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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

TRAFFIC POINTSMEN UPDATE 'NOUGHT FOR YOUR COMFORT'

The school has recently received an explanatory letter from Traffic Freeflow, the agency which has historically provided pointsmen to the city of Johannesburg. The letter notifies us that Traffic Freeflow has withdrawn from the tender process owing to the inability of the city to meet deadlines on several occasions.

We also have a parent involved in the negotiation process who has warned us that there is no solution on the horizon. The recent resignation of the mayor of the city has further exacerbated the matter.

In the meantime, we expressed our admiration for parents who are showing exemplary patience in a very frustrating situation. For the benefit of new parents, the issue of access and egress at St Peter's campus has been an ongoing problem. We have engaged the services of three traffic engineers to provide solutions at a cost of close to R200,000. The advice has been implemented in addition to our own measures which have served to effect slight improvements. The real problem is the traffic on Witkoppen Road over which we have no control. In time, we hope that the K60 will be built. This will divert all non-school traffic away from Witkoppen and provide relief. Petitions for the building of the K60 are in circulation and we urge you to sign these.

I guess we all have to continue getting up a little earlier in the mornings, unless Rassie Erasmus is able to provide a solution.

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)

FROM THE JP HEAD

GRADE 0 NATIVITY PLAY

Last night the Grade 0 girls put on a delightful show for their parents. The girls literally sparkled on stage and I was amazed at their confidence in front of such a large audience. A sincere thank you to the special team of teachers who prepared the girls for this highlight in the calendar.

SWIMMING DEMOS

These take place on:

Grade 1: Tuesday, 19 November at 10:30 – 12:00 Grade 0: Friday, 22 November 10:30 – 12:30

Teachers will let you know the exact time your daughter's class will be swimming.

GRADE 2 OPEN MUSIC MORNING

The last opportunity for observation of our Music Rotations takes place on **Thursday, 21 November from 10:30 – 12:00.** Parents are welcome to come and observe a Music lesson.

Grade 2 BP: 10:30 - 11:00 Grade 2MH: 11:00 - 11:30 Grade 2 KG: 11:30 - 12:00

GRADE 2 SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

The Grade 2s are preparing a very special Service of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, 26 November at 08:00** in the Chapel. I encourage all Grade 2 parents to make every effort to attend this morning. It will be a wonderful celebration of our Grade 2 girls. Following this event, there will be a *Little Mozart's Concert* in the Royce Hall.

CLOSING TIME

From Monday, 25 November, there will be NO EXTRA-MURALS taking place. The Senior Prep are involved in their SPEET week activities, at that time, and end at 13:00 so all JP girls will also finish at that time. Girls will be supervised in Waiting Class until 14:00, as usual.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME

Please note that there will be **NO AFTERCARE** on 'break up day' - **Thursday, 5 December,** owing to end-of-year functions. The girls will be supervised until 11:00.

BIRTHDAYS

The following girls will receive their birthday cards on **Tuesday, 19 November** at 08:00 in the chapel. Parents of these girls are welcome to attend.

Marang Masisi, Isabel Judd, Inathi Nkuna, Khanya Nkuna

Ngi ni thanda noke!

Trish Attlee (Head: Girls JP)

2020 STAFF UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Nthabeleng Nhlapo has been appointed as our new Girls Prep Marketing manager for next year! Nthabeleng has two daughters, one who is in Grade 2 and another who will be joining the Pre-Prep in 2020. She has over 10 year's experience in sales and marketing, a large portion of this spent in the radio industry.

News from the Junior Prep: Mrs Leigh Lidgey will move to be a Grade 2 class teacher. Mrs Catriona Montagu, who is returning from maternity leave, will be a Grade 1 class teacher and Mrs Megan Haas will move back to the Senior Prep as our IT Integrator.

In the Senior Prep, Mrs Toni Clarke-Buchanan and Mrs Rachel Amm will move to Grade 3 Class Teacher roles. Mrs Ingerid de Bruyn will be assisting Mrs Amm to allow her, as head of our Middle School, to move between the classes and get to know all the girls in the Middle School. Mrs Julia Aitken remains in Grade 3.

Mrs Kelsey Mohamed and Mrs Colleen Ireland move into a Gr 4 class teacher role with Mrs Thobile Kizito.

Miss Nicci Horak moves into Grade 5 with Mrs Mel Aspeling and Mrs Alyssa Barberis.

Mrs Niki Mayne moves into Grade 6 to assist Miss Kirsty Morey with the English. Our Grade 6 class teachers are Miss Kirsty Morey, Mrs Ronel Schoeman and Mrs Kerryn White.

Our Grade 7 Class Teachers remain as Mrs Kim Gordon and Mrs Rose Nkomo.

Finally, I am delighted to inform you that our Heads of Houses have been appointed for 2020. They are: Mrs Keitumetse Makola, Mrs Kerryn White, Mrs Nikki Mayne and Mrs Ronel Schoeman. A reminder that all House allocations, including staff, will be done in the first week of next year.

D.Webb

CHRISTMAS BOXES 2019

Christmas is time to celebrate! We remember, however, that it is also a time of giving and it creates the opportunity for us to give to someone who is less fortunate than we are.

In the boxes provided, please include:

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, face cloth, soap
- Small toy (Maximum value R60 as the children will open their boxes in front of other children who have received a box and we don't want any disappointment)
- Packet of sweets
- Crayons and blank book

If there is space, please fill the box up with: tinned fish, tinned beef, tinned fruit, baked beans, sugar, tea bags, long life milk, jam, biscuits. Please be so kind as to wrap the box in Christmas wrapping paper or newspaper.

Please help us to build on last year's success by returning your boxes by the Friday, 29 November.

Collection points:

Senior Prep Girls and Boys: Chapel

Junior Prep Girls and Boys: JP reception areas

Blessings

Kamohelo Kotsi

SECURITY REPORT: SPEEDING ON CAMPUS

The safety of our pupils, parents, staff and visitors is of paramount importance. To enhance traffic safety, a speed-monitoring camera has been installed on the property. We share the following downloaded statistics:

	Total Vehicles	Percentage motorists exceeding the speed limit	Max Speed Recorded
July	12302	25%	40 km/h
August	3004	24%	40 km/h
September	8008	28%	50 km/h
October	13791	24%	50 km/h

Please note that the schools were closed in August and we had a mid-term break in the month of September. These statistics indicate that a large percentage of motorists are not complying with the **20 km/h speed restriction**. Please adhere to the speed limit and exercise greater caution in the interest of the safety of our community. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lance Camphor (Security Manager)

SUNSET CAROLS - TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/stpeters-sunset-carols-2019

