2018	13:30:00	15:30:00	Gr 3 Tennis Festival	St Mary's School, Waverley
Thursday	01/11/2018	14:00:00	17:00:00	Tennis Matches vs APPS	St Peter's Girls School
Friday	02/11/2018	07:30:00	08:30:00	Gr 7 Class Mom's Meeting	Boardroom
Friday	02/11/2018	08:00:00	13:00:00	Sport, Music and Cultural Photographs	Royce Hall
Friday	02/11/2018	13:00:00	17:00:00	Prestige Athletics Meeting	St Stithians

SUNSET CAROLS




ST PETER'S
FOUNDATION

SUNSET CAROLS 2018

**FEATURING: THE ST PETER'S PREP CHOIRS
& JOHN ELLIS: TREE 63;
SARAH THORNTON-DIBB (OLD GIRL) & JAMES DEACON (OLD BOY)**

SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2018 AT 18:00
CHRISTMAS MARKET GATES OPEN @ 15:00
ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS: 105 WITKOPPEN ROAD
ENTRANCE: R130 PER ADULT & R70 PER CHILD
TICKETS ON SALE FROM 15 NOVEMBER VIA TIXSA
BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS/BLANKETS & PICNIC
FOOD WILL BE ON SALE

ENQUIRIES: [TICKETS@STPETERS.CO.ZA](mailto:tickets@stpeters.co.za)
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE ST PETER'S INTERN PROGRAMME