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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

We learnt with sadness this week that Anthony Parnell, the fourth Headmaster of St Peter's, passed away on Tuesday. Anthony led the Boys School from January 1981 to July 1995. He was truly a renaissance man: a gifted sportsman, amateur dramatist and singer. He taught English to the Standard 6s (Gr 8). In those days, the Prep was based on the English model with classes from Grade 0 to 8. He was the first Head in South Africa to establish an on-site academic support centre with remedial and occupational therapists. He was a tough Head and a stern disciplinarian who had very high expectations of the boys. The Staff Variety Show, too, was his inspiration.

Many Old Boys will remember him with affection. Anthony is survived by his wife, Fiona, and his children Giles and Julia.

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at groyce@stpeters.co.za or dradloff@stpeters.co.za

Greg Royce
(Rector)

THIS WEEK'S VALUE - RESILIENCE



FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD OF ACADEMICS

One must be drenched in words, literally soaked in them, to have the right ones form themselves into the proper patterns at the right moment. – Hart Crane

At St Peter's we aim to foster a love of reading on a daily basis. We nurture effective communication skills. We encourage the girls to pose questions and we assist in the development of listening skills. And then . . . we promote the use of words and imagination, to express thoughts in creative writing.

Our girls and their wonderful teachers can be extremely proud of the poetry they create. A few pieces, from our Grade 7 girls, are shared with you below:

Rose and Thorns – Daniella Cross

If you look at a rose
One can easily tell
That although it may look pretty,
it has thorns as well.

At the bottom of the stem
Where no one sees
The thorns sit there waiting to hurt you and me.

If the rose was a person
They would be beautiful but sad
Because no one would like them for the personality
that they had.

But if you cut off your thorns
If you water your rose
You will become someone that no one knows.

So forget about those thorns
Rather be you
The rose that has been watered and now is brand
new.



Fireflies – Emma Barron

A ghastly bug by day
But a graceful light at night
A shadow of nothingness in the sunlight
Distributing a phosphorescent warm glow
In the dark hours
Their golden stars in the night sky
Their flickers of comfort
The perfect life.

A world without hope – Megan Smit

A world without hope would be bare and despairing

A heart without love
An ear without hearing
A beach without sand

Life would be filled with darkness

No one will hear your voice anymore

Your teardrops will be your Last reflection of Hope

Living would be pointless
Surviving would be tragic

Your hope would be tumbled and turned like clothes
In A Washing machine

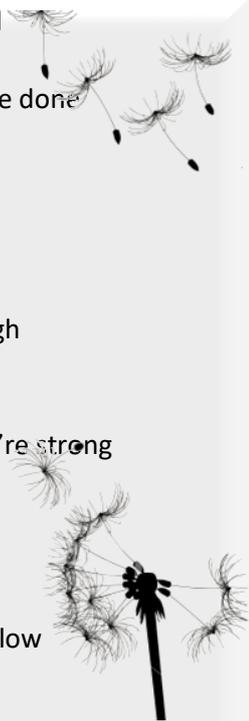
A dandelion in the Breeze – Kyla Pestana

Hold on, hold on, hold on, they said
 You're a dandelion in the breeze
 Look what the winds of change have done
 To all the autumn leaves

Hold on, hold on, hold on
 The big wide world is not for you
 Hold on for long enough
 For the last gust to dance on through

So I hold on, hold on, hold on
 They said that's how you know you're strong
 But not until I wiled
 Did I notice something wrong

I thought holding on was bravery
 But when the winds of change do blow
 Sometimes it's even harder still
 To let go, let go, let go



STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-led Conferences have now taken place and the girls have shared their personalised learning report, which included reflection on their achievements and goals for their future focus.

The involvement, and participation by the Grade 4 to 7 girls, in this experience develops the ability to reflect accurately.

It also encourages responsibility, accountability of learning as well as growing the girls' interviewing skills.

The parent consultations with specialist teachers have also taken place. If you still require more feedback, please contact the teachers individually.

GRADE 6 SCIENCE EXPO

Congratulations to our Grade 6 girls, Mrs Cathy Linnell, Ms Cath Holm, Mrs Leigh Tennant and Mr Tony Blackhurst on hosting another milestone – St Peter's Girls Prep's first Science Expo. The STEM lessons used the principles of an FLP (Flexible Learning Programme) to complete a variety of projects.

The objectives or principles of our FLP at St Peter's are:

- Work is interest driven and not teacher driven.
- Girls can use a variety of media to communicate their learning.
- Independence is encouraged.
- Research and deeper learning takes place.
- Girls are not bound by the bell or change of classes – in order to encourage continuous thinking.
- Girls have to exhibit a high level of collaboration (one of our St Peter's values this term).

Today saw the culmination of the project as the girls showcased their work. We were thrilled with the high standard of work. The girls were assessed on their collaboration skills, their research skills, written skills, oral communication skills and presentation skills. It was another successful morning!



NEXT TERM

As the term draws to a close, we wish all our St Peter's families a restful and fun holiday. Appreciate the time away from the stresses of the traffic and enjoy spending time together with friends and family. School resumes on Thursday, 3 May 2018.

Pam van Gass (*Deputy Head: Academics*)

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

The St Stithians tennis and netball festival is under way. Best of luck to all our players. We are looking forward to a weekend of netball and tennis.

A reminder that there are compulsory netball matches this Friday, 6 April. Girls must wear the netball sports uniform. Hot lunch girls must go to lunch and then report to the relevant courts.

Tuesday, 10 April is compulsory Inter-house netball from 13:00 – 15:30. Girls are to come to school in their house T-shirts, skorts, white socks and predominantly white takkies. Please remember hats and sunblock.

Please see two 'Week Ahead' documents attached to this email. One for next week and one for the week in which the new term starts.

Cara Eggett (*pp Sports Department*)

REMINDER TO GRADE 3 GIRLS

A reminder that Grade 3 girls will be expected to wear their No 1 uniform for the first Eucharist next term on Thursday, 3 May.

Rachel Amm (*Head of Middle School*)

REMINDER TO GRADE 6 GIRLS

Please be reminded that *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) is effective for Grade 6 from the first day of Term 2. All Grade 6 girls must have their own iPads, with the required applications installed at this time. 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 (*HOD: EdTech*)

PIZZA DAY REMINDER

'Pizza Friday' tomorrow: Friday, 6 April.
R25



SCHOOL SHOP

The School Shop will be open on Wednesday, 2 May from 07:00 to 16:00 (the day before the start of the Trinity Term)

It is recommended that you try to use the few days left this term, before we break up, to come in and get winter uniform items.

MAGIC POT HOLIDAY CLUB

SPANNS OF SPORT - HOLIDAY 'ROUND ROBIN' TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Venue: St Stithians Tennis Courts
 Date: 16 - 19 April 2018
 Time: 08:30 – 13:00

Please contact Nadine on 083 306 2886 for more Information.

TERM DATE REMINDER

Break Up Day – 11:00 Wednesday, 11 April
 Trinity Term Commences – 07:30 Thursday, 3 May