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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP

FROM THE RECTOR

You may recall from a previous article that the current Head Master of Eton College, Simon Henderson, spent the year at St Peter's as a gap student as I commenced my tenure as Headmaster of the Boys School.



Simon Henderson - Head of Eton College

At ISASA's request, we approached him to deliver a keynote address at the ISASA and Independent Schools Heads' Conference, which took place over the half-term last week.

We welcomed Simon and his wife Ali, a former advisor to Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, at a dinner at St Peter's prior to the conference. It was fascinating to hear his anecdotes about the school and the boys, some of which involved the reigning monarch. Much later in the evening, he startled us when he jumped up to make an impromptu speech. He expressed his gratitude to St Peter's for making him feel so welcome and went on to emphasise the impact that many staff had had on him. He coyly admitted that one of his passwords for the Eton IT network contained the letters 'FNIMH' – *Furber Nothard Is My Hero*. Furber is a recently retired Boarder Housemaster who pops in from time to time as a substitute teacher. The boys have always loved him.

In his scholarly address to the 500+ delegates at the conference, Simon spoke passionately about the need for a social and emotional connection as technology and artificial intelligence played an increasingly dominant role in teaching and learning.



He went on to say that it was crucial that all children feel accepted at school, welcomed and valued as individuals. Of all the schools at which he had taught or visited, St Peter's had been by far the most welcoming. He had felt a true sense of acceptance and belonging. His St Peter's experience, Simon said, had persuaded him to pursue a career in teaching. It was this ethos, he said, that he was attempting to bring to Eton.

Our little prep school featured disproportionately in the conference. The ISASA National Director, a St Peter's Old Boy, opened the proceedings. This was followed by the annual report by the ISASA Chairman, David Hunter, also a St Peter's Old Boy. Simon Henderson's address followed that of the Minister of Education. The speakers were all presented with the gift of an original painting by James Delaney, another St Peter's Old Boy.

The culture of making every child and staff member feel included and valued is a facet at which we work constantly. We see it as the core of our Anglican ethos. We are reminded of our successes and failures in this aspect each time an Old Boy or Girl returns to visit the school. We only ever want to be *'ahead of the game and behind every child.'*

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)

NEWS FROM THE JP**MAKE SURE YOU GET OUT INTO NATURE**

This past weekend I was really grateful to spend some quality time with my family. We often take family time for granted when our children are small, rushing from one task to another, ticking off lists of 'to do's', and generally feeling very frazzled. This weekend our family spent some time together, took a gentle hike and played both *30 Seconds* and *Rummikub*, something I haven't done for a very long time. Not only did we reconnect, but also we laughed together, teased each other and felt really close and loved. I encourage you to go for a walk in your neighbourhood, play a board game or two and spend some special time with your families! Time passes so very quickly.

GRADE 1 EISTEDDFOD

Last week the Grade 1 girls were given the opportunity to perform in the internal Eisteddfod. The aim of this Eisteddfod is to introduce the girls to public speaking in a safe environment and allow them the opportunity to be on stage and showcase their talents and growth points specific to Grade 1.

A big focus of Grade 1 is on learning to read and write, so this year each girl was tasked with writing their own piece, instead of being given a poem or short story to learn. What a success!

The girls loved the creative process of making up their own story or rhyme and this ensured that they were fully invested in the whole process. The feelings before the Eisteddfod were 'nervous, scared, terrified, unsure', but once they had performed their piece these changed to 'excited, proud, happy and super happy'.

Huge congratulations to all the girls on the fantastic pieces they produced and their courage to stand up and wow the audience! A big thank you as well to Penny Bramwell-Jones for once again adjudicating the process and giving the girls such lovely feedback.



SWIMMING SEASON

We understand that the weather is rather unpredictable and the swimming pool temperature changes quickly. We are going to continue swimming for the moment, however. We will use our discretion if we think the water is too cold to swim. The girls are allowed to climb out if they get cold.

They are 'Water Warriors' and are tougher than you think!

Hope you have an awesome week ahead!
Heather Kissack

BIRTHDAY CHAPEL

On **Tuesday, 30 October** the following Birthday girls will receive their birthday card and a blessing in Chapel at 8:00. We hope to see the parents there.

R Venter
A Pillay

M Hermanson

MORNING BUSES

We currently have two routes available. Please see the information below.

A minimum of 16 students per term are required for the service to run. The service will start on Friday, 26 October 2018 and run until Thursday, 6 December 2018.

If you would like to make use of one of these bus routes, please complete the Bus Consent and Indemnity Form, which can be found attached to this newsletter email or on the Communicator.

Please return the form to the School – using the following address: reception@stpeters.co.za

See additional details below:

1. Leaping Frog – based on a minimum of 16 pax for the term

Pick up Point	Time
Leaping Frog Shopping Centre	06:30 to leave at 6:40 - R1 690 per term (approx R25 per trip). For the remainder of this term: R750
*Option for other parents subject to minimum of 16 pax	Cash rider/booklet pre purchased = R35 per trip
School ETA	07:00 – 07:05

2. Kyalami Shopping Centre – based on a minimum of 16 pax for the term

Pick up Point	Time
Kyalami Shopping Centre	06:25 to leave at 6:30 - R1 890 per term (approx R28 per trip). For the remainder of this term R850
*Option for other parents subject to minimum of 16 pax	Cash rider/booklet pre purchased = R45 per trip
School ETA	07:00 – 07:05

SPORT, MUSIC AND CULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHS – FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

Please note that Sport, Music and Cultural Photographs have been rescheduled to **Friday, 2 November**.

Dress code includes sports kit, cassocks and Numbers 1s. Sport photographs will be taken in standard sports kit so the girls do not need to bring swimming costumes, hockey boots and socks. The equestrian team are to please bring their riding uniform.

Please refer to the schedule attached to this email, for further information.

Catherine Holm
(*Head of Organisation and Administration*)

PA NEWS**Did you know you can join the Makro Rebate program to support the St Peters Prep PA and Foundation?**

Link your Makro card, by completing the form, attached to this email. A small percentage, from your purchases at Makro (Woodmead store only), will then go towards an annual rebate.

A black banner for the Makro mRewards app. On the left is the Makro 'm' logo in a white circle. The main text reads 'Points are pointless. CASH IS KING' in yellow. Below this, it says 'Download the app, register, and earn BIG with mRewards today!'. On the right are two buttons: 'Download on Google Play Store' with the Android logo and 'Download on the App Store' with the Apple logo. A small rainbow flag is in the bottom right corner.

Also, why not download the Makro app and earn mRewards for yourself as well?

For those parents already participating, your **continued support** when shopping at Makro Woodmead, is **sincerely appreciated**.



If you have any questions or would like help with joining, please contact Anne annedp@live.com



Look out for details of a competition, taking place during November 2018

Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser

R250 per Bunch

Please support by ordering your bunch
of beautiful flowers by Tuesday
afternoon via email nicky@ntce.co.za.

Collection of flowers on Friday from
12:00 at

**ALL Receptions where relevant,
I.e.: Girls SP and JP, Boys SP and JP.**

Many thanx
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee



WHAT'S AHEAD

Thursday	25/10/2018	8:00:00 AM	1:00:00 PM	Community Partnership: Grade 1 Outing to Johannesburg Zoo with Sefikeng	
Friday	26/10/2018	10:00:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	HOT DOG DAY/Cartridge collection R25	
Wednesday	31/10/2018	6:30:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	2019 Grade 0 and New Parents' Evensong and Cocktail Evening (Chamber Choir)	Chapel, Girls JP Hall
Saturday	03/11/2018	11:00:00 AM	1:00:00 PM	Grade 0 2019 Orientation Morning	Girls JP Hall, JP Classrooms
Tuesday	06/11/2018	7:00:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	The Book People - Book Sale 06 - 09 November 2018	Keys Pavilion
Wednesday	07/11/2018	7:00:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	The Book People - Book Sale 06 - 09 November 2018	Keys Pavilion
Thursday	08/11/2018	7:30:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	The Book People - Book Sale 06 - 09 November 2018	Keys Pavilion
Friday	09/11/2018	7:00:00 AM	2:00:00 PM	The Book People - Book Sale 06 - 09 November 2018	Keys Pavilion
Friday	09/11/2018	10:00:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	HOT DOG DAY/Cartridge collection R25	

SUNSET CAROLS




ST PETER'S
FOUNDATION

SUNSET CAROLS 2018

**FEATURING: THE ST PETER'S PREP CHOIRS
& JOHN ELLIS: TREE 63;
SARAH THORNTON-DIBB (OLD GIRL) & JAMES DEACON (OLD BOY)**

SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2018 AT 18:00
CHRISTMAS MARKET GATES OPEN @ 15:00
ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS: 105 WITKOPPEN ROAD
ENTRANCE: R130 PER ADULT & R70 PER CHILD
TICKETS ON SALE FROM 15 NOVEMBER VIA TIXSA
BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS/BLANKETS & PICNIC
FOOD WILL BE ON SALE

ENQUIRIES: [TICKETS@STPETERS.CO.ZA](mailto:tickets@stpeters.co.za)
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE ST PETER'S INTERN PROGRAMME

