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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

At the Grade 5, 6 and 7 Parent Information Evenings, I showed a picture (herewith attached) that I believe encapsulates the essence of everything we do at school – turning a vision into a reality.

As much as we equip our girls with the right skills and knowledge to cope with their realities, I am of the opinion that schools do not always provide sufficient exposure to the 'Real World'. To this end, we have started a monthly 'role model' slot in our weekly 'Prayers', in the Senior Prep. The idea is to potentially 'sow a seed' of interest in the work that the 'role model' does.



We also stipulate that the role model needs to be a woman – to ensure that our girls fully understand there is absolutely no limit to what they can achieve in life.

With this concept in mind, of exposing children to the reality of the workplace, I was particularly interested in a conversation I had with one of our parents recently. She is starting an initiative called *Job Shadow*. A concept that provides an opportunity for High School children to visit a workplace for a day. This would give them a sense of how a particular industry or workplace operates.

When I heard this, I wondered whether there might be parents in various professions who would be willing to play host/hostess for a day? You would be able to select the days, throughout the year, that you are prepared to host and it won't cost you anything. They have also ensured that the process is efficient and streamlined with automated booking confirmations and they have taken all the legal precautions required when dealing with visits of this nature. If you are interested in being part of this initiative, please contact Lorinda at, lorinda@jobshadow.co.za Ph: 0828706220 or Elena at, elena@jobshadow.co.za Ph: 0824116539.

Further to this concept of the 'Real World', if there are any parents who would like to share something unusual or exciting with our girls, please could I ask you to contact your daughter's class teacher to arrange a time for you to present to your daughter's class/grade or even to the school? It is so important for our girls to know what is happening around them.

I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

STAFF – JUNIOR PREP

As you will know, Heather Kissack (Head of Girls JP) leaves us at the end of this term to take up her new position as Head of Redhill Prep School.

We have been working on finding a temporary replacement for her, until the end of this year. This will afford us the time to undergo a thorough process of interviewing for a new Head of the Girls Junior Prep.

I am delighted to inform you that Trish Attlee, the founding Head of the Girls Prep School, has agreed to take on this temporary position from May until the end of 2019!

We will be announcing a replacement for Trish (for this limited period), in the Afterschool Programme facility, shortly.

D.Webb

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Food for thought . . .



SWIMMING

- **Galas** – The annual Midmar Mile takes place next weekend. Many of our girls will be participating in the event so there will be no league gala next week on Friday.
- **Internal Mile** – We will be hosting our annual Internal Mile/Half Mile, next Friday, 8 February. If your daughter would like to participate, please fill in the Google form attached, by Monday, 4 February.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPDTMMQ7SZw02jCTHx1ubmWN6RD55Wx_oJ_x6ydhk7qLK-ew/viewform?usp=sf_link

- **Challenges** – Challenges for the 50m events will be held on Monday. See the Week Ahead for details. A list of the top 20 times, in each stroke, will be displayed on the notice board. The top four times, for each stroke, qualify those girls for the A Team. If you or your daughter would like to know her times, she is welcome to come to the Sport's Office to find out or I could send you an email.

TENNIS

- **Team tennis** – Girls are able to challenge to be placed on the school ladder, from which the school teams are selected. The team practices are held on a Tuesday morning from 06:30 - 07:15.
- **Tennis fixtures**
 1. The match vs St Andrew's scheduled for Thursday, 31 January has been moved to Monday, 18 February. A/B at Home and C/D at St Andrew's.
 2. Please see Sports Week Ahead for next week's fixtures.

Andrew Steyn
(Director of Sport)



VISION: *Growing servant leaders within our St Peter's family
to uplift our community for their big futures.*

In order to create a more sustainable and meaningful impact within our community, St Peter's Boys and Girls Prep Schools have chosen Sefikeng Primary as our partner school. We will concentrate all our time, effort and resources on their Foundation Phase. Each St Peter's child and our staff members will have an opportunity to make a contribution in some way.

We would like to invite you to volunteer too, as we make a difference together!

Recent statistics released show that eight out of ten pupils in Grade 4 cannot read at an appropriate level and without this fundamental skill, little learning can take place. St Peter's has developed a partnership with *Read for Africa* and this phonics-based programme has enabled us to effectively teach Literacy Skills. We are also able to make regular assessments to track and measure progress.

The St Peter's interns have become a fundamental support for the programme. We do, however, also rely hugely on parent volunteers to give of their time or money to support the programme. The volunteers assist with small reading groups and create fun lessons. The more volunteers, the smaller the groups and the more effective the learning.

Why should you get involved?

- Experience the unadulterated joy of assisting a child to move from being almost illiterate to being able to recognise letters and eventually words.
- Meet and be a part of a special group of like-minded parents (grandparents and friends) trying to make a difference, one child at a time!

What you need to know...

- ABSOLUTELY no teaching experience or knowledge is needed! If you can identify your letters, handle a pen and whiteboard you are fully equipped. Training will be provided.
- We visit Sefikeng every Wednesday morning from 08:30 to 09:30. It takes 15 minutes to get there (traffic dependent) and is 100% safe. 'Car shares' are very easily arranged.
- Your commitment is driven solely by you - one session a term, a month or every week.

How do you get involved?

- Contact Leigh Lidgey (llidgey@stpeters.co.za) to volunteer your time.

If you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider donating R250 towards this very worthy cause.

- EFT - St Peter's Foundation, Standard Bank, Account No: 422 057 533, Reference CP/surname.
- Or follow this link to pay online: <https://www.stpeters.co.za/prep-foundation/donations>

Please help us make a difference in the lives of others!

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

On the odd occasion pupils or parents lose or find items on the school property. In both instances, kindly hand in any found property or enquire about lost property at Reception.

Any 'lost and found' items will be safely stored and returned if the owner is correctly identified. The Safety and Security Committee thank you for your co-operation.

Vijay Maharaj

(Campus Deputy Head: Compliance)

SWIMMING CAPS

The school shop now stocks bigger swimming caps, which are especially suitable for girls with dreads, braided hair and twists.



FORTHCOMING WEEK

Tuesday	05/02/2019	09:30:00	10:00:00	Uplands College Presentation; optional for Grade 5-7 girls	Royce Hall
Thursday	07/02/2019	07:30:00	08:30:00	Parents Coffee Morning: Time 2 Read for Grade 0 and New Parents	Boys JP Hall
Thursday	07/02/2019	14:00:00	17:00:00	Tennis Matches; A-D Teams	Home/Away
Thursday	07/02/2019	18:00:00	20:30:00	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
Friday	08/02/2019	14:00:00	15:30:00	Swimming - Internal Mile	Home
Friday to Sunday	08/02/2019			Midmar Weekend	
Sunday	10/02/109			REMINDER: CHAPEL COLLECTION FOR TOMORROW	

GRADE 7s KEYS CAMP

