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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Girls SP School

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

#### WELCOME BACK TO THE ADVENT TERM!

I'm writing this newsletter from our Grade 6 Camp at Goodlands Estate, near Cullinan and will be sharing news from our camps in next week's edition of the newsletter.

This is the term that somehow 'disappears', without us knowing about it. Before we know it the Christmas season will be upon us and I'll be wishing you well for the December holidays! My daughter has reminded me that she only has 21 days left of actual school before the start of the Matric exams! Perhaps the message, here, is to make the most of every moment with your precious daughter.

Today, I'd like to welcome our new families, share some staffing news and update you on our very exciting building projects.

#### NEW FAMILIES

Machailo Family: Aobakwe joins us in Grade 4.

Ramafoko Family: Leago joins us in Grade 6.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new families to St Peter's Girls Prep.

#### STAFFING NEWS

##### Mrs Lee Pace

Mrs Pace has made a decision to join her daughter in America, so will be leaving us at the end of the year. Lee has taught at St Peter's for the past seven years and during this time has added tremendous value to our IT Department. She gives freely of her time and expertise to both girls and staff.

##### Ms Jabulisile Mtshweni

Ms Mtshweni initially joined St Peter's as an intern. She has now qualified and over the past seven years, she has taught Afrikaans, isiZulu and Social Sciences. Ms Mtshweni has made a decision to explore further teaching opportunities and has been offered a position at the new Steyn City School, which opens next year.

##### Mrs Kagiso Musi

Mrs Musi has been travelling to St Peter's Prep, from Vosloorus every day. The time and petrol constraints have very sadly required her to look for teaching opportunities closer to home and closer to her family. She has therefore, accepted an offer at St Catherine's School from next year. Mrs Musi has carried out an incredible job teaching sport at St Peter's over the past two years.

Staff resignations have the tendency to spread a feeling of uncertainty amongst parents. Please be assured that although we are always very sad to lose teachers, we are extremely fortunate in that we are inundated with CVs on a regular basis and will endeavour to appoint new staff of the highest calibre.

### NEW CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

There are five very exciting projects presently under construction:

1. Multi-purpose surface, netball and tennis courts.

As you are aware, we currently only have four tennis and netball courts. With so many of our girls eagerly participating in both these sports, we need more space. The additional courts will give us much needed sporting facilities for an increase in pupil numbers.

This facility will enable us to play hockey on a half size Astroturf, with the understanding that we will always be able to use the College Astro for matches for the older girls.

We hope that this project will be completed by the end of the year.



2. Chapel

Through some extremely generous donations, we have been able to upgrade our beautiful Chapel. The upgrade involves additional seating in the form of a wooden mezzanine level at the back of the Chapel.



### 3. Senior Prep library

We have extended the space in the library to embrace the small computer lab. This will give us the opportunity to transform the library into an exciting, state-of-the-art, Media Centre.



### 4. Shelter and stairs at the existing Tennis/Netball Courts

Currently we have very limited shade at these courts and a rather precarious earthen bank to negotiate should you wish to move from the courts to the field. This project will hopefully, commence next month.

### 5. JP Climbing Wall

This was completed during the holidays and will undoubtedly provide a wonderful opportunity for our JP girls to test their planning, core strength, perseverance and determination. This facility will only be used under adult supervision.



I'm looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Have a wonderful weekend.

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Athletics season has begun and as such, this will be our focus for this half term. During lessons, we will be focusing on all the core skills needed for the girls to be able to master sprinting, middle distance running and field events (long jump for all girls, high jump and hurdles for Grade 6, and 7 girls). The programme will emphasise agility, core strength, endurance, speed and fitness.

There will be an optional athletics practice on Thursday afternoons from 13:30. Girls can practise their long jump, high jump or hurdles whilst the middle distance runners and cross country runners will go on a longer training run. All girls are welcome to attend.

Please take careful note of the dates of the inter-schools athletics meetings (every Friday) as well as the Inter-house Sports Day (Saturday, 14 October). All girls are expected to be available to participate.

Should you need to excuse your daughter from any lesson due to illness/injury, please direct your emails/correspondence to Toni Clarke-Buchanan, as she is the teacher in charge of athletics: [tclarke@stpeters.co.za](mailto:tclarke@stpeters.co.za)

Please remember to consult the Sporting Week Ahead available on School Communicator.

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(Director of Sport)  
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## UNIFORMS

A list of the uniform items, which can be used by the Girls and the Boys Prep Schools, has been compiled below.

Parents who have both sons and daughters at St Peter's Prep Schools will find this handy.

Blazer	Towel
Tie	Red/yellow/blue house T-shirts
White long sleeved shirt	Scarf and beanie
Tracksuit jacket and pants	Peak cap
Long sleeved and sleeveless jersey	White trainers
Navy shorts	Red swimming cap
Soccer/hockey socks	

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## SUNFLOWER DAY – FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

Girls are welcome to wear a tope on this day. These are available from the stores listed below.



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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### MARIMBA BAND AND TENNIS CLASHES

We are aware that there is a clash between Grade 6 Marimba rehearsals and Grade 6 Tennis on a Wednesday afternoon from 14:45 – 15:30.

To accommodate the volume of girls who do both activities we have decided to move Marimba rehearsals to the 15:30 – 16:15 slot on a Wednesday afternoon until the completion of the Grade 6 house plays, thereafter the Marimba rehearsals will return to its original Monday 14:00-14:45 time slot.

We sincerely apologise for the confusion and any inconveniences caused by the above changes.

Marguerite Schmitt  
(Head of Music)

## THINKING SKILLS OPEN MORNING



**PARENTS – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A THINKING SCHOOL?**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A THINKING SKILLS OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER**

**07:00 – 07:30** TEA IN THE ROYCE HALL  
**07:30 – 08:00** THINKING SKILLS PRESENTATION  
**08:00 – 09:00** PUPIL-LED THINKING SKILLS ACTIVITIES

RSVP: [jritchie@stpeters.co.za](mailto:jritchie@stpeters.co.za)

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## FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	11/09/2017	12:30:00	13:30:00	Grade 7 Talk by Prof Carol Benn	Gr 7 Girls	Royce Hall
Monday	11/09/2017	16:00:00	17:30:00	Inter-School General Knowledge Quiz		Christ Church Preparatory School
Tuesday	12/09/2017	07:30:00	08:15:00	Second Language Meeting for Grade 5 Parents		Science Lab
Tuesday	12/09/2017	18:30:00	20:00:00	My Story - "My Father's Coat" (Cheese and Wine)		St Peter's College Auditorium
Wednesday	13/09/2017			REMINDER: CHAPEL COLLECTION FOR TOMORROW		
Thursday	14/09/2017	13:30:00	16:30:00	Tennis Matches		Home/Away
Friday	15/09/2017	06:00:00	06:00:00	Tennis Tour Departs to KZN		Chapel Parking
Friday	15/09/2017	09:00:00	11:00:00	Grade 3 Market Day		
Friday	15/09/2017	13:30:00	16:30:00	Athletics Meeting	Gr 4-7	Away
Sunday	17/09/2017	18:00:00	18:00:00	Tennis Tour Returns		Chapel Parking

## THIS WEEK



Welcome to new girls, Aobakwe Machailo (above) and Leago Ramafoko (below).



The Grade 7 isiZulu girls, with Mrs Rose Nkomo, hosted a delicious tea for our Helpers today.8

