

ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Over the past two years, St Peter's Prep, like many independent schools, has been significantly impacted by emigration. This year alone we will have lost 25 children spread across both schools. Thankfully, we do have waiting lists in some grades, but in others (Gr 0 and Gr 5 in particular) we do have available spaces.

The objective of this communication is to ask you, the parent, to do some marketing for us. There is a perception in the marketplace that parents shouldn't even bother putting their name down at St Peter's because they'll never get a place. This may have been the reality a few years back, but times are changing.

It is critically important to us that prospective families prescribe to our Anglican School value system. In the knowledge that parents befriend or know like-minded people, it makes absolute sense to ask you to market our school to the parents who you know, would fit our ethos.

The results of our recent IQAA survey reveal that our current parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school, hence there is actually no better time to 'spread the love' and break this perception that you will never get a place here. If you need additional motivation to make mention of this fact at your next dinner party, think about it from a financial point of view. A full school increases the likelihood of lower school fee hikes. ©

If you have anyone who is interested in applying, please ask them to contact Jean Macleod <u>imacleod@stpeters.co.za</u>, to arrange to come and have a cup of tea with me and have a tour of the school. Once they have seen what we have to offer, they often want to know when their daughter can start.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to this process.

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Darrel Webb (Headmaster)





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FROM THE JP ACTING HEAD

It has been a pleasure going into the classrooms this week and becoming acquainted with many of your special girls. I will be going into each class once a week, for a lesson on a variety of subjects. I look forward to having ongoing contact with them all.

WORLD PLAY DAY

On 28 May, the girls were given numerous play activities in order to learn and consolidate concepts. Photographs will be on display, so please be on the lookout for this visible learning.

PUNCTUALITY

It has come to my attention that numerous girls are arriving late for school and I appeal to parents to make every effort to ensure your girls are on time every morning. This will start them off in the right frame of mind and reduce anxiety. Late arrivals, affect not only the children who are late, but also the other children, as teachers need to recap what has already been said. I really appreciate your co-operation in this regard.

FLU INJECTION

There have been one or two cases of Influenza B in the Girls JP. In order to guard against this, it is recommended that your child be given the flu injection. The cold weather is approaching so please keep warm.

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.

Jaimee Helyar, Angelina Salt, Allegra Gilbert, Amelia Beukes, Megan Marriott, Alyssa Brueton



Well done to our 'star trail runner', Leigh Lidgey, for completing the *Oxpecker Trail* last weekend and coming first in the '*Tannie*' category! She is to be highly commended for this amazing effort. What a wonderful role model for the girls!

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Trish Attlee (Girls JP Acting Head)

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Food for thought...



Girls need to remember that 'becoming awesome' or mastering any skill involves a long-term commitment and investment. THERE ARE NO SHORT CUTS! It is about perseverance and working hard at the skills you want to perfect. 'The more I practice, the luckier I get' – Gary Player

Andrew Steyn (Director of Sport)

'MY STORY' EVENING - TUESDAY, 4 JUNE



In 1992, Frank was homeless, broke, unemployed and separated from his family trying to get a job and earn a living in Johannesburg having come from Port Elizabeth. His is a remarkable story of how through social activism, in particular two women who supported him, he was able to achieve his personal goals and vision.

His first breakthrough was selling fruit & vegetables in downtown Johannesburg, which helped Frank 'beat the odds' and 'escape' homelessness. Then he embarked on studying (BSc, BSc Hons and MSc degrees) and this paved the way for his illustrious corporate career in the financial services sector of SA, which included various Executive positions.

One of his greatest highlights, in 2013, was attending and completing the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School. Today he is a recognised entrepreneur, financial wellness expert, philanthropist and business speaker. He is also reading for his doctorate in financial planning at Kansas State University.

Frank's story is about overcoming obstacles, the power of choices and the power of purpose in life.

Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2019 Time: 18:30-20:00 Venue: St Peter's Girls Junior Prep

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CHAPEL COLLECTION CHARITY

Our Chapel collection for the first term has gone to an organisation called the Door of Hope. This is a faith-based ministry established in 1999 and is a home for abandoned and unwanted babies. This organisation has a 'baby box' built into a church wall, where mothers can safely place their babies, if they are unable to keep them.

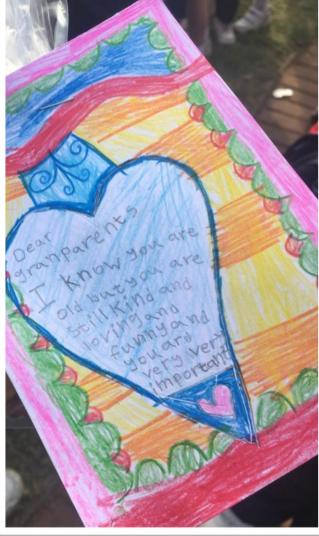
The Door of Hope are also sent babies from the police, hospitals and child protection agencies. Since it started, the Door of Hope have saved close to 1700 babies. The babies are able to stay there until they are adopted, reunited or placed into long term foster care.

Kamohelo Kotsi (*Chaplain Assistant*)



GIRLS JP IN PICTURES









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