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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to another exciting term at St Peter's. Our Trinity Term promises to keep us all extremely busy, as always!

The holidays always present opportunities for reading and discussion about matters educational. One such conversation of late was about the disconnect between the skills needed in the world of work (problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, people management, collaboration, EQ, judgement and decision making, service and cognitive flexibility) and the process of 'doing' school. Which, if you think about it, is somewhat bizarre in the context of school needing to prepare children for life.

In the context of this conversation we, over the years, have implemented a number of changes to our school curriculum. One of these changes has been acquiring an understanding that what we do at St Peter's is actually divided into three interrelated areas:

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

Being an Anglican school, the church is always at the centre of everything we do. We have chosen: *Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Compassion, Collaboration*, and being *Honourable*, to teach as deliberate Christian Values. The teaching of Life Orientation, Religious Education and Leadership falls in this area, as well as the ongoing Pastoral Care that is provided on a daily basis.

CORE SKILLS:

These are the essential school subjects: Maths, English, Second Languages, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Social Sciences through Inquiry Based Learning.

LIFE SKILLS:

Music, Drama, Art, Chess, Sport and Physical Education, Coding, IT, Entrepreneurial skills and Public Speaking are all critical skills for life.

Going forward, our school reports will be divided into these three elements.

Our current initiative, as discussed at our Parent Information Evenings, is to implement Personalised Learning to a far greater extent. Further information on Personalised Learning will be sent to you in an upcoming newsletter.

Have a great term ahead!

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)

Please refer to the Calendar on the D6 Communicator for information regarding the Trinity Term.
There will be more of the concertina (cardboard) calendars available next week.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Best of luck to all our players participating in the St Peter's Netball Festival on Saturday. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of excellent sportsmanship where we can showcase our amazing skills! We welcome our visitors and invite them to join us for some refreshments throughout the day. Let's show our support for the girls out on the courts and applaud great play.

Chris Tomsek
(Acting Director of Sport)

REMINDER TO GRADE 6 GIRLS

Please be reminded that *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) is effective for Grade 6 from today. All Grade 6 girls must have their own iPads, with the required applications installed. The list of applications is available on your daughter's EdTech Google Classroom. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to me.

Kerryn Schmidt
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(HOD: EdTech)

SCHOOL SHOP

Hot off the press! The School Shop received a delivery, a limited number, of school ties. The balance will be arriving next week. This is to inform parents that there are a few available at the School Shop today!

GRADE 7 MARKET DAY – SATURDAY, 5 MAY

On Saturday, 5 May the Grade 7s will be holding their Market Day. The girls will cater for the Grade 3 – 6 netball tournament, providing hot meals and drinks to players and spectators. Each group has been allocated a stall and will be expected to operate the stall, providing any equipment and ingredients necessary to produce their food or beverage. The girls will be upgrading their marketing skills from previous years, as they will now be dealing with the public and not just their schoolmates. I am quite sure our Grade 7s are more than up to the job and look forward to a rewarding and successful experience on Saturday!

Jane Ritchie
(Grade 7 Teacher)

SPACES FOR GRADE 0, 2019

Please note that there are a limited number of spaces, in the Girls Prep School, available for Grade 0 in 2019.

Please bear this in mind when speaking to people who are looking at Grade 0 schooling, for their daughter, in 2019.



**ST PETER'S
SEATS OF FAME**

- R250 per plaque
- Order forms available on the Communicator or at Reception
- Sample plaque can be viewed at reception
- Plaques will be installed on brick seating alongside Newlands field, amphitheatre, tennis courts or swimming pool (as specified on your order form)
- Orders can be placed any time but plaques will be installed twice annually
- Email completed forms to Katinka Cross kcross@mweb.co.za or hand in at reception

**St Peter's Girls Prep
Leavers' Plaques**
An initiative of the St Peters PA

Three Options:

Current pupil:



MOTHEO RAMORITING
GRADE 3
2018

Leaver's plaque:



KATIE SMITH
2011 – 2018

Family plaque:



THE SMITH FAMILY
2011 – 2018
KATIE
JOSIE
BELLA



Sample plaque

Order by
End May for
mid-year
installation

TODAY!



Grade 3s, looking all grown up in their No 1 uniform for the first time this morning!

Have a happy Trinity Term!