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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The light at the end of a very long winter tunnel has suddenly become brighter! ☺ And what a long, cold and eventful tunnel it has been!

Looking back through my diary:

- The term started with us hosting a very successful netball festival and our Grade 7s did all the catering.
- The JP celebrated Mothers' Day with Moms at our Craft morning.
- The choirs performed brilliantly in various Choir Festivals.
- The Grade 4s received their First Holy Communion.
- The Grade 3s celebrated Fathers' Day with their dads at our first ever *Dads & Daughters Orienteering and Coding morning* and the Grade 6 girls hosted the Grade 4s and 5s dads at a *Dads and Daughters Dinner*.
- The JP held a Coffee Morning to discuss Physical Education.
- We hosted a very well attended Sports Meeting for parents with the purpose of asking for input into our new Sports Policy – please click on the following link to read through this comprehensive document: [2018 Girls School Sports Policy](#) (Further comments/suggestions are still welcome)
- We sent out the new reports and celebrated St Peter's Day with Bishop Steve.
- The Grade 7s performed an amazing production of *Treasure Island*.
- The Grade 6s and 7s had a very successful hockey tour to the Midlands.
- The girls played their hearts out on the netball courts and hockey fields.
- The JP held a 'Book, Ball and Biscuit' initiative at Sefikeng School for the 67 minutes for Mandela Day.
- *Winter Warmers* was another great success.
- The JP are holding their sports demonstrations this week.
- Tonight the Middle School will entertain us with their *MADD Evening*.
- Throughout the term, all the girls have worked so hard at their respective academic challenges.

None of this would have been possible without the herculean effort of our phenomenal teachers and the support and encouragement of our parents! Thank you, one and all!

Thank
You!

I'd like to conclude by welcoming four new members of our family:



Gandalf and his lady companions.



Happy Holidays everyone. Be safe and cherish every second with your family.

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

happy
holidays!

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

The hockey season was filled with joy and excitement as festivals and tours were the order of the day. The Grade 3s participated in their first ever hockey festival under lights at Roedean last week. This was an experience they will never forget! Good hockey and loads of fun under the night sky.

This brings the hockey season to a close. Thank you to the girls for all their hard work and effort that they put in throughout the season. To the coaches, a big thank you! Without your passion and enthusiasm, none of this would be possible!

In the Advent Term, we can look forward to our Athletics, Tennis, Cross-Country and Swimming season. Please take note of the dress code for the various sporting codes in the Advent Term:

SPORTS CODE	PRACTICES	INTER-HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS	INTER-SCHOOL MATCHES AND MEETINGS
Athletics/Cross Country	St Peter's, red sports shirt, navy skorts, white socks, predominantly white takkies or running shoes. (tracksuit if cold)	House t-shirt, navy skorts, white socks, predominantly white takkies or running shoes. (tracksuit if cold)	St Peter's, red sports shirt navy skorts, white socks, predominantly white takkies or running shoes, (tracksuit if cold)
Tennis	St Peter's, red sports shirt, navy skorts, white socks, predominantly white takkies.	House t-shirt, navy skorts, white socks, predominantly white takkies. (tracksuit if cold)	St Peter's, red sports shirt, navy skorts, white socks, predominantly white takkies.
Swimming	Black speedo swimming costume/School Costume and school towel, red school cap or plain red cap.	Black speedo swimming costume/School costume and school towel. House caps provided.	School 'Team costume' for the A Team members. This costume is optional for other teams, otherwise black speedo costume, red school cap, school towel and sports kit/tracksuit (if cold), St Peter's flip-flops (or white/navy).
NB: The official school sports bags must be used at all times.			

The new season brings a change in temperature. As we move into spring, the hot sun will certainly be out in full force. Girls are reminded to stay hydrated, wear a hat and to put on some sunscreen cream.

Whilst the wearing of spiked shoes for the athletics season is certainly encouraged, we ask that the girls please wear their takkies for the first couple of sessions in order to prevent blisters from the hard ground.

One of my favourite quotes below from Tim Notke, sums up what I believe is the essence to success. If you truly want to succeed, you need to put in the required effort. Some exercise and running during the holidays will go a long way to ensuring a good start to the athletics season.

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." – Tim Notke.

There are plenty of talented people in the world. As you already know, talent is not enough. Some of the athletes with the most potential never achieve their expected success. What separates the good from the great is determination and work ethic.

ATHLETICS HOLIDAY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Annelie Koekemoer who is an expert in the field of athletics, is hosting a clinic at the Wanderers Club. For more details, please contact her on her cell 083 406 7380

Date: 27 August to 31 August

Time: 09:00 to 11:00

Venue: Wanderers

Cost: R80 per day

Kit: Sports gear

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

The St Peter's Prep Equestrian team has once again, done the school proud by earning the SANESA Gauteng Johannesburg Region, Category E: *Trophy for the School* this year. Pictured here are some of the individual award winners.

SANESA stands for the *South African National Equestrian Schools Association*.



Chris Tomsek
(Acting Director of Sport)

ADVENT TERM CALENDAR

One of the attachments to this mail is a copy of the 2018 Advent Term calendar.

Please note, that going forward we will not be printing hard copies of the school term calendar (i.e. the cardboard concertina-type calendar). This information will be available on Communicator St Peter's (Calendar section), from later in August. This is downloadable directly from the Communicator St Peter's app.

Another attachment here is the instruction sheet for acquiring the Communicator St Peter's app.

Please contact Jean Macleod on jmacleod@stpeters.co.za should you need assistance with the downloading of the Communicator St Peter's app.

MISSING BLAZER - HOLLY DIJKSTRA (GRADE 4)

Holly's blazer is clearly marked with two labels on the inside, showing her name and her mom's telephone number.

If found please contact Isabel Dijkstra (0722708901)

SCHOOL SHOP

The School Shop will open the day before school starts for the Advent Term (Term 3) on Monday, 3 September from 09:00 - 15:00.

We do recommend, however, that you come in to update your summer uniform before we break up next week.

Nadia Thompson
(School Shop)

DIVERSITY – MANDELA DAY

St Peter's celebrated Mandela Day on 18 July 2018. The day underlined the two-month theme of '*service above self*'. It is a day to be charitable and selfless. The school, parents and pupils embarked on a book drive for our community partnership schools and local communities. The Junior Prep have extended the idea by spending a day reading, playing and sharing experiences with the 'Ball, Book and Biscuits Day' at Sefikeng Primary. A contribution to the theme of selfless leadership was the series of Grade 5 talks leading up to Mandela Day.

Tyler Wrattan read her brilliantly written poem, INFERNO about Nelson Mandela.

Sydney Thokoane and Daniella Cross addressed the Junior and Senior Prep girls on the chapel lawn in front of the Mandela Tree. They focused on the need for non-violence, truth and reconciliation, acceptance and love. Nelson Mandela is one of the most globally respected individuals. He earned such great respect because he was a servant leader who fought against apartheid at great sacrifice. He is a person we can all learn from and we should all try to be a bit like him every day by helping our peers, parents and teachers and not only thinking of ourselves. He was a humble man and the freedom he afforded us is more than money can buy. We should mould our lives on his qualities and the St Peter's values: integrity, humility, perseverance, respect, compassion, resilience and responsibility.

'What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.' - Nelson Mandela

Vijay Maharaj
(Director: Diversity)

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Please check Calendar section of Communicator St Peter's for the forthcoming week's activities.

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS 11:00 ON WEDNESDAYS.

HOLIDAY CLUB

August

Come & join us
4 some girly
holiday fun!

R220
per day

Please return reply
slip with payment
for registration

@9:00 -
12:00

Mrs
Schoeman
084 440 0443

Thurs 30th Aug
Games
Arts & Crafts
Movie & Popcorn

Tues 28th Aug
Arts & Crafts
Stretch Class
Games

Wed 29th Aug
Arts & Crafts
Baking

Mrs Mayne
082 678 4839

GRADE 7 FLP



THANK YOU, ST PETER'S PREP



TOMORROW TRUST

St Peters Prep School
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Paulshof
Johannesburg

27 July 2018

Dear Monica Sloane and the school

On behalf of the Tomorrow Trust, we would like to sincerely thank you for the generous donation of reading books towards the Tomorrow Trust. A donation in this nature is invaluable. Many of our learners do not have libraries or access to readers. A gift like this will be highly appreciated.

The Tomorrow Trust provides academic and psychosocial support to 1070 Orphaned and vulnerable children from Grade R to university. The holistic support given ensures children become self-empowered, self-sustainable and self-responsible contributing individuals to the South African economy, breaking the cycle of poverty.

We are so fortunate to have people and companies such as yours that open your heart to this wealthy cause, and once again thank you for making this donation possible for our orphaned and vulnerable children.



Yours sincerely
Taryn Coutinho
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