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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to another exciting year at St Peter's Girl's Prep School!

A special welcome to our new Grade 0 families who are starting their educational journey at St Peter's and to our new teachers and girls in various grades throughout the school.

A new year is always very exciting, new teachers, new friends and new opportunities await us all.

Unfortunately, for our girls, there are occasions where 'new' expectations lead to disappointment- particularly in terms of friends and teachers. The answer to dealing with this emotion is to give the situation a chance. As much as we certainly do not want unhappy girls at our school we also don't want to give our girls the message, at any age, that they just need to speak to mom and dad and they will come into the school and everything will be fine. We have to teach our girls the value of resilience.

I wish you all the most wonderful year ahead!

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

FROM THE JP HEAD

A WONDERFUL START TO 2019

It is with great pride that we welcome all our students back to school. How very privileged we are to be at St Peter's and in an environment that supports a love of learning and life itself. We posted many photos of the first morning on Facebook. Please like the page and share with your friends at will! The Facebook page name is St Peter's Girls Prep.

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to all as we launch into 2019. To the Grade 0 girls and the new Grade 1 and Grade 2 girls, we are excited to get to know you all and wish you a very happy experience at St Peter's Girls Prep, learning and playing.

NEW STAFF

We are excited to announce our new staff member Megan Haas, in Grade 2. Debbie Jameson is our locum teacher in Grade 1. She will be taking Sheena Steyn's class while Sheena is on maternity leave. We also welcome our interns, who will work with the students and teachers in the Junior Prep and who are important to us as far as providing greater opportunities to meet the needs of our girls and support the greater community.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Grade 0: Thank you for attending on Monday . . . we had great fun!

Grade 1: Monday, 21 at 18:00 for 18:30

Grade 2: Thank you for attending last night

WAITING CLASS

All children stay in waiting class until a parent or carer collects them. In Grade 0 and 1, the parent or carer must sign their child out of school, to assure that they are safe. Parents need to inform teachers regarding the collection of their children – especially where changes are concerned and when and who is responsible for their collection. This pertains to play dates which can cause confusion. At 14:00, children not collected are taken to the Afterschool Programme.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We start from Monday, 23 January. Please see the calendar. All information is available at the JP Reception.

SWIMMING

Swimming will start immediately. If you do not have the correct costume and towel yet, please don't worry. Any swimwear will do for now. The girls are allowed to wear any colour rash vest and slops. Please apply sunblock in the morning, to shoulders and back as well.

We start the swimming season focusing on water safety, confidence in the pool and learning through play.

Please send costumes for every Physical Education lesson, due to the extreme heat and changing of weather conditions, we allow for flexibility.

Occupational therapy lessons will start on Friday, 25 January for all Grade 0 girls. These lessons are run by the OT specialist, PE teachers and class teachers. We run this programme for a period of six weeks.

Looking forward to an energetically fun filled term.

GRADE 2 CHOIR

The Junior Prep girls' choir will have their first rehearsal on Tuesday, 22 January from 13:30 -14:15. All Grade 2 girls who would like to join the fun are welcome to do so by coming to the JP Music Room on Tuesday for this rehearsal.

Please collect your daughter from the Music Room at 14:15 or she will be taken to Aftercare.

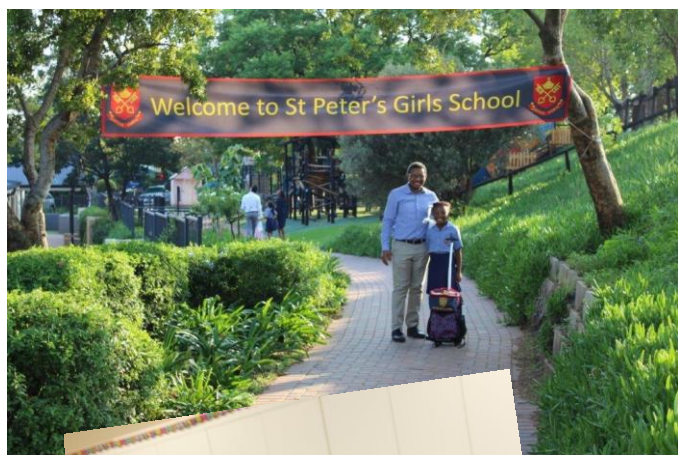
UNIFORMS AND BAGS

Teachers will revisit the uniform expectations at the Information evenings. Please ask teachers for clarification about what girls should wear and colours of bags, hair accessories etc. For Grade 0, all information is published in the yearly Information booklet.

THE 5 G'S

At St Peter's we have an ethos that supports 'the 5 Gs': Greetings, Grooming, Grounds, Grit and Gratitude. Greetings remind the girls to respond to each other, teachers, parents and visitors with enthusiasm and genuine interest. Grooming relates directly to the dress code and requires the girls to wear their uniforms with pride. Grounds is about our campus and taking care of the immediate surroundings, the environment and the wider world. Grit is the ability to be tough and resilient when difficulties arise. In describing a girl that demonstrates this quality, the comment could be: 'I've known few girls who could match her grit'. Synonyms include: courage, bravery, pluck, backbone, strength of character, determination, and strength of will and character. Finally, we encourage an attitude of Gratitude to be expressed and shared every day.

These concepts will be introduced to the girls in the next month and we ask you to reinforce these at home as often as seems necessary and appropriate.





Here's wishing you all an amazing 2019!

Heather Kissack
(Head: Girls JP)

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

ONLINE MUSIC APPLICATIONS

Registration for individual music lessons is open for 2019. An electronic application form (which can be found on the Communicator St Peter's) must be completed so that new pupils can be allocated to a teacher.

<https://goo.gl/forms/xJdsPcgclF1kSHsf1>

The following instrumental lessons are currently on offer at an additional cost of R195 per half hour lesson:

Piano	Cello	Saxophone	Violin	Recorder	Percussion
Flute	Drum kit	Voice	Clarinet	Guitar	Ukulele

The majority of the above lessons take place during the morning. Some lessons are scheduled in the afternoon, depending on the availability of the teachers and the extramural timetable.

For more information on the St Peter's School of Music, please visit the website on:
https://www.stpeters.co.za/girls-prep/content/page/girls-sp-cultural?prep_type=sp

Marguerite Schmitt
 (Director of Music)

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM FOR 2019

A new security measure is being implemented for entrance and egress for parents, staff and visitors. The old sticker security system is being replaced by a QR code system that may be scanned on entry and exit.

Information regarding each vehicle will be gathered, from parents, at the various Information evenings held in the next few days.

Once this information has been processed, each person will receive a QR code, which must be printed and displayed on windscreens. When scanned by the security guards, this QR code will give information about the vehicle owner and identify the St Peter's community.

Families will be issued with two St Peter's branded windscreen discs in which the code can be displayed.

If you have more than one child please only complete the form once.



Jean Macleod
 (Marketer)

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	21/01/2019	21/01/2019	13:15:00	16:00:00	GIRLS JP:	Extramural Activities Commence	Various Venues
Monday	21/01/2019	21/01/2019	18:00:00	20:00:00	GIRLS JP PARENTS	Grade 1 Parent Information Evening and Class Socials	Classrooms & JP Hall

Friday	25/01/2019	21/01/2019	17:00:00	20:00:00	GIRLS JP PARENTS & GIRLS	JP Back to School Picnic	Newlands Field
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