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# ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP



## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to a new year at St Peter's Girls Prep School and may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families everything of the very best for 2018! May it be a year filled with love and laughter!

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new staff and families:

In terms of teachers:

*Miss Lerato Mafatle starts as our new Gr 0 teacher.*

*Mrs Robyn van Ginkel joins us in Gr 2.*

*Mrs Leanne Fleming joins us to head up physical education in the Junior Prep.*

*Mrs Boitumele Ledwaba starts as our new Middle School and Gr 5 isiZulu teacher.*

*Mrs Keimtumetse Makola joins our Senior Prep Sports Department.*

*Miss Charne Bardenhorst also joins our Sports Department as a qualified biokineticist.*

We also wish the following teachers every success in their new roles in the school:

*Mrs Kerry Schmidt as our new Head of IT*

*Mrs Thobile Kozito as our new Gr 4 class teacher.*

We welcome the following girls and new families:

Starting with our new Grade 0 girls and their respective families.

Into Grade 1: *Kaeya Vandayar, Hazel Matema, Alessandra Georgiades, Alisha Tsunga, Glorious Ngorima, Oratile Hlongwani and Alma Pettersson.*

Into Grade 2: *Princess Mtambo, Sanaa Mutua, Riley Scott and Anne Claasen.*

Into Grade 3: *Paballo Makoro, Kaylin Eagle, Teagan Eagle and Tamsin Geyve.*

Into Grade 4: *Amolemo Makhubo, Storm Badrian, Tawonga Nkosi, Tyla du Preez and Chloe Jacobs.*

Into Grade 6: *Georgie Pearse*

I am delighted to inform you that our very first Matrics (Gr 0 class of 2006), achieved some outstanding Matric results with a number of girls achieving 7 and 8 A's! We will publish a list of achievements as soon as we have confirmed all the results.

This week saw the start of our Information Evenings with Gr 0 and Middle School. Next Monday Evening (22 January), we have our Gr 1s in the Junior Prep, starting at 18:00 and Grade 5s and 6s in Royce Hall starting at 18:30. On Wednesday (24 Jan) we host Gr 2s in the Junior Prep starting at 18:00 and the Grade 7s in Royce Hall, starting at 18:30.

Parents are strongly encouraged to make every effort to attend these meetings as they not only provide crucial information about the year ahead, but also serve as an opportunity for parents to reconnect and meet new parents.

Have a good weekend! Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)

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## FROM THE JP HEAD

### A WONERFUL START TO 2018

We warmly 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.

A special welcome 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 long and happy stay at St Peter's, learning and playing.

### NEW STAFF

We are also excited to announce our new staff member Robyn Van Ginkel in Grade 1 and Lerato Mafatle in Grade 0. We also have Leanne Fleming in the Sports Department. Another new member to our team is Micaela Laios. Micaela will work as a Facilitator and remedial therapist. We wish them every success in their appointment at St Peter's, and many good years ahead.

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 1: Monday, 22 at 18:00

Grade 2: Wednesday, 24 at 18:00

### WAITING CLASS

All children are in waiting class until they are collected by a parent or carer. In Grade 0 and 1, the parent or carer must sign their child out of school, so we are assured that they are safe. Parents need to co-ordinate collections with teachers as far as any changes they make, and when and who is responsible for their collection. This pertains to play dates that can cause confusion. At 14:00 children not collected are taken to the Afterschool Programme.

### SPORT AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

These will start from Monday 23 January. Please see Calendar. All information is available at the JP Reception.

### 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 G's: 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 'this place' and taking care of the immediate surroundings, the environment and

the wider world. Grit is the ability to tough a difficult problem or situation out . . . In a discussion of 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 necessary and appropriate.

Wishing you all an amazing year ahead!

**Heather Kissack** (*JP Head*)

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music applications for 2018 are now open for new and existing students.  
Please complete the online application to secure your daughters spot for 2018 before the end of term.

Please follow the online link for the 2018 music applications.

<https://goo.gl/forms/W3WUcaVlsvCt9uuB3>

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## COMMUNICATOR, ST PETER'S

Please remember to re-personalise your channels for new grade and sports age groups.

If you do not have the Communicator App yet, please follow these instructions:

Completing the Google Form is the first step! These details are needed in order to set up the once-off verification step.

LINK:

<http://goo.gl/forms/kvMdLCEqOG>

PLEASE ALLOW ONE WORKING DAY, AFTER COMPLETING THE GOOGLE FORM, BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD THE COMMUNICATOR TO ALLOW TIME FOR YOUR DETAILS TO BE VERIFIED.

You can then download the app, onto your mobile device, via Appstore or Playstore.

*FYI - Please see the instruction document for Communicator, attached to this email.*

Jean Macleod  
(Marketer)

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## PHOTOGRAPH USAGE

From time to time, we like to use photos that we have taken of the girls. They may be published in the newspaper, in a magazine, on Facebook, on the d6 Communicator Gallery or on our website/on-line. If you DO NOT wish to allow us to use photos of you or your daughter in the media, please inform Jean Macleod, in writing, at [jmacleod@stpeters.co.za](mailto:jmacleod@stpeters.co.za)

Jean Macleod  
(Marketer)

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## ISEMATHOLENI INTERN PROGRAMME

St Peter's congratulates the interns on their splendid 2017 results, 40 of the 93 modules attempted earned distinctions.

Three interns qualified last year, one being employed at the Girls JP and two were snapped up at other leading schools. Based on the success of the interns, the evolving programme and excellent mentorship provided by the St Peter's staff, we welcome on-board the new interns in the JP and Middle School Phase in both the Boys and Girls schools.

The support of staff, parents, Council, PA and the St Peter's Foundation is appreciated.

Vijay Maharaj  
(Campus Compliance Deputy and Intern Director)

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## WEEK AHEAD

<b>Monday</b>	2018/01/22	13:15:00	16:00:00	Extra-mural Activities Commence	Various Venues
<b>Monday</b>	2018/01/22	18:00:00	20:00:00	Grade 1 Info Evening & Class Social	Classrooms & JP Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	2018/01/24	18:30:00	20:00:00	Grade 2 Info Evening & Class Social	Classrooms & JP Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	2018/01/25	07:30:00	08:00:00	Sefikeng Volunteers Coffee Morning	Girls JP Hall
<b>Friday</b>	2018/01/26	17:00:00	20:00:00	JP Back to School Picnic	Newlands Field