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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

CLASS SELECTION

Each year, at this juncture, I share with parents, the school's philosophy and processes in allocating girls to their new classes for the following year. In so doing, I ask parents not to approach teachers with special requests for your daughter to go to a particular teacher or for your daughter to be placed with a pre-selected group of friends.

To start the process, classes are split into mixed academic ability groups.

We then look at friendship groupings and who should, or should not, be placed together. In the Junior Prep and Middle School, it is common practice to allow the girls to choose a few friends and to guarantee that at least one of these friends will be in the same class, the following year.

Opportunities for establishing new relationships each year must be seen as a positive mechanism for growth and maturity. If we claim to teach resilience at school then we need to teach our girls, as early as possible, to interact with different girls every year.

Teacher-match or suitability is also considered.

In the JP, the class teachers, in consultation with Mrs Heather Kissack, take all decisions around class placement. In the SP, the class teacher and Mrs Cara Eggett (Head of Pastoral Care) decide on this, in consultation with Mrs Pam van Gass. It is also important for parents to be aware that a girl may not necessarily be placed in the same teacher's class, as was her older sibling.

Classes for 2019 will be announced in the last week of the year. We will then ask for parents to support the school's decision and to guide and encourage your child to understand that this was arrived at with very good reason, rather than a 'knee-jerk' insistence that your daughter needs to be moved. If we acceded to every request of this nature, the end result would be chaos. However, if parents support the school, your daughter will very quickly realise that she needs to make an effort to adapt to her new surroundings. If your daughter thinks that mom or dad can 'fix' the problem, then they will continue to protest and not make any effort to adapt.

I sincerely hope this clarifies the process for you. If you have any questions or concerns in terms of this process please feel free to chat to your daughter's teacher or me.

I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

ATHLETICS

St Peter's looks forward to hosting Kingsmead, St Stithians and St Teresa's in a quadrangular athletics meeting on Friday, 5 October. We invite all parents to come and support their daughters.

In this season's athletics training programme, we have included fitness and strength training components such as: Plyometrics, Core Strength, Bodyweight Training, Agility Testing, Speed Training and the Beep Test. All this training is added to the specialised track and field training programme in a rotational cycle. The cycles are short, sharp and intense. The sports department is looking to create a well-rounded athlete who can compete at the highest level. We want our athletes to show strength and flexibility, being explosive out of the blocks and have the endurance to carry them through all the events.

TENNIS

The St Peter's tennis team tested itself against what was a very strong Holy Rosary team. The girls gave all they had in extremely hot conditions. There were some great rallies between the teams and some vicious serves. Congratulations to the Holy Rosary team on what was a very good display of all-round tennis. I am confident the St Peter's tennis team will bounce back in their next fixture.

Chris Tomsek (*Acting Director of Sport*)

CHOICE OF HIGH SCHOOL - EVENING DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER AT 18:00 IN THE ROYCE HALL

We will host a discussion, for parents, on High Schools – with regards to what to consider when making this choice.

Pam van Gass (*Deputy Head: Academics*)



The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the 2018 Sunset Carols Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, 1 December!

This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies. This market has grown in popularity each year. It is held prior to the St Peter's Prep Sunset Carols, which in the past has attracted over 2 500 people. To apply for your stall click on the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RTuZaQASlx6BtnlK2>

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**



GLOBAL CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

On Friday, 5 October we will be taking part in the Global Cardboard Challenge. The idea behind this day is for the children to design and build a creation.

We ask that the girls begin collecting cardboard at home.
The theme is **'Up, Up and Away'**

Jane Ritchie
(HOD Thinking Skills)

'THE SOUND OF CHILDREN' CHOIR FESTIVAL: THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER

The Cadet Choir (Grade 3-4) will be participating in 'The Sound of Children' Choir Festival. Tickets for the concert can be purchased through Computicket at R100 per adult and R50 per non-participating child. A bus will leave St Peter's Prep at 15:45, on Thursday, 4 October, for the Linder Auditorium. Please indicate whether your daughter will be travelling on the bus by following the Google Form link below (one way)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVwVEMLhWCojCGYobG47M_cZaa4LuOBHY_5KgUZE4nQfmn7w/viewform?usp=pp_url

15:45 Bus leaves from the St Peter's Chapel. Girls must be dressed in their No 1s (stockings).

Please provide your daughter with a healthy snack.

17:00 Combined rehearsal at the Linder Auditorium

18.30 Concert begins

Please join us for this fantastic musical evening.

Marguerite Schmitt
(Director: Music)

A COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE AT ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The **Girls Chapel Choir** will be singing at St Mark's Anglican Church in North Riding on Sunday, 30 September.

All choristers need to be at St Mark's by 09:00 dressed in their Cassocks.

The address is 57 Hyperion Drive, North Riding, Johannesburg, 2188.

Hugo Roodt

(Director: Choirs of St Peter's Prep Schools)

LOST PROPERTY

Siya Belle (Grade 3 MH) has lost her new black and white (striped) Van takkies. They were lost on the last day of school, before the August holidays.

If found, please return them to Siya or hand them to Mrs Megan Haas.

LIBRARY - HELP NEEDED

Once a month a group of moms meet in the library to cover any new books or textbooks for the school. The moms meet on the first Friday of every month. We are looking for more volunteers. If you would like to join the team, share a cup of coffee, have a good laugh and a bit fun while doing something for the school, please let Leigh van Rooyen know (ivanrooyen@stpeters.co.za).

PA NEWS

Link to booking site – in order to purchase tickets:

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018/pre-sale>



RAFFLE 2018
R200 per ticket

ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS

**Buy a raffle ticket and
stand a chance of winning
R30 000 towards
your school term fees.**

T's & C's apply
Only 600 tickets available
Purchase your tickets on TIXSA
On sale from Wednesday, 19 September 08:00

Draw: 5 October 2018
Time: Approx. 19:00
Venue: Kyalami Country Club
Event: St Peter's Prep Schools Golf Day

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN!

THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	01/10/2018	10:30	12:10	Grade 6 Study Skills	Royce Hall
Monday	01/10/2018	17:00	18:30	Chess Matches	St John's Preparatory
Wednesday	03/10/2018			REMINDER: Chapel Collection for Tomorrow	
Thursday	04/10/2018	08:30	17:00	ABRSM Practical Exams	Chapel
Thursday	04/10/2018	10:00	13:30	Grade 6 isiZulu Restaurant Outing	
Thursday	04/10/2018	10:30	11:00	Grade 3MH Outreach: Sandwich Making	Classrooms
Thursday	04/10/2018	14:00	17:00	Tennis Matches vs St Katharine's	St Peter's Girls School
Thursday	04/10/2018	18:30	19:30	"The Sound of Children" Choir Concert	Linder Auditorium
Friday	05/10/2018	08:00	13:00	World Teachers' Day	
Friday	05/10/2018	08:00	13:00	World Cardboard Challenge	
Friday	05/10/2018	08:30	15:00	ABRSM Practical Exams	Chapel
Friday	05/10/2018	12:00	22:00	PA Golf Day	
Friday	05/10/2018	13:00	17:00	Athletics Meeting	St Peter's Girls School

HERITAGE DAY AND GRADE 3 MARKET DAY

