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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

HELP WITH GREENING THE ST PETER'S PREP CAMPUS – SOLAR ENERGY.

We are hoping to find parents who can assist the school with the following:

1. The provision of a grid-tied solar power system for the Boys Junior Prep.
2. A supplier of LED globes.

Both of the above are components of an overall campus plan developed with an engineering and environmental consulting company, JG Afrika. Our contact here is an Old Boy who is ensuring that we are enjoying discounted rates.

The project plan is holistic, covering energy and water consumption, as well as waste disposal. We hope to have solar power reduce our reliance on Eskom and to use potable water for drinking and cooking only. It is intended to use grey water and harvested rainwater for toilets and irrigation. In addition to the manufacture of compost, we intend to install an Anaerobic Digester in order to consume kitchen waste and produce gas for the stoves.

Given the complexity of the greening project and the fact that technology in this regard is constantly evolving, the school has long-sought a partner with sufficient experience and up to date proficiency. JG Afrika will manage all aspects of this project in consultation with the school, including the selection of service providers and scrutiny of quotes to ensure continuity, reliability and cost-effectiveness.

If you are able to assist, or require any further information, please contact the Ops Manager, Cecilia Neto (cneto@stpeters.co.za) or the Business Manager, Moira Hodgson (mhodgson@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce
(Rector)

CHOICE OF HIGH SCHOOL – PARENT DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER AT 18:00 IN THE ROYCE HALL

Following a successful coffee morning, hosted for Grade 6 parents, we were requested to extend this discussion to include all parents. This will take the form of a question and answer session, during which a number of points to consider when making this important decision will be discussed.

Pam van Gass
(Deputy Head: Academics)

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Last Saturday, we hosted our annual Old Girls Tea. It was a joyously loud occasion, accentuated by a few high pitched squeals of delight when girls reconnected with friends and teachers they hadn't seen in years. We used the opportunity to update the girls on all the additions around the school and shared a few plans for future developments.

We also engaged with the girls, via a survey, around how they felt we prepared them for High School. I am delighted to inform you that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and that the majority of our old girls are not only coping, but excelling in high school. Added to this, I spoke to a number of matrics who have hugely exciting plans to study at universities throughout South Africa and the world.

This sort of feedback gives one a 'big picture' perspective of the everyday issues and challenges that our current girls face, together with you, as parents and us as their teachers. So often, we worry and stress about a poor test result here and a lack of a team selection there – but in the bigger scheme of things, we know that they will all turn out as wonderfully successful human beings.

This sort of mindset is congruent with a current review of our Inclusion Policy. I believe we are far too quick to recommend that a girl should attend alternative schooling for their perceived benefit. (Unless of course they are emotionally at risk and/or having a negative impact on the rest of the class). There are so many stories of children who struggled with different aspects of their schooling and turned it around somehow. Sometimes it's at high school, sometimes they only find their 'mojo' at University. It usually, however, involves a changed mindset and unfaltering support and motivation from their teachers and parents.

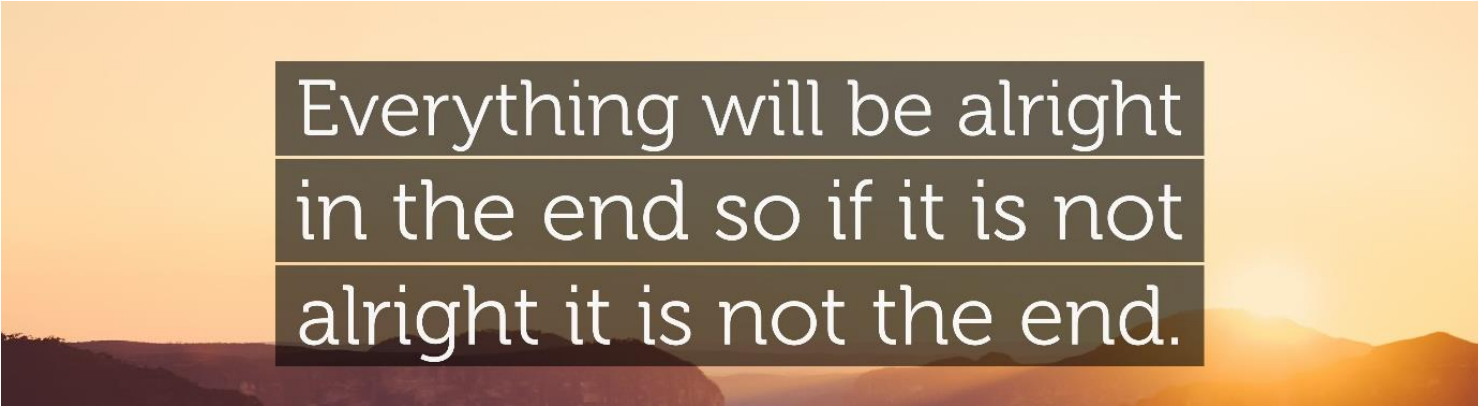
I had one such story in my previous school: A girl, who in Grade 0, did not conform to the expected behaviour and certainly did not meet the so-called developmental milestones of academic progress in Grade 1. There was much debate and recommendations to move her. To cut a very long and traumatic story short – she ended her Grade 7 year achieving academic colours and receiving one of the top sports awards.

I fully understand that as a parent, it's not always easy to see the 'big picture' when your child may be struggling or battling to cope with 'society's expectations, but to quote a line from the movie 'The best Exotic Marigold Hotel': *Everything will be alright in the end . . . so if it's not alright, it's not yet the end!*

Before you know it, your daughter will be attending the *Old Girls Tea* to tell us her success story in high school or university. 😊

I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)



Everything will be alright
in the end so if it is not
alright it is not the end.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT

ATHLETICS

St Peter's Girls Prep competed in their first Athletics meeting of the season at Brescia House. The athletes performed fantastically well up until the lightning siren sounded. The meeting was, at that stage, unfortunately cancelled with St Peter's Girls Prep starting to take a firm hold on proceedings.

The athletes are raring to go and can't wait to show their grit and determination in a full meeting!

Upcoming fixtures:

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| Friday, 5 October | – | Athletics meeting at St Peter's |
| Friday, 12 October | – | Athletics meeting at St Stithians |

TENNIS

The St Peter's tennis team put in a much-improved performance against St Andrew's and St Mary's respectfully. There were some good all round performances from all the players. Next week sees a repeat of the fixture with St Peter's taking on St Mary's A & B teams this time round.

Upcoming fixtures:

Thursday, 11 October - Tennis A & B vs St Mary's (Away)
Thursday, 11 October - Tennis C & D vs St Andrew's (Away)

Tennis Championships will commence after the mid-term break. A reminder of the sports policy with regards to the Tennis Championship: "The Championship is the pinnacle of the Advent Term tennis calendar. The ladder determines ranking positions in the Championships. Any matches during The Championships where upsets occur will affect standings on the ladder. The standings at the end of The Championships will determine the ladder for the start of the new year."

We wish all our tennis players the very best of luck as they prepare for this prestigious St Peter's Tennis Championship!

CROSS - COUNTRY

Please take note that the Inter-house Cross-Country event will take place on Wednesday, 17 October from 08:30 to 10:30 at St Peter's Girls Prep.

Chris Tomsek (*Acting Director of Sport*)

HOUSE PLAYS: THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER

The Grade 6 parents are invited to watch our House Plays on Wednesday evening, starting at 18:30. The girls need to be at school by 18:00.

The Grade 6 girls have been working on their own productions of Folktales. They have learnt to collaborate through group work. The costumes and set are their own designs. Staff have helped to manage the teams and my thanks go to Alyssa Stockers, Leigh Tennant and Ron Thackwell.

Entrance is free. The girls are working toward their second Drama certificate - so please come and support them.

Melanie Aspeling
(*HOD: Drama*)

CHESS

St Peter's Girls Prep will be employing a chess coach for our Chess Club. The coach will be required to teach the girls from Grade 3 – 6. Chess Club takes place on Thursday afternoons from 13:30. There are three, 45-minute sessions. The last session ends at 15:45.

The coach is required to accompany the girls to 'dinner chess matches'. There are approximately four matches per term. The girls leave school at 15:30, on these occasions, and return to school at 18:45, depending on traffic. Please contact ivanrooyen@stpeters.co.za if you know of someone who would be interested in assisting.

AERIAL PICTURES OF THE SCHOOL

The last time we commissioned aerial photos of the St Peter's Prep Schools was in 2015. We have decided that it is time to have an updated view, as there have been so many amazing upgrades in the last three years.



If anyone has a drone and could help us with this or if they know of a company that can help us, please contact either Jean Macleod (jmacleod@stpeters.co.za) or Diane Fraser (dfraser@stpeters.co.za).

We would like to take the photos over a weekend in November. We are, obviously, happy to pay for this service.

Thank you
Jean Macleod (*Marketer*)

Grade 4 Market Day
is coming...

Friday, 12 October 2018



Bring R20 for treats and fun!

All profits go to charity

SWINE FLU

We are aware of the current outbreak of flu causing high numbers of absentees in the classes.

Please be aware that Swine flu is part of the common viruses causing flu at present and is a non-notifiable condition.

Common Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Body aches
- Cold shivers and hot sweats

Please keep your children at home should they be displaying any of the above symptoms and consult you GP for further treatment.

Gail Brent (*Resident Nursing Sister*)



The St Peter's Intern Programme invites you to advertise in the 2018 Sunset Carols Brochure.

St Peter's will be celebrating its **sixth Sunset Carols** event on **Saturday, 1 December 2018**. This event attracts over 2 500 adults and children and has become the School's annual flagship event. It is preceded by a bustling Christmas Market.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please contact Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za

GLOBAL CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

Tomorrow - Friday, 5 October we will be taking part in the Global Cardboard Challenge. The idea behind this day is for the children to design and build a creation.

We ask that the girls begin collecting cardboard at home.

The theme is **'Up, Up and Away'**

Jane Ritchie
(*HOD Thinking Skills*)

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER THE RAFFLE FOR THIS FABULOUS PRIZE!



RAFFLE 2018
R200 per ticket

ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS

Buy a raffle ticket and
stand a chance of winning
R30 000 towards
your school term fees.

**Ticket sales close this
Friday at 12:00**

T's & C's apply
Only 600 tickets available

Draw takes place on
5 October 2018 at approx. 19:00

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN!

Purchase your tickets on TIXSA:
<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018>

Buy your tickets online through this link:

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018/pre-sale>

THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	08/10/2018	10:30	GIRLS SP:	Grade 7 Study Skills		Royce Hall
Monday	08/10/2018	17:00	GIRLS SP:	Chess Matches		St John's Preparatory
Tuesday	09/10/2018	18:00	GIRLS PARENTS:	Parent Information Evening: Gr 6 High School Application	Gr 6 Parents	Royce Hall
Wednesday	10/10/2018	14:00	PREP SP:	ABRSM Theory Exams		Boys Dining Hall
Wednesday	10/10/2018		GIRLS SP:	REMINDER: Chapel Collection for Tomorrow		
Thursday	11/10/2018	10:30	GIRLS SP:	Grade 3CI Outreach: Sandwich Making		Classrooms
Thursday	11/10/2018	14:00	GIRLS SP SPORT:	Tennis Matches vs St Andrew's & St Mary's		St Andrew's / St Mary's
Thursday	11/10/2018	18:30	GIRLS SP:	Grade 6 House Plays		Royce Hall
Friday	12/10/2018	7:30	GIRLS SP:	Matric Chapel Service		Chapel
Friday	12/10/2018	8:00	GIRLS SP:	Grade 4 Market Day		Newlands Field
Friday	12/10/2018	8:00	PREP STAFF:	St Peter's Maths Conference		Dodson Hall
Friday	12/10/2018	13:00	GIRLS SP SPORT:	Athletics Meeting		St Stithians
Saturday	13/10/2018	6:00	GIRLS SP:	Chamber Choir Tour Departs		
Saturday	13/10/2018	8:00	PREP STAFF:	St Peter's Maths Conference		Dodson Hall

CHARITY EVENTS



Walk FOR
Charity

5KM FUN WALK
SAT 13 OCT '18 @8AM

BEDFORD

FIRST 1500 ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL & T-SHIRT

JOIN US IN
Helping
THOSE IN NEED

#BedfordWalkForCharity2018
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
ST GILES & AVALON

COST - ADULTS R100 | UNDER 2's ARE FREE | CHILDREN, PENSIONERS AND DISABLED PERSONS R50

Discovery Vitality members participating in this year's Bedford Centre Fun Walk on 13 October 2018 will earn up to 300 fitness points for completing the 5km event. Points will be automatically awarded and will take up to four days to reflect on the Vitality Points Monitor.

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