



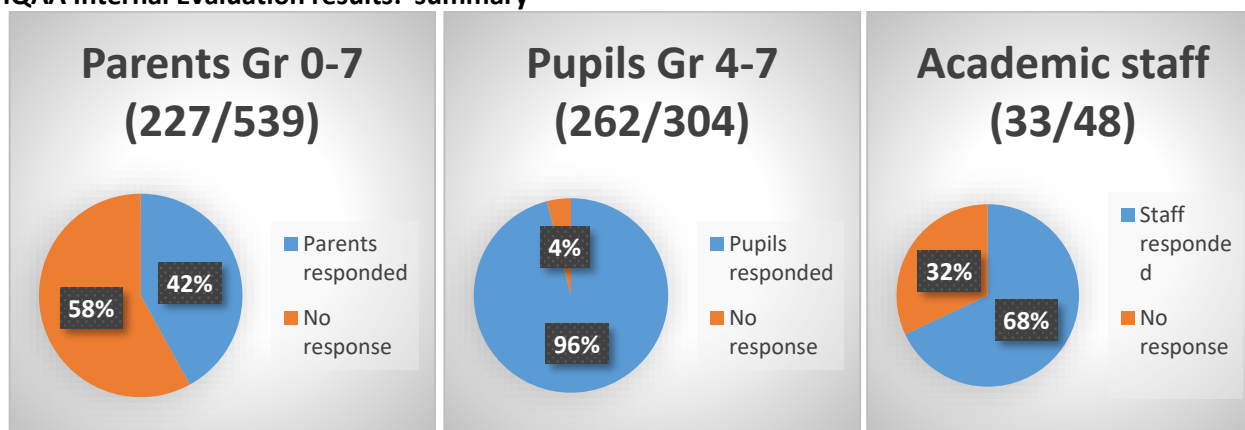
ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

I have set out a brief overview of the IQAA school evaluation process below, St Peter's third appraisal. We are delighted with the overwhelmingly positive results, which only encourage us to work even harder to create opportunities for every pupil to develop and flourish. The full results, including all questionnaires and focus groups, as well as the school reports and those of the mentor and CEO of IQAA will be placed on the website after the holidays, when the final scans, following the ransomware attack, have been completed.

The exercise produced a huge amount of data, which we will use to improve our school. The challenge is to tackle the issues methodically, focusing on the big questions but not neglecting smaller issues raised in the comments. We also intend to spend as much time on reinforcing our strengths as we do on improving the weak areas.

IQAA Internal Evaluation results: summary



Total number of responses above the national average

IQAA has monitored evaluations for over 20 years in the 750+ independent schools. Over the years an average has been developed from participating schools to all the survey statements which required a response of **strongly agree or agree; disagree or strongly disagree**.

Total combined number of Boys and Girls school responses above the national average: 97%. This constitutes an exceptionally high approval rating.

Principal areas for attention

IQAA requires that any statement/topic attracting a *disagree* or *strongly disagree* response of 15% or more is treated as a concern.

- There are effective disciplinary procedures at our school (29%): from Gr 1-7 Girls teachers.
- Insufficient statements attracted a score of 15% or more and the evaluation team consequently selected additional areas for attention:
 - The school satisfies my child's sporting needs (12%): from Gr 4-7 Girls parents.
 - There's a safe place at school for my child's possessions (11%): from Gr 4-7 Girls parents.
 - My child knows where to go at school to discuss personal issues (11%): from Gr 0-3 Girls parents.

Major strengths

There were too many statements that received over 85% *strongly agree/agree* ratings and the team therefore selected the highest rated topics:

- Girls, parents and staff are proud of St Peter's as they believe in its values-based philosophy and Anglican ethos.
- Morale of staff is clearly strong.
- Teachers are regarded as encouraging and the girls are allowed to develop independence and responsibility.
- Girls feel that they can trust their peers and that all are treated equally regardless of race, gender or culture.
- The girls feel safe as bullying is taken seriously and there is support at hand when needed. Discipline is good and expectations are age appropriate.
- Academic standards are high and effectively measured with International Benchmarking Assessments that are analysed each year. Results are then acted upon and new ideas implemented.
- IT is incorporated into the curriculum and the integration within the learning is effective.
- Both leadership and management were highly rated, ensuring that the school runs well.
- Parents feel welcomed and appropriately included in their daughter's education.
- Parents play a useful role in the school.
- Parents view the staff as approachable and professional.
- The school has excellent facilities.
- The school has high cultural standards.
- Communication is effective.

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)

ADVENT CALENDAR

The Advent Calendar for 2019 has been loaded onto the Communicator St Peter's, 'Calendar' tab.

Please note, that this is not a document! Please see the Calendar tab of Communicator St Peter's. It is loaded in such a way that events can be saved *directly* from this calendar, to an electronic calendar e.g. Outlook.

Please refer to it, as well as the various *Campus Week Aheads*, for important dates and information for the upcoming term.

Kerryn Schmidt
(Director of EdTech and Organisation & Administration)

FROM THE HEADMASTER

A number of years ago, I attended a presentation on the Predictors of Success. If I recall correctly, at the time, there was academic tension between Monastic and Co-Ed schooling and there was some hope that the research would prove one to be 'better' than the other in terms of predicting success in later life. There was, however, no conclusive research, which pointed in either direction. What the research did mention was that the quality of teachers in either model, made a profound difference and that the child who was involved in numerous and varied activities appeared to achieve more in later life than those who were disengaged.

When I look back on the Trinity Term, I'm predicting that the vast majority of our girls are destined for significant success in later life! ☺

Besides the phenomenal quality of our teachers, the girls have worshipped in Chapel, worked hard in class, played sport, sung in the choir, played their musical instruments, collaborated in teams, studied on their own, coded their games and robots, read a number of books, created the most beautiful art, debated and participated in numerous social responsibility initiatives.

No wonder they (and their parents, teachers and Headmaster) are feeling a little weary?

May I, therefore, wish you all a restful, relaxing, enjoyable but most of all SAFE August holiday!! And return next term, ready to do it all again!



2019 Scholarship winners



Inter-house netball Girls vs Staff!



Scheherazade



Junior Choir Festival

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)

STAFFING UPDATE

Music Administrator: Mrs Lara Rishworth's husband was offered a job in the UK earlier this term and, sadly, had to resign with immediate effect. This vacancy has been offered to Mrs Ingerid de Bruyn, in the Advent Term, as an opportunity to re-immense back into the life of St Peter's. She will also be teaching Exploration and Learning to Rachel Amm's class. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Ingerid back after a lengthy illness.

Middle School and Sport Intern: I am thrilled to announce that Miss Phumla Mochoeni will move into the Middle School next year, as a Middle School and Sports Intern. Phumla is an outstanding intern and has already been extremely valuable to our Sports Department.

Senior Prep Generalist Class Teacher: The Girls Prep continues to grow, from two to three classes, throughout the grades. It is, therefore necessary that we employ a locum teacher. I am thrilled to inform you that Miss Nicci Horak has kindly agreed to stay on in this position for 2020. Nicci has made a phenomenal impact as a Grade 3 class teacher this year. She is a born teacher and has the most wonderful relationship with her girls. It is, however, still uncertain as to which class she will teach next year.

JP Head: I am delighted to inform you that the Founding Head of the Girls School, Mrs Trish Attlee, has been officially appointed as the new Head of the Junior Prep. As you would be aware, the original plan was for Trish to be in the position until the end of the year. However, after numerous teachers and parents have been asking her whether she would ever consider staying on, and loving the job as much as she has, she decided to apply formally. Trish has a wealth of experience and an unquestionable passion for our school. There is no doubt in my mind that she will continue to add significant value to our Junior Prep in the years to come.

D.Webb

BOOK CLUB WITH MR WEBB



Happy *Women's* Day
9 August 2019



True power in life

She stood alone, brave and proud
The only woman in the crowd
The people looked at her with disgust in their eyes
Because she strived, for the most powerful tool in
disguise
It wasn't a gun, it wasn't a knife
For it was education because that is true power in life
They judged her and turned their backs,
But still she stood with courage and pride
She wanted to be different. To contribute to the world
The knowledge she craved
The wisdom she sought
So she stood up and fought
Education was her right and for this she would fight
So the woman of today will never relent
When we are pushed down
We will turn the other cheek
And fight back
For education we shall strive
For education is power in life
And education is our right!

By: Abby Turner



Her Elemental Temple

Her body, a temple
Every organ, working tirelessly,
To keep her temple alive.

Her heart, the centre of her temple
The rhythm of her beating drum,
The melody of her life

Her soul, an elemental wave.
Her fire, warm enough to welcome you,
Yet hot enough to burn you

Her tears, soft enough to cleanse you,
Tough enough to drown.

Her air, deep enough to save you,
Powerful enough to throw you.

Her earthly nature, the root of life,
The cause of death.

The life brewing within the warmth,
safety and love of her temple,
Was to know that she had no wish
To have power over men,
But rather, - over themselves!

By: Chloe Inwani

SCHOOL SHOP

The School Shop will open on Monday, 9 September from 09:00 until 15:00.

Nadia Thompson
(School Shop)

MADD PERFORMANCE – GRADE 4

Wednesday evening (tonight!) 18:30 – 19:15.

We look forward to seeing the Grade 4 parents there!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME - SEFIKENG PRIMARY SCHOOL

With the huge success of our Mandela Day initiative on 20 July, several parents expressed interest in becoming involved at Sefikeng. We welcome new volunteers and we would love to see more parents and relatives involved. The needs of the programme are vast and varied, but most importantly we are looking for committed, enthusiastic, child loving volunteers to join the team!

Why should I get involved?

- Experience the pure 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!
- There are few more rewarding times than having a group of tiny, bright-eyed little people OVERJOYED to see you, regardless of the time, weather or day!

What I 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 08:30 to 09:30, it takes 15 minutes to get there (traffic dependent) and is 100% safe. 'Car shares' are very easily arranged.
- We work in the Grade 0 classes on Perceptual and Gross Motor activities and with the Grade 1s on Phonics and reading, as well as some perceptual and Mathematics activities. You can see which one 'floats your boat'!
- You, solely, drive your commitment - one session a term, a month or every week.

How do I get involved?

- Contact Leigh Lidgey (llidgey@stpeters.co.za) for more information



ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP OPEN DAY – SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER

Please note that the Girls Prep is holding an Open Day on Saturday, 5 October.

Certain girls will be asked to join us that day – to demonstrate areas of the school that would be best exhibited with pupil participation. We will confirm details nearer the time.

See flyer below. Please help us spread the word by mentioning this to friends and family, who you think may be interested in attending this event. Thank you! Registration email address: girlsopenday@stpeters.co.za

**ST PETER'S
GIRLS PREP SCHOOL**

105 Witkoppen Road | Paulshof

OPENDAY*

**We are expanding and have
spaces in Grade 0 and 1 for 2020!**
(turning 6 or 7 years old)

- > **Saturday, 5 October 2019**
- > **09:00 to 12:00**
- > **Venue St Peter's Girls Junior Prep
105 Witkoppen Road
(Opposite Porsche)**

*** Register for OPEN DAY
girlsopenday@stpeters.co.za**

www.stpeters.co.za

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER
<p>CRAFT Llama & cat felt keyrings</p>  <p>FOOD DEMO'S & TASTING Chocolate squares (recipe will go home with you)</p> 	<p>CRAFT Making picture frames Bookmarks (The girls will make use of decopage)</p>  <p>FOOD DEMO'S & TASTING Decorating cupcakes</p> 	<p>CRAFT • Making beaded bracelets</p>  <p>FOOD DEMO'S & TASTING Cous Cous salad & pasta salad (recipe will go home)</p> 
<h2>GRADE 3-7 CRAFT HOLIDAY CLUB</h2> <p><i>Come join us for a magical fun filled Craft Holiday Club</i></p>		
<p>To book your place, kindly contact either: Mrs Schoeman: rschoeman@stpeters.co.za 084 440 0443 Mrs Mayne: nmayne@stpeters.co.za 082 678 4839 Place: Girls School Art Room Bookings must be received by 8th August 2019</p>		
<p><i>Time: 08:00 – 12:00</i> <i>Cost: R220 per day</i></p>		<p>We can't wait to see you there!!!</p>

Email rschoeman@stpeters.co.za or nmayne@stpeters.co.za to register



SP SPORTS CLUB

Mrs Clarke-Buchanan and Mr Steyn
will be holding a **Sports Club** in the August Holidays

Dates: 12 August -16 August
Times: 08:00 -12:00
Cost: R220 per day



We will be having the best time playing hockey, tee ball, tennis, soccer and a range of other sports. There will be bike riding, music and dancing, but mostly **FUN!**

You are welcome to sign up for one day, or even the whole week.

Email: tclarke@stpeters.co.za to book your space (places are limited)

Email tclarke@stpeters.co.za to register

AFTERCARE

The building operations are on track and building alterations will be complete by the start of the Advent Term. It is looking wonderful and the children will be most excited to return to the upgraded, larger facility. Aftercare will, however, remain in the Boys Junior Prep at the beginning of term until furniture is moved in. You will be notified when the final move is made.

St Peter's Prep-Raffle-2019



ST PETER'S
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RAFFLE 2019

**Buy a raffle ticket for R200 to
stand a chance to win
R30 000
towards your school fees!**

The fine print:

- The draw takes place on 27-09-2019 at approx 19:00
- You don't have to attend the draw to win
- A maximum of 600 tickets will be sold
- You can buy multiple tickets
- Ts & Cs apply

