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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The light at the end of a very long winter tunnel has suddenly become brighter! ☺ And what a long, cold and eventful tunnel it has been!

Looking back through my diary:

- The term started with us hosting a very successful netball festival and our Grade 7s did all the catering.
- The JP celebrated Mothers' Day with Moms at our Craft morning.
- The choirs performed brilliantly in various Choir Festivals.
- The Grade 4s received their First Holy Communion.
- The Grade 3s celebrated Fathers' Day with their dads at our first ever *Dads & Daughters Orienteering and Coding morning* and the Grade 6 girls hosted the Grade 4s and 5s dads at a *Dads and Daughters Dinner*.
- The JP held a Coffee Morning to discuss Physical Education.
- We hosted a very well attended Sports Meeting for parents with the purpose of asking for input into our new Sports Policy – please click on the following link to read through this comprehensive document: [2018 Girls School Sports Policy](#) (Further comments/suggestions are still welcome)
- We sent out the new reports and celebrated St Peter's Day with Bishop Steve.
- The Grade 7s performed an amazing production of *Treasure Island*.
- The Grade 6s and 7s had a very successful hockey tour to the Midlands.
- The girls played their hearts out on the netball courts and hockey fields.
- The JP held a 'Book, Ball and Biscuit' initiative at Sefikeng School for the 67 minutes for Mandela Day.
- *Winter Warmers* was another great success.
- The JP are holding their sports demonstrations this week.
- Tonight the Middle School will entertain us with their *MADD Evening*.
- Throughout the term, all the girls have worked so hard at their respective academic challenges.

None of this would have been possible without the herculean effort of our phenomenal teachers and the support and encouragement of our parents! Thank you, one and all!

Thank
You!

I'd like to conclude by welcoming four new members of our family:



Gandalf and his lady companions.



Happy Holidays everyone. Be safe and cherish every second with your family.

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

FROM THE JP HEAD

CALENDAR FOR THE ADVENT TERM

Attached, please find a copy of the 2018 JP Advent Term calendar. **Please note, that going forward we will not be printing hard copies of the school term calendar** (i.e. the cardboard, concertina-type calendar). This information will be available on Communicator St Peter's (Calendar section), from later in August. This is downloadable directly from the Communicator St Peter's app.

Attached to this mail is the instruction sheet for acquiring the Communicator St Peter's app.

Please contact Jean Macleod on jmacleod@stpeters.co.za should you need assistance with the downloading of the Communicator St Peter's app.

PHYS ED AND SPORTS DEMONSTRATIONS

We have had so many parents at the school this week, watching and celebrating the skills that the girls are learning in PE in each grade.

Grade 0 girls showed off their skills on the parallel bars, climbing wall and trampoline, clearly growing their upper body strength, position in space, planning and core strength.

The Grade 1 girls saw the start of more specific sports skill development - around learning to play hockey and the different techniques to which the girls have been introduced.



In line with our Best Practice, the Grade 2 girls played netball matches in a Round Robin approach, demonstrating their understanding of rules of the game and developing a sense of teamwork and competition.



Next term, we will host a Sports Day, Grade 0 and 1 swimming demonstrations as well as a Grade 2 swimming gala.

A sincere thanks goes out to our amazing Sports department-Leanne Fleming and Tshego Mashabela.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK FROM OUR PHYS ED TEACHERS

Thank you to those parents who were able to come and watch their girls during the class observations and netball demonstration.

With holidays around the corner, we thought it would be fun to do some activities with your girls.

All the girls can practise these:

- *Hand stands*
- *Head stands (please be there to support your girls so they don't fall over and hurt themselves)*
- *Forward and backward rolls*
- *Skipping with a Hula hoop and rope*
- *Double and single leg hopping*
- *Jumping Jack's Crab walk Balance exercises on a beam or something similar*
- *Throwing and catching of balls, Monkey bars - if you have access to a jungle gym*

Grade 1 and 2 girls

Hockey drills

- *Pushing and stopping*
- *Dribbling of the ball*
- *Yard sticks (toilet roll around the stick in their right hand, to help them move the stick in the right hand, so they don't grip the stick too hard.)*

Swimming season will start in late September (depending on the temperature of pool), so if you have access to a heated pool, please focus on:

- *Entering and exiting the pool safely*
- *Blowing bubbles in the water*
- *Putting face into the water and opening eyes (can do this in the bath)*
- *Going down to the pool floor to collect a sinking toy -diving (seated on bottom for girls who are nervous and progress up to standing dives.)*
- *Basic strokes*

PLEASE ensure your daughter is always accompanied by an adult when near and in the pool.

The girls have been taught all of the above, so this is just FUN, practice.

*Thank you, and have a great holiday!
Leanne Fleming and Tshego Mashabela*

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

We would like to send a huge thank you to the girls and the parents for their beautiful Birthday Book donations to the Girls JP Library. The girls are enjoying the books and growing their literacy skills and love of reading at the same time.

HEADS HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

- ☑ Have a picnic
- ☑ Camp in your backyard/living room
- ☑ Go on a hike
- ☑ Visit a museum/art gallery
- ☑ Play board/card games
- ☑ Learn a new hobby
- ☑ Build a large puzzle
- ☑ Try a new recipe
- ☑ Create a piece of art
- ☑ Plant a spring garden/veggie garden/herbs
- ☑ Make a fire and roast marshmallows
- ☑ Go sightseeing in Johannesburg – try the Red Bus
- ☑ Make a time capsule
- ☑ Exercise daily
- ☑ Make paper aeroplanes
- ☑ Visit a zoo, bird park or reptile farm
- ☑ Wash the car
- ☑ Read a book
- ☑ Have a scavenger hunt
- ☑ Have a play date/sleep over

Try not to spend too much time in front of a TV, computer or iPad. Mostly have some **FUN** and relax!

LAST WORDS

A special happy long leave wish to Shelli Golden. We will miss you!

Good wishes to all our girls and staff for a super holiday. School ends at 10:30 tomorrow. We return to school on Tuesday, September 4.

Heather Kissack (Junior Prep Head)

BIRTHDAY CHAPEL

All girls who have birthdays between 1 August and 4 September will received their birthday card and blessing on 4 September.

SCHOOL SHOP

The School Shop will open the day before school starts for the Advent Term (Term 3) on Monday, 3 September from 09:00 - 15:00.

We do recommend, however, that you come in to update your summer uniform before we break up next week.

Nadia Thompson (*School Shop*)

DIVERSITY – MANDELA DAY

St Peter's celebrated Mandela Day on 18 July 2018. The day underlined the two-month theme of '*service above self*'. It is a day to be charitable and selfless. The school, parents and pupils embarked on a book drive for our community partnership schools and local communities. The Junior Prep have extended the idea by spending a day reading, playing and sharing experiences with the 'Ball, Book and Biscuits Day' at Sefikeng Primary. A contribution to the theme of selfless leadership was the series of Grade 5 talks leading up to Mandela Day.

Tyler Wrattan read her brilliantly written poem, INFERNO about Nelson Mandela.

Sydney Thokoane and Daniella Cross addressed the Junior and Senior Prep girls on the chapel lawn in front of the Mandela Tree. They focused on the need for non-violence, truth and reconciliation, acceptance and love. Nelson Mandela is one of the most globally respected individuals. He earned such great respect because he was a servant leader who fought against apartheid at great sacrifice. He is a person we can all learn from and we should all try to be a bit like him every day by helping our peers, parents and teachers and not only thinking of ourselves. He was a humble man and the freedom he afforded us is more than money can buy. We should mould our lives on his qualities and the St Peter's values: integrity, humility, perseverance, respect, compassion, resilience and responsibility.

'What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.' - Nelson Mandela

Vijay Maharaj
(*Director: Diversity*)

GRADE 0, 1 AND 2 HOLIDAY CLUB – WEEK 1 AND 2 OF THE AUGUST HOLIDAYS

Grade 0, 1 and 2 girls, friends and younger siblings come and join **Mrs Buck, Mrs Steyn, Ms Peake and Ms Mafatle** for a wonderfully fun and creative holiday club. **Club staffed by fully qualified teachers.**

DATES: **Week 1 - 6-10 August** **Week 2 - 13-17 August.** Girls may attend all or selected days only.
ACTIVITIES: Lots of baking and delicious treats to make, beautiful crafts to create, bike day.
COST: R220 per day, all payments by latest 3rd August by EFT to Janet Buck
TIMES: 7.30am – 12pm
VENUE: Mrs Buck's classroom week 1, Ms Mafatle's classroom week 2.
Sign up on the lists on the JP noticeboard and **collect an information letter and application form.** Looking forward to having you! For banking details and queries contact jbuck@stpeters.co.za

THANK YOU, ST PETER'S PREP



TOMORROW TRUST

St Peters Prep School
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27 July 2018

Dear Monica Sloane and the school

On behalf of the Tomorrow Trust, we would like to sincerely thank you for the generous donation of reading books towards the Tomorrow Trust. A donation in this nature is invaluable. Many of our learners do not have libraries or access to readers. A gift like this will be highly appreciated.

The Tomorrow Trust provides academic and psychosocial support to 1070 Orphaned and vulnerable children from Grade R to university. The holistic support given ensures children become self-empowered, self-sustainable and self-responsible contributing individuals to the South African economy, breaking the cycle of poverty.

We are so fortunate to have people and companies such as yours that open your heart to this wealthy cause, and once again thank you for making this donation possible for our orphaned and vulnerable children.



Yours sincerely
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