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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE RECTOR

PRE-PREP HEAD

We have been extremely fortunate in being able to appoint Angi Buys as the Head of the new Pre-Prep. Angi was formerly Principal of Cleverdon (previously known as Bryanston Pre-Primary) and has 16 years of experience in the field of Early Childhood Development. She has developed a curriculum and produced papers on learning in this age group. St Peter's is adamant about the application of research-proven teaching methodologies to ensure that our children are as successful as they can possibly be. Angi's experience and educational philosophy aligned perfectly with our requirements. Moreover, parents whose children have been in her hands have experienced her as highly competent, caring and empathetic. The Pre-Prep is very definitely part of the foundation of all future learning and for us, it is critical that this phase is handled to the same high standards which we expect in all areas of teaching.



Welcome, Angi Buys!

Invitations to apply for places in the Pre-Prep are being staggered to ensure that siblings of current pupils and thereafter those on the waiting list have the first option.

However, should you wish to apply, please feel free to contact Nonhlanhla Majokane on <u>admissions@stpeters.co.za</u> or 011 705 3423.

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 HEADMASTER

St Peter's Prep is so much more than a school! I say that having just had the privilege of witnessing our First Holy Communicants and their families, receiving the sacrament, this past weekend. This special service was the coming together of faith and family and I felt truly honoured to play a small part.

Congratulations to all these girls!



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Darrel Webb (Headmaster)

FROM THE ACTING JP HEAD

St Peter's Girls JP has had another busy week of learning opportunities and activities.

On Monday, we celebrated *World Bee Day*. I spoke to the girls and showed them a video about the vital role that bees play in our lives. Tomorrow, Natasha Lyon, a St Peter's mom, will bring her hive and beekeeping suit to school and educate the girls further on the importance of bees.

Kerry Glass introduced our Ecobrick project to the girls, raising awareness of unrecyclable waste and we look forward to seeing the collection of Ecobricks, which will be generated from this drive.

World Play Day is on Tuesday, 28 May. Activities in line with this theme will be encouraged for the day and photographs will be on display for you to see the fun and learning in action.

ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day falls on Thursday, 30 May. The girls will be shown a short video explaining the relevance of this day, when Christ rose up into heaven. The concept of Jesus saying goodbye to the disciples and ascending to God in heaven is an opportunity to stress the importance of how we live our lives on earth.

BIRDS AND BEES TALK

Wendy Wentzel, the Educational Psychologist from the Boys Prep, will be giving a talk on 'The Birds and the Bees', to parents on 13 June, at 07:30 in the Girls JP Hall. On request of parents, we are repeating this talk - as it is a relevant and applicable topic. Please diarise this date and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

SAFETY OF OUR GIRLS

Obviously, the safety of all our girls is a priority and a reminder that all girls who remain at Waiting Class, after 14:00, will be taken to the Afterschool Programme. We do not want any girls left unsupervised while teachers are involved in extra-murals. Please notify drivers and au pairs that the girls need to be picked up before 14:00. Many thanks for your co-operation in this regard.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Vutshila Mabunda, Isabel Xavier & Cayla Laroque

Enjoy a relaxing, fun-filled weekend with your girls!

Trish Attlee (Girls JP Acting Head)

UBER

We would like to remind parents about the law against underage use of Uber. The following confirmation has been received from ISASA:

ISASA has always referred schools to *Uber's own Terms and Conditions, which stipulate that the service is not available to persons under the age of 18 years, unless they are accompanied by an adult.* Furthermore, schools are advised to bring this to the attention of parents.



What does ISASA recommend?

- That schools warn parents against the use of Uber by children, owing to its age restrictions, as set out in its Terms and Conditions: 18 years.
- Schools should also inform parents that the school will not be liable for any incidents resulting from the use of Ubers by pupils.

Please take heed of this communication and avoid using Uber unless the child is accompanied by an adult.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Food for thought . . .

At St Peter's we pride ourselves on having girls who have humility, respect and manners. We want them to be tough competitors on the court and hate to lose, but still have class and dignity when it comes to handling defeat and respecting others.

I would like to remind all the girls playing matches this week that, despite the result, they do the following after their match:

- Graciously congratulate their opponent on a good game.
- Thank the umpires for umpiring.
- Thank anyone who is handing out refreshments.
- Whether the game is at home or away, before they leave, to thank one of the hosting staff for a wonderful afternoon.

Small gestures go a long way towards building, not only their reputation as a sportswoman, but that of the school as well! (Allistair McCaw – Becoming a great team player)

Andrew Steyn (Director of Sport)

ST PETER'S PREP PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to all the parents who have logged into the Parent Portal and given us feedback. Based on the information received, we have decided to put the Parent Portal on hold and work with the developers to overcome some of the "glitches." We will update all received changes of Parent information.

This means that we will not be placing the first semester reports onto the Parent Portal. Further details will be communicated to you shortly. Please continue to use the School Communicator as the official app for school communications.

FOUND

Two purses were found on our school campus over the weekend.

If you have lost your purse, please email Caron du Plessis (cduplessis@stpeters.co.za) and she will ask you to identify it!





PA NEWS

EXCITING NEWS!

Makro have launched a new program and are inviting parents to join and earn rewards for our school whilst earning **mRewards** on their Makro purchases - at any Makro store!

This program replaces the existing Makro rebate program which was only linked to the Makro Woodmead store.

See below for more details but if you need any assistance with joining, please contact Anne on annedp@live.com

Please consider joining – it is quick and easy and you no longer need to have your Makro card when you use their mCard App. You are also able to track your mRewards on the mCard App.



