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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP

FROM THE RECTOR

HELP: PREFABRICATED BUILDING

Thank you to all those parents who responded so positively to our earlier requests for assistance with solar energy and earthworks.

We are now looking to erect a modular building consisting of one, two or three prefabricated rooms approximately 150 m² in extent.

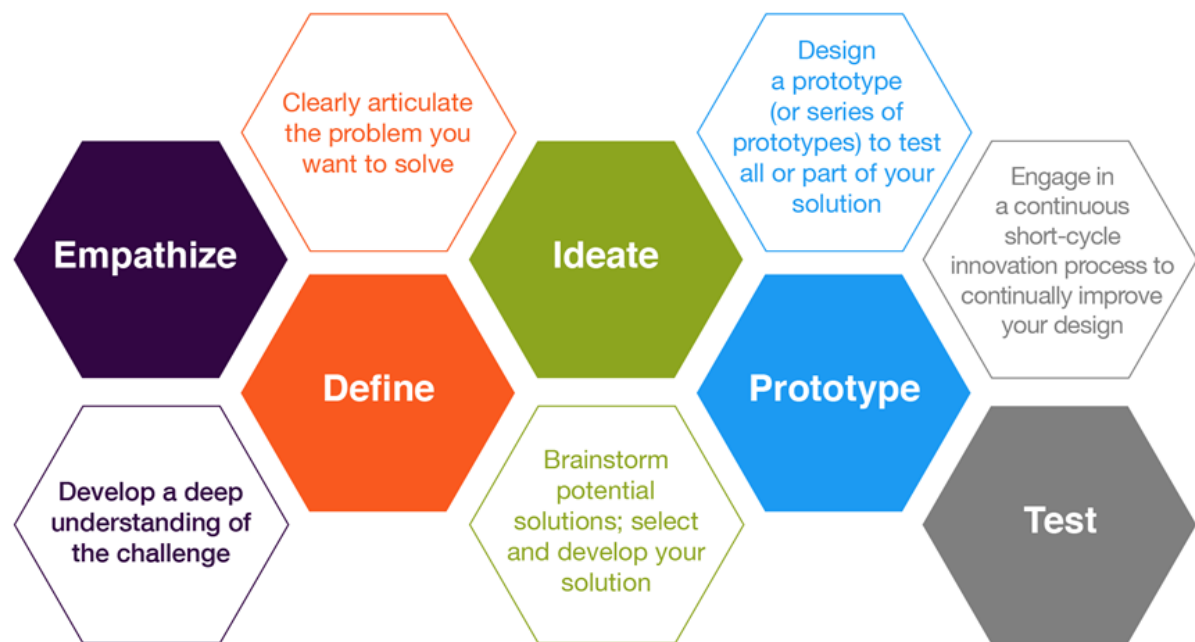
If any parents are able to assist with a quote, please contact Darrel Webb, Girls School Headmaster, at pgouveia@stpeters.co.za.



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)

A few weeks back the school's Exco attended a course at Gibbs Business School on Design Thinking. This process provides us with a roadmap to solve life's challenges and promotes innovation.



We looked at numerous case studies of businesses who have used this process to stay relevant in the world of tomorrow. For me, the most interesting part of this process is the need for companies to prototype solutions to their challenges. One example they used was BMW. They are in the process of prototyping driverless cars that could be ordered on demand to drive a person from A to B. That would essentially change their core business of building and selling cars to individuals but would keep them relevant in the world of tomorrow.

One business that has not used this process to evolve - is schooling. 😊

But thankfully St Peter's is no ordinary school.

As much as we could use this process far more – I am delighted that we do prototype initiatives to not only model this process for our girls to use in the real world but also to ensure we are offering a relevant world-class education. This year we have prototyped various initiatives. In the classroom we have implemented strategies to enhance the concept of personalized learning and we have trialed numerous inquiry based projects.

On the sports field, a further example of prototyping was our new-look Inter-house Athletics Meeting held last Saturday. We experimented with starting the event with mass participation races for every grade and then went into the usual track races.

Constructive feedback is key to the success of the Design Thinking process. Hence, as we start the last five weeks of the year parents, staff and our girls are encouraged to reflect on the year and use every opportunity to provide this valuable feedback. The girls will be asked to do “stop, start, continue” reflections for their teachers. Teachers have been asked to do something similar for their respective line managers and parents are invited, as always, to share their thoughts about the year, with their daughter's class teacher or respective Head of Phase. We can then use this feedback to reflect and redesign our educational strategies and prototypes for 2019.

The outcome of this reflection process and plans for 2019 will be revealed at next year's Information Evenings. What an exciting place to teach and learn!

I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)

NEWS FROM THE JP

THE REAL REASON CHILDREN FIDGET

There is a great deal of discussion around why children are struggling to focus and learn in our current environment. The number of children with Sensory Integration difficulties is also on the increase. This TED Talk clip is a worthwhile watch as to why children are fidgeting and what can be done to assist them both at school and at home. Please do take some time to review it this weekend.

<https://youtu.be/PXLaoDucFOk>

NEW PARENTS EVENSONG

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting the new parents of 2019 at our Evensong and cocktail party. Father Richard addressed the congregation, highlighting the fact that their daughters are about to become part of a parish/family, a place of love and nurture. The service included the beautiful singing by the Senior Prep Chamber choir. During the evening, I marvelled at the atmosphere of family that surrounds us as we work together to give our children the best we can.

A cocktail party, which allowed the parents to meet each other as well as the teachers, followed the Evensong service. The CC and PA graciously hosted this event. The Chair of the PA committee encouraged the parents to get involved in the PA and in the FUN'd-Raising events that take place throughout the year. The committee emphasised how getting involved in school activities, not only contributes to the school, but also gives a greater sense of belonging to the community. Thank you to all who made the evening as special as it was.



Hope you have an awesome weekend!
Heather Kissack

BIRTHDAY CHAPEL




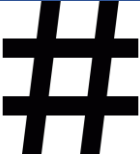
On **Tuesday, 6 November** the following Birthday girls will receive their birthday card and a blessing in Chapel at 8:00. We hope to see the parents there.

K Ritchie
JK Spencer
L Mahlasela
BR Simmonds

S Holmes
S Jackson
C Morgan
E van den Heuvel

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	<p>FACEBOOK</p> <p>St Peters Girls Prep @StPetersGirlsPrep</p> <p>St Peter's Foundation @stpetersfoundation.co.za</p>
	<p>SUNSET CAROL'S HASHTAG</p> <p>#StPSunsetCarols</p>

DIVERSITY - DIWALI

Hindus throughout the world will celebrate the fifth and final day of Diwali next Wednesday, 7 November 2018.

Diwali is called the 'festival of lights'. It is a period spent with friends and family, mending relations, reuniting, forgiving one for one's wrongdoings and renewing friendships. It is also a time for deep reflection on the past successes and failures, and to look forward to the new year with greater energy and inspiration. During Diwali, Hindus exchange sweetmeats, fruit and sweets and wish each other well. The morning is spent in thanksgiving prayers and the evening is filled with fun, laughter, lighting of lamps and fireworks. The lamps and fireworks signify the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and the invitation of light and joy into our lives.

St Peter's wishes all Hindu friends, pupils and families Happy Diwali.

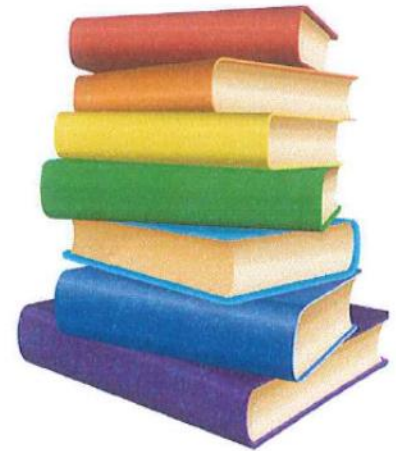


The Book People

REACHING PEOPLE THROUGH BOOKS



BOOK SALE



St Peter's Boys School – Keys Pavilion

6-9 November 2018: 07h00 - 15h00

WHAT'S AHEAD

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	

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



Melissa Laroque ready for her first bus ride to school

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

SUNSET CAROLS




With just a month to go before Sunset Carols it's time to plan your day.

How about taking a table this year?

These fabulous tables are set with cutlery, crockery and glasses, plus festive décor, so all you have to do is arrive – no more carrying heavy chairs and tables all the way from the car!

The tables seat 10, so get your friends together and be ready to book one from 15 Nov on TIXSA.

The cost is R2300 for the table.

DITCH THE SCHLEP AND GET THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE!