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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

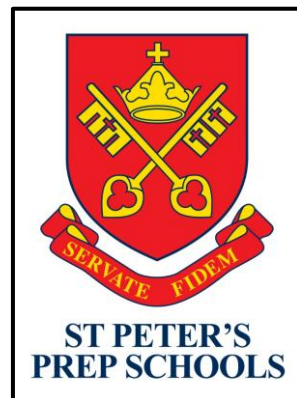
ST PETER'S DAY

St Peter's Prep commenced celebrating its patronal feast day approximately 20 years ago. Although the Feast commemorating the martyrdom of St Peter is celebrated on 29 June, the school has traditionally done so on the Friday preceding the winter half-term.

Each school celebrates with a Eucharist service, usually conducted by the Bishop or Dean of the Cathedral. Thereafter, the children are allowed to go home early after a more modern equivalent of the traditional 'bun and Coke'. The entire staff, over 200 persons, then gathers for a modest celebration of their own. We love the fact that Peter is our patron saint, because he was human with so many of the characteristics that we share.

Peter was a rough oke! He was a fisherman, in partnership with his brother. Later, he whinged to Jesus that the disciples had given up everything to follow him and wanted to know what he was going to get in return. There's not a great deal of information about him, but we do know that he vacillated between opinions and that he was subject to irritability and even anger. I imagine that he would be a beer, rather than wine drinker. We know that he struggled to learn and would probably have benefited from remedial support. The fact that he experienced fear, as do we, is sharply exposed in his denial of Jesus. That being said, we know that he had the courage to confess and was deeply remorseful.

In his time as an apostle, he was unflinchingly courageous and inspirationally loyal. I can hardly think of a better role model for our children.



US SCHOOL VISIT

Last week, Rob and Darrel hosted a party of pupils, staff and parents from Meadowbrook School in the United States.

Meadowbrook is a prestigious elementary school (Gr 0 – 8) in the suburbs of Boston. It feeds a number of prestigious senior schools including Phillips Andover, Phillips Exeter, Rocksbury Latin School and the Concord School. It has a rigorous academic programme and attracts high quality staff.

The visitors were pleasantly surprised to note that many St Peter's Prep methodologies were based on current international research by leading educationalists. Please see the letter from Pete Johannsen, Tour Leader, below:

Dear Greg, Rob, Darrel, Paula, and Jenny,

I want to express our gratitude for the exceptional hospitality you showed our Meadowbrook group today. We were all really inspired by what we experienced at St Peter's. The students, parents and teachers debriefed after dinner tonight, and they mentioned many things they were taking away from the visit. Certainly, your incredible campus with its many child-centered innovations was a big highlight. Your teachers really impressed us with their passion for their programs. And, most important, your students, both those who gave our students such thoughtful tours, to every child we passed who greeted us in such a welcoming way, made a big impression on all of us. We loved your philosophy and approach, and we all came away with such a positive feeling having been with you. And we were humbled by your great hospitality - we are so grateful for all the time you spent with us, the lunch was delicious, and we can't wait to taste that bottle of wine once we're back in the states! You're doing wonderful things at St Peter's, and your families are very lucky to have you helping to raise their children. We hope that we will have the opportunity to welcome you to Meadowbrook soon!

With warm regards,
Pete Johannsen

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 SPORTS DESK

Five Habits of a Great Team Player

1. Showing gratitude and appreciation to those who have helped them along their journey.
2. Thinking of others first before self.
3. Being present and listening to others.
4. Self-reflecting at the end of the day.
5. Giving nothing but their best effort.

Allistair McCaw – *Becoming a Great Team Player*

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

- We play our first hockey match the Friday after mid-term against St Stithians.
Grade 4/5 at Home.
Grade 6 and 7 at St Stithians.

Equipment needed for hockey;

Please note that the girls are required to have the equipment listed below. Gum guards and shin pads are compulsory to ensure that the girls don't pick-up serious injuries!

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

Team Structures

Due to the fact that the schools we play against do not have enough teams for all our girls to get a game every week, we will be running Mixed Ability Squads for our lower teams. Girls will be rotated, on a weekly basis, to give them as much game time as possible. Hockey matches will only start after the mid-term break.

Hockey Skills Development Session

St Peter's College Hockey Centre invites all Grade 3-7 girls, wanting to improve their hockey skills, to attend Skills Development Sessions on a Monday evening at the College Astro. Please see Communicator St Peter's/Resources/Girls Sport for more details.

TENNIS

Optional tennis

The optional tennis practices will continue as per the extra-mural timetable. All tennis players are to meet at the GIRLS' TENNIS COURTS for their sessions. Please ensure that your daughter has the correct shoes and hat when attending the practice sessions!

GIRLS CRICKET

DJ Coaching is a company focused on developing cricket players technically, mentally and physically. They also concentrate on developing the holistic *player for life*. Since 2003, DJ Coaching and has produced many top cricketers. DJ Coaching is now coaching at St Peter's Boys Prep. Any girls interested in playing cricket, please feel free to contact them for more details. See flyer, attached with the newsletter, for more details.

STRAPPING

Charne Cronin or Meaghan Badenhorst are available to do sports strapping between 13:00 and 14:00 at the sports office. If you would like your daughter to have any strapping done, there are two options available:

1. Girls are to provide their own strapping
2. Girls may pay R100 to cover the cost of the tape

Andrew Steyn
(Director of Sport)

MEET OUR CHESS COACH



Tshediso Mpya was born and raised in Hammanskraal, north of Pretoria. He attended both primary and high school there and learnt to play chess in his teenage years. Tshediso has been coaching chess since 2015. He has won gold as a coach at the SA Junior Chess Championships in 2016 with Tshwane Regional U14 girls. As a team player, he won the SA Club Championships in 2015 with the Hyenas Chess Club. As an individual, he has won more than 25 professional tournaments. Currently, in 2019, he has been placed first, five times, and his winning streak continues! Tshediso's goal is to become a Chess Grandmaster and to improve the quality of life of young South Africans through the teaching of chess.

Chess Club takes place in the Art Room on a Monday afternoon. All girls are welcome to attend.

Grade 6 & 7:	14:00 – 14:45
Grade 3:	14:45 – 15:30
Grade 4 & 5:	15:30 – 16:15

ST PETER'S PRE-PREP

St Peter's Prep launched the 'little sibling', to our family of schools, on Saturday, 22 June!

We are delighted to announce that St Peter's Pre-Prep is full for 2020!

It was with great excitement that a fun-filled day was hosted where parents, and their children, got a feel for this wonderful new facility.

The philosophy, on which the curriculum for the school is based, is grounded on the fundamental principle of making childhood a positively memorable experience. We strive to inspire imagination and wonder in children, while motivating their desire to learn.

A play-based approach, inspired by Reggio Emilia, Montessori and Nature-centred education, is being offered in order to achieve these objectives. The importance of facilitating learning through play and allowing children to be more connected to the outdoors and the magic of learning is recognised and embraced.

We aim to give children *sparkling eyes and busy minds* every day!



OLD GIRLS NEWS

St Peter’s Old Girls, Sarah McKay (Form V at St Mary’s) and Catherine Roberg (Form IV at St Mary’s), have both been selected to represent South Africa at the World Rowing Junior Championships in Tokyo Japan, in August 2019.

They will receive their Junior National Colours on the 20 July and will travel to Tokyo with the squad on the 1 August.

South Africa have qualified four junior boats for the World Rowing Junior Championships and Sarah and Catherine will row together in the Junior Women’s Coxed Four.



Sarah McKay

Catherine Roberg

RALF SCHMITT’S CHOIR PERFORMS AT ‘AMERICA’S GOT TALENT’

A ‘feel good’ story!

Marguerite Schmitt’s (Girls Prep: Director of Music) husband, Ralf, a talented musician and choir director, took his choir (a group of children from Limpopo) to the USA to participate in the popular ‘America’s got Talent’ show. Watch and listen to this amazing performance:

<https://youtu.be/NqsFO4atwJo>



PA NEWS

Thank You:

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in making the 2019 Winter Warmers a success!

A special thanks to:

- Laura Brodsky and the amazing team (Julie-Anne Hegarty, Svieta Ngcaba, Sally Diack, Carike Laroque, Boipelo Nkadameng, Julie Rostron, Semole Mooka and Colleen Hayward-Butt) for organising this wonderful event.
- Sponsors for their generous gifts
- MC Robbie Grota for his enthusiasm and for the splendid and entertaining show at the end.
- Our Ground Staff - Ntjilo's Cleaning Services, Muchachari Garden Service, Security and Maintenance for being available to assist whenever necessary.
- The St Peter's Prep Schools Music Departments, for giving everyone the opportunity to be entertained by Legacy and FJC.
- Our Headmasters, Darrel Webb and Rob Macaulay for their assistance.
- All the parents who volunteered and helped make this an awesome day.

We really appreciate and value your time, hard work, effort and dedication.

Congratulations to everyone for making it such a fabulous and successful event.

The St Peter's Parents Association Committee





2019 Winter Warmers
Family Fun Day



Lucky Draw

WINNERS

Congratulations

<p>10 Tickets to the Barnyard in Rivonia <i>Bonita De Chasteauneuf</i></p>	
<p>Protea Fire & Ice Cape Town R 5 000 - 2 nights stay for 2 <i>Lee-Anne Yaman</i></p>	
<p>Land Rover Driving Experience, Talon Chain Saw & a Talon Trimmer <i>Molise Moloi</i></p>	
<p>Spur Mall of Africa R 2 000 Dinner Voucher & Krispy Kreme Treat - 12 original glazed donuts / month for 6 months <i>Carey MacColl</i></p>	
<p>Werner Knuppe Tennis Academy R 1 950 - 1 term's group lesson <i>Terri Barrow</i></p>	
<p>The Garden shop R300 Voucher & Dinner for 2 at Inanda Country Club <i>Hayley Adams</i></p>	
<p>Hajime Judo Academy R 4 000 - judo lessons for a year <i>Elizabeth Mdalose</i></p>	
<p>SWAT Lasertag Party - for 12 children <i>Sheryn Royce</i></p>	
<p>Land Rover Driving Experience, Talon Chain Saw & a Talon Trimmer <i>Grant Noakes</i></p>	
<p>The Cavern R 5 600 - 2 nights stay for 3 <i>Vulani Mabunda</i></p>	
<p>Makalali Private Game Reserve R 17 600 - 2 nights stay for 2 <i>Michelle McCullagh</i></p>	



CALLING ALL GOLFERS

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 open 10 July

Sponsorship opportunities available!
For any further information please contact the committee at golfday@stpeters.co.za