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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

### FROM THE CULTURAL TEAM

*'What people contribute to the world around them has everything to do with how they engage with the world within them.'*

- [Ken Robinson](#), [Creative Schools: The Grassroots Revolution That's Transforming Education](#)

Skills and values are intrinsically linked to and are a focus in all areas of school life at St Peter's.

The Drama, Art and Music Departments add significance to the girls' experiences. A few are mentioned below:

In the recent choir festival, our Grade 3 and 4 Cadet Choir girls excelled and demonstrated the high standard to which we aspire. It was not only about the excellence of their performance, but also the demonstration of the values upon which we have focused this semester. The girls showed adaptability as their placement on the stage differed to their norm. They wore their uniform proudly and their manners were exemplary. They patiently waited their turn to perform and they gave 100% with their exuberant smiles and joyful singing. Once again, all the St Peter's family, both staff and parents were extremely proud.

Mrs Marguerite Schmitt (*Director of Music*)

The St Peter's Art room is a magical place. I'm not always sure why or how it works, but in here, anxious children become calm, sad children smile, distracted children focus, disheartened children persevere and every child has the opportunity to achieve, grow in their self-confidence and accomplish things they never dreamed possible. Art is therapy for their souls, but so much more as well. While they are creating something new, making choices about colours and compositions and persevering until they 'get it right', they are developing a set of skills essential for their well-being and future ability to cope in a demanding world. May we always encourage them to think deeply and express that thinking creatively, in a non-critical and safe environment.

Belinda van der Watt (*Art Teacher*)

Creative expression in a judgement-free classroom environment, which invites joy. It builds confidence, positive self-esteem and ensures that learning comes alive. Socially it helps us to learn more about ourselves and each other. Drama plays an important role in educating the whole person. It caters for different styles of learning and supports the importance of emotional development. In his ground-breaking book *Emotional Intelligence* (1985), psychologist Daniel Goleman suggests that one's EQ (Emotional Quotient) is a greater predictor of success and fulfilment in life than our IQ (Intelligence Quotient).

The drama programme works at developing self-awareness, ability to manage emotions, empathy toward others, improved interaction with others and growing self-motivation. Activities include creative play, improvisations, miming, role-playing, choral speaking, poetry presentations, movement and rhythms and dramatisation of stories. We are looking forward to the Grade 7 production of *Treasure Island* towards the end of the Trinity Term.

Mel Aspeling (*HOD: Drama*)

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

### HOCKEY

We would like to welcome Mrs Robyn van Ginkel onto the hockey coaching staff. Robyn comes highly qualified and she will be passing on some of her expertise to the girls.



There will be no hockey fixtures on Friday, 1 June. A reminder to the Grade 6 and 7s that there will however, be hockey trials at St Peter's College for any girl wishing to try out for the A Team.

On Friday, 8 June we will play our first official Hockey fixture for the new season, against Brescia House and St Teresa's. Let us support our teams!

- Hockey kit reminder:
- Gum-guard (Compulsory – no gum-guard, no play)
  - Shin pads (Compulsory – no shin pads, no play)
  - Hockey stick (strongly advisable to have your own)
  - Sports kit
  - Hockey boots (or trail shoes may be worn)

### TENNIS

A reminder that we have introduced 'Social Tennis' in the Trinity term. We invite all girls wishing to play to come down to the hard courts on their scheduled extra-mural day at the following times:

- Grade 3 Tennis: Tuesday 14:45 to 15:30
- Grade 4 Tennis: Tuesday 15:30 to 16:15
- Grade 5 Tennis: Tuesday 15:30 to 16:15
- Grade 6 Tennis: Thursday 15:45 to 16:30
- Grade 7 Tennis: Thursday 15:45 to 16:30



Chris Tomsek (*Acting Director of Sport*)

## GRADE 7 PRODUCTION - TREASURE ISLAND

Our Grade 7 girls are looking forward to presenting the musical version of *Treasure Island*. During our rehearsals, we have been trying to 'toughen up' by 'aaaaargggg'ing' all over the place, learning to sword fight and sing with passion!

This production takes place on the Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 June. Tickets will be available from Monday, 11 June - at a cost of R60 for adults and R40 for children. Come along and see the dashing and creative abilities of the girls, as they 'swashbuckle' on the stage in Royce Hall!

Melanie Aspeling (*HOD: Drama*)



## ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS - BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

Due to much interest from last week's Bus Service Survey, we need to move to the next stage of gathering information so we can contact you to make arrangements for the morning Bus Service.

Please click on the link to fill in your details:

<https://goo.gl/forms/q7ZzUWZTFqCkE3762>



## CIVVIES DAY COLLECTION REMINDER

For our Civvies Day on Friday, 15 June and we are collecting clothes for the HLALISEKANI PLAYGROUP, as mentioned in a previous newsletter.

Clothes are being collected in the Vestry of our Chapel. This will continue until Friday, 15 June. All sizes of clothing will be received. St Mark's Anglican Church will distribute the adult clothing.

Your support for this initiative would be greatly appreciated.

Kamohelo Kotsi  
(Chaplain Assistant)

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## UNIFORMS

Please note that girls are expected to wear their 'Greys' or Number 1 uniform, every Thursday, for our formal Chapel service from 07:30 – 08:00.

Tracksuits may be worn on other weekdays, in cold weather during winter, with the white school shirt, tie and black school shoes. Girls may bring their grey skirts, if they come to school in a tracksuit, so that they are able to change into winter uniform if the weather warms during the day.

Catherine Holm  
(Head of Organisation and Administration)

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## EDTECH & BYOD COFFEE MORNING

Date: Tuesday, 5 June  
Time: 07:30 - 08:30  
Venue: Boys SP Library

The use of devices in schools worldwide is growing daily, with many South African schools following the trend.

The above-mentioned workshop will assist parents to understand:

- the use of these devices at St Peter's
- how to manage them at home
- what the school is doing, to protect your child.

We will also shed some light onto the challenges our children are facing and how we, as a community, can provide the correct assistance.

Scott Hauptfleisch  
(Campus ICT Integrator)

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## PA NEWS



Click on this LINK to register:

<https://goo.gl/forms/QKJpQ9xaDPsGg5uY2>

## COFFEE MACHINES REMINDER

Coffee machines are available in the pavilions for parents who would like to enjoy a cup. The cost of the coffee is NOW R15 A CUP. There is also complimentary tea and instant coffee available, in case you are not able to pay for the machine coffees.



Please note that this is based on an honesty system, and at the moment we are noticing that only 80% of the coffees are being paid for.

Due to an unfortunate spate of theft, as well as to not everyone paying for the coffee, we are moving to a completely cashless system.

**COFFEE WILL NOW BE PAID FOR VIA SNAPSCAN ONLY.** Simply scan the barcode and follow the instructions on the app.

If you do not have the app, please use our complimentary Wi-Fi to download it and you can use immediately. Thank you for your support.

## SECOND HAND SHOP

**Opening times: Wednesday 07:00 – 08:00**

The Second Hand Shop is proving to be a popular option for many parents.

We are looking for more volunteers to assist with the shop.

We would also like to start supplying second hand sporting equipment (cricket bats, hockey sticks, tennis racquets etc.)

Please contact Carol Sithole on [carol.sithole1977@gmail.com](mailto:carol.sithole1977@gmail.com) or on 072 2268599 if you are able to help.



**ST PETER'S  
PREP SCHOOLS**

**WINTER WARMERS MUSIC FESTIVAL & FAMILY DAY!**  
 Live Music | Kids Inflatables & Entertainment  
**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**DATE: Saturday, 14 July 2018**  
**TIME: 12:00 – 17:00**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON – STAY TUNED!**  
[winterwarmers@stpeters.co.za](mailto:winterwarmers@stpeters.co.za)

**OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**



**2018 BEAULIEU CHALLENGE**

Trail Run: 12km • 6km MTB: 45km • 18km • 5km • 2km

**10 JUNE RIVERSANDS FARM VILLAGE**

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!**

The 6th Beaulieu MTB and Trail Run Challenge will be held at Riversands Farm Village on 10 June 2018. The event includes a 2km, 5km, 10 km and 45km MTB routes and 12 km and 6 km trail runs.

A good mix of bridle trails, jeep track and plenty of new single track will keep those legs working from start to finish. The routes meander along a good mix of jeep and single track, and the 12km trail run takes athletes into the beautiful Kyalami countryside along river courses, pine and gum tree forests. The 6km trail run is a fun run and is manageable for less fit and first-time trail runners.

For more info: [www.entrytime.com](http://www.entrytime.com)

Enter on-line: [www.entrytime.com](http://www.entrytime.com)

For those friends and family members who are not riding or running, you can enjoy great food, drinks, craft beer, music and live music.

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Beaulieu Challenge MTB & Trail Run

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<https://riversandsfarm.co.za/events/24-beaulieu-challenge-2018-mtb-trail-run>

INVITATIONS



*Grade 3 Invitation*

# Dads & Daughter's 'Orienteering and Coding' Morning

9/06/2018  
09:00-12:00

**Solving the Challenge, Together!**

- Grade 3JA - 09:00-10:00
- Grade 3MH - 10:00-11:00
- Grade 3CI - 11:00-12:00

Please meet in your classroom  
Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate & Rusks will be available



*Grade 4 & 5  
Invitation*

# Dads and Daughters Dinner!

Date: Saturday 9 June

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Venue: Royce Hall

Cost: R150 per person

Dress code: Smart casual

Cooldrinks will be on sale on the evening for R10.  
You are also welcome to bring your own drinks.

**Come down and have fun by spending time with your  
special daughter, niece or family friend!  
This will be a night to remember!**

Tickets will be on sale in the mornings, from Monday to Friday next  
week, at the main entrance to the Girls School.