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**ST PETER'S
GIRLS PREP SCHOOL**

SUNSET CAROLS: THIS SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stpeters-sunset-carols-2018>



The stage is up, the choirs are ready and the market vendors are preparing their fabulous goods and food - Sunset Carols 2018 is nearly here!

Tickets are available on Tixsa (bit.ly/SunsetCarols) or at the event from 15:00 when the market opens right up until the start of the Carols at 18:00. The ticket sales are cashless, we will only be accepting SnapScan and credit card payments.

You can collect your wristbands in the schools' parking lots again on Friday from 07:00-08:00, or at the entrances on Saturday. (You need your Tixsa QR code to collect them.) Remember to put your armbands on before you come to speed up your entrance into the event.



See you there!

FROM THE HEADMASTER

2018 GIRLS SCHOOL REPORT

Once a week, Jean Macleod and two of our Grade 7 girls conduct tours of our school, for prospective parents. As part of my welcome, I always remind the parents that this is not an official Open Day with choirs and speeches, but rather an opportunity to get a sense of our school as it is every day, an experience of a 'certain something' that differentiates us from other schools – something that cannot easily be described.

Yet for the purposes of compiling this report, I will attempt to identify the factors that could contribute to this 'certain something':

We would have to start with the Anglican Church, Father Richard and the values that guide us, our direction and the decisions we make.



Next, a visitor would witness the sense of people loving what they do at St Peter's! A definite sense of purpose and teamwork for the ultimate benefit of our girls. Together, Everyone definitely Achieves More!!

This philosophy starts with Heather Kissack and her JP Team - who have achieved so much this year: Our Time2Read Programme, a focus on problem-solving Mathematics, various exciting initiatives such as Cardboard Day, Coding and Robotics, our new JP Sports Day and numerous trips to exciting places, but most important of all is a genuine commitment in the best interests of every girl.

Special mention must be made of Lerato Mafatla, who was our first black Grade 0 teacher, appointed from our Intern Programme. What a wonderful year she has experienced.

A part of our 'certain something' has to be our Intern Programme, currently numbering 23 staff across both schools. These young ladies and gentlemen have added tremendous value to our educational process, on so many levels.

The concept of 'giving' is the essence of who we are at St Peter's. Our Outreach Team has added significant value to Sefikeng, once again this year. Every week, our JP teachers and Interns have visited Sefikeng to assist with their Reading Programme. This, together with many other initiatives, has been a wonderful support for this school.

The next phase is our Middle School Team, under the watchful and caring eye of Rachel Amm. A special mention must also be made of Thobile Kizito who has completed an incredible first year of highly successful class teaching. This team has achieved significant success, this year. They have undertaken numerous Inquiry-Based Projects, prepared for Market Days, achieved some wonderful results on the sports field and produced the most phenomenal

MADD Production in the Trinity Term. The nurturing approach of the Middle School teachers has undoubtedly prepared our Grade 4s for the final three years of prep school.

Pam van Gass has continued to guide our entire Academic Programme but has paid particular attention to our Upper School. The Upper School (Grade 5, 6 & 7) team is a group of teachers, who are totally committed to getting the very best out of every girl before they leave us for high school. To this end, every effort has been made to develop a concept of Personalised Learning. Our Grade 6 and 7 girls have been allocated Mentors and there has been a deliberate process to teach leadership qualities and skills. To this, we add our rigorous academic programme, the Market Days, Grade 7 and Grade 6 Productions, Grade 5 Chapel Skits, Camps, Inquiry-based Projects, Student-Led Conferences – the list just goes on and on...

With this in mind, it is always sad when we need to say goodbye to teachers who have left and those who will leave us at the end of the year: Cathy Linnell, Leigh Tennant, Jane Ritchie and Chris Tomsek. We certainly thank them for their incredible commitment to our school over the years.

Other teams, which add to our 'certain something' include:

Our Girls School Transformation team: This team has undertaken numerous initiatives this year. Staff have attended weekly isiZulu lessons to ensure the correct pronunciation of and the learning of some basic isiZulu phrases. Rose Nkomo has been promoted to the position of Head of Curriculum Diversity and Transformation. She has already started to review our Class Readers and Resource Material. Most important of all is that Rose has become a conduit for many courageous conversations that have taken place this year.

Our IT Team: led by Kerry Schmidt, has taken IT to new heights this year. This team has introduced a Coding and Robotics Curriculum into our school from Grade 0 through to Grade 7. St Peter's has hosted the first ever Inter-schools Coding and Robotics event. This academic initiative has resulted in over twenty visits from surrounding schools, including a visit from the Head of Lego, all the way from Denmark!



Our newly established Academic Support (ASU) Team, led by Carmen Whitfield, has provided significant academic Support for our girls and our teachers. This team also includes and celebrates the amazing work of our Speech, Occupational Therapist (OT) and Remedial Therapists, as well as our Physiotherapist.

Chris Tomsek, in an acting position, ably led our Sports Team. The success in this space has been significant. We reviewed our Sports Policy and in so doing, provided far more clarity in terms of process and procedures for parents. Our overall sporting results have been phenomenal, including a second place at the annual Prestige Athletics Meeting.

Our Pastoral Care team, led by 'Mrs Eggie' has provided essential emotional support for our girls all year. She has been ably supported by all our class teachers.

Our Music team: The phenomenal Marguerite Schmitt has led this team to achieve numerous objectives that they set for themselves this year. We have our first Orchestra with numerous ensembles. We have more girls than ever before learning instruments and taking Theory Lessons. This has resulted in an inordinate number of certificates from the Royal School of Music.

Thank you too, to Hugo Roodt and Jacques van der Walt for the endless hours they spend rehearsing and fine tuning our Choirs. Our Choirs certainly have that 'certain something'.



Our team of Class Reps, PA Committee, Lost Property Moms, parents who assisted in the library, our CC Moms and every parent who helped at Hot Dog Days. Your commitment to our school has added to our 'certain something'.



Our team of parents, grandparents and guardians: Packing lunchboxes, driving here, there and everywhere, supporting as many events as possible, undertaking homework activities, listening, advising, supporting, loving and caring. Without a supportive team of parents, we could not achieve anything!

None of our achievements this year would have been possible without the work done by our Administrative team, including Marketing and our Grounds and Cleaning Services. Three ladies add to our 'certain something' in this space. Remember Rabali in the JP, Sis Non in the SP, who welcomes each girl by name every morning and my PA, Paula Gouveia who takes the concept of hospitality to a whole new level.

Finally, the leadership teams (Council, Exco, Exec and Manco) with special mention of Greg Royce (Gramps) and Rob Macaulay. The wisdom, support and guidance from all these teams has been so appreciated and has ensured we have done everything possible to provide a world class education for our girls.

So, it appears, after all, I can describe this 'certain something'!! ☺

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

2019 GIRLS SCHOOL STAFFING

Confirmation of class teachers and new appointments for 2019.

I am delighted to announce that Alyssa Barberis (nee Stockers) is our fourth person of colour appointed as a class teacher for next year.

Gr 0: Janet Buck, Shelli Golden, Chloe Hall and Lerato Mafatle

Gr 1: Leigh Lidgey, Robyn van Ginkel and Sheena Steyn (Debbie Jameson while Sheena is on maternity leave)

Gr 2: Bronwyn Peake, Kerry Glass and Megan Haas

Gr 3: Colleen Ireland, Julia Aitken and Nicci Horack (new teacher)

Gr 4: Rachel Amm, Ingerid de Bruyn and Thobile Kizito

Gr 5: Mel Aspeling, Nicola Mayne and Alyssa Barberis

Gr 6: Ronel Schoeman and Kirsty Morey (our new Head of English, replacing Leigh Tennant)

Gr 7: Rose Nkomo and Kim Gordon (new Head of Maths)

Candice Ellis will be replacing Cathy Linnell as our new Head of Science.

Andrew Steyn will be replacing Chris Tomsek as our new Director of Sport.

Kerryn White will join us as the Inquiry-based teacher replacing Alyssa Barberis, who moves to Grade 5

Tumi Maloi has been employed on a fixed-term contract to locum in the Senior Prep.

Catriona Montagu will be teaching in the Middle School, in order to facilitate small group learning.

We bid farewell and say a big thank you to Despina Jones, Angela Goodrich, Lauren Aspeling, Jaya Govender and Lerato Coulter for their assistance in various positions this year.

I am very sad to announce that Cath Holm has resigned. Kerryn Schmidt will replace her on our management team when she leaves us at the end of the Easter Term.

I am happy to report that, despite the fact that we have had many families emigrating this year, our numbers for 2019 are excellent. We start the year with 546 girls, with a few available spaces in Grade 0 and 5.

D.Webb

BOILING WATER FOR NOODLES - DANGEROUS

A decision has been taken that the girls are no longer allowed to request hot water to make noodles for lunch. The noodles must be prepared at home and warmed up at school. The pouring of boiling water is not safe. It was also suggested that the girls to pop their popcorn at home, as this results in queues at the microwave during break.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Our world is not very different to the world of 2000 years ago.

When Jesus came to Earth there was corruption, extreme poverty, segregation, economic disparity and a disregard of human life. Well you see, not much has changed.

The important thing for us to remember is this; Christ came into a broken world for broken people so that that we may experience healing. Our lives might be broken and filled with hurt, but Christ enters this hurt to heal us. The name used for Jesus was Emmanuel, which means, 'God with us'. Christ came as the light that in our deepest darkness He will be with us. If you only do one thing this Christmas let it be this, remember that Christmas is about Hope. We never have to despair with Jesus in our World.

So may Santa be nice to you and the elves spoil you, and may you all have a Merry Little Christmas.

All my love and blessings.

Fr Richard

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

TENNIS

Madison Edwards and Hollie Brown will contest the finals of the Tennis Championship on Wednesday, 5 December. We wish them the very best of luck!

CROSS-COUNTRY

The very short but intense cross-country season has come to a fitting end. The runners endured some tough weather conditions as Johannesburg experienced a heat wave for much of the cross-country season. A big thank you to PWC Bike Park for allowing us to use their facilities for all our meets.

Well done to all our runners on what was a tremendous season!

SWIMMING

The SP Inter-house relay gala will be held on Monday, 3 December 10:30 to 13:00 at the Girls swimming pool.

WATER POLO

Wahoo is hosting a Junior Pre-Season Clinic during the last week of the December/January holiday, 7 January - 11 January, 2019. The clinic will include the following:

- Conditioning Training
- General Ball Skills Training
- Focus on Technique and Positional play
- Position Specific work with our current SA Men's Water Polo players, Jon-Marc De Carvalho (Centre Back), Nicholas Rodda (Fetch/Wing), Nardus Badenhorst (Centre Forward), Themba Mthembu (Goalkeeper), Miguel Morais (Fetch/Wing), Ethan Baker (Fetch/Wing)
- Nutrition talk from a Nutritionist
- Introduction: Rules of Water Polo and Rules Booklet
- Fitness Testing and Report
- Body Composition Analysis and Report

- Stretching and rehabilitation Programme
- Strength and Conditioning Programme
- Match Play

The purpose of this Pre-Season Clinic is an introduction for beginner water polo players and will create a base for Junior players heading into the Term 1 Water Polo Season. If your daughter wants to perform well next season, then this boost will help prepare her.

The cost of the Clinic is R1800 for the five days (Monday-Friday). Each day will consist of two pool sessions and one Video Session/Talk. All Junior (age 12-14), boys and girls are welcome. We can accommodate a maximum of 40 players, so registration will be on a 'first come first served' basis. A detailed schedule will be sent out once we receive a reply indicating interest (badenhorstn@stpeterscollege.co.za).

Account details:

Bank:	Nedbank
Branch:	Fourways
Branch Code:	16840500
Account no:	1011237652
Reference:	Player's Name/Wahoo JC 2019

Chris Tomsek
(Acting Director of Sport)

MORNING BUSES

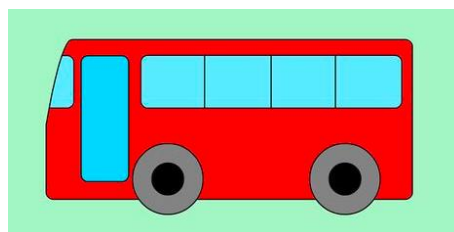
MORNING BUSES – Updated Information and Route Change

Until the end of the year, students may use the bus service on a pay per ride basis.

The Bus Route in the Lonehill area has changed.

Take note of the details below.

First pick up is from Fourways Gardens in the Spar parking lot on Uranium Road. Time: 06:20 to leave at 06:30. The bus will continue to the Lonehill Fire station, arrive 06:35 to leave at 06:40.



The Kyalami Bus runs from the Kyalami Downs Shopping Centre, next to the KFC. Time: 06:25 to leave at 06:30.

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 on the Communicator and return this to the school. reception@stpeters.co.za.

2019 VOLUNTEERS FOR SCHOOL AND PA INITIATIVES

Thank you to the many people who have signed up to volunteer in 2019, the school appreciates your willingness to support and actively participate. We will be in touch with those who volunteered to be class reps before the welcome evenings in 2019. There will be communication with volunteers for other roles (excluding the PA events which will happen separately) before the end of the year.

St Peter's Prep PA Committee

GRADE 5 MARKET DAY SUCCESS

The Grade 5s enjoyed a very successful Market Day on Friday. They learned to make their own products during school time. They then had to cost these items and learn about profit and loss. Most groups made profits and we are thrilled to announce that an overall profit of R5 951 was made. This money will be donated towards our (St Peter's) Community Partnership with Sefikeng Primary. This initiative focuses predominantly on Literacy development from Grades 1 to 3.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Registration for individual music lessons is open for 2019. An electronic application form (which can be found on the Communicator St Peter's) must be completed so that new pupils can be allocated to a teacher.

<https://goo.gl/forms/xJdsPcgclF1kSHsf1>

The following instrumental lessons are currently on offer at an additional cost of R195 per half hour lesson:

Piano	Cello	Saxophone	Violin	Recorder	Percussion
Flute	Drum kit	Voice	Clarinet	Guitar	Ukulele

The majority of the above lessons take place during the morning. Some lessons are scheduled in the afternoon, depending on the availability of the teachers and the extramural timetable.

Marguerite Schmitt
(Director of Music)

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	03/12/2018	10:30:00	13:00:00	Inter-house Relay Swimming Gala	Girls Pool
Tuesday	04/12/2018	18:30:00	19:30:00	Prize Giving (Grade 5-7; wear No 1s)	Royce Hall
Wednesday	05/12/2018	09:30:00	10:00:00	Meet the Teachers 2019	JP & SP Classrooms
Thursday	06/12/2018	07:30:00	09:00:00	Grade 7 Leavers' Eucharist (Grade 3-7; wear No 1s)	Chapel
Thursday	06/12/2018	09:00:00	09:00:00	Gr 7 Leavers Go Home	
Thursday	06/12/2018	11:00:00	11:00:00	ADVENT TERM ENDS	
Wednesday	16/01/2019	07:30:00	07:30:00	School starts on Wednesday, 16 January 2019	

ART EXHIBITION: FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY!