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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

### Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP

#### FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to another exciting term at St Peter's. Our Trinity Term promises to keep us all extremely busy, as always!

The holidays always present opportunities for reading and discussion about matters educational. One such conversation of late was about the disconnect between the skills needed in the world of work (problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, people management, collaboration, EQ, judgement and decision making, service and cognitive flexibility) and the process of 'doing' school. Which, if you think about it, is somewhat bizarre in the context of school needing to prepare children for life.

In the context of this conversation we, over the years, have implemented a number of changes to our school curriculum. One of these changes has been acquiring an understanding that what we do at St Peter's is actually divided into three interrelated areas:

#### **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:**

Being an Anglican school, the church is always at the centre of everything we do. We have chosen: *Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Compassion, Collaboration*, and being *Honourable*, to teach as deliberate Christian Values. The teaching of Life Orientation, Religious Education and Leadership falls in this area, as well as the ongoing Pastoral Care that is provided on a daily basis.

#### **CORE SKILLS:**

These are the essential school subjects: Maths, English, Second Languages, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Social Sciences through Inquiry Based Learning.

#### **LIFE SKILLS:**

Music, Drama, Art, Chess, Sport and Physical Education, Coding, IT, Entrepreneurial skills and Public Speaking are all critical skills for life.

Going forward, our school reports will be divided into these three elements.

Our current initiative, as discussed at our Parent Information Evenings, is to implement Personalised Learning to a far greater extent. Further information on Personalised Learning will be sent to you in an upcoming newsletter.

Have a great term ahead!

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)

## FROM THE JP HEAD

### THE WINTER TERM IS HERE

Welcome back to an exciting and invigorating term. I was thrilled to greet every member of the St Peter's family this morning. Thank you for preparing the girls for the term and I am delighted to see them looking so smart in their Winter Uniforms.

### NEW PUPIL

Kymaera Steyn joined us in Grade 2, in Mrs Montagu's class. We are thrilled to have her with us wish her happiness and success at St Peter's.

### READ TO YOUR CHILDREN

As we go into our new term, I would like to highlight the importance of reading aloud to your children. The relevance of this cannot be emphasised enough. Through this activity, they have focused, quality time with you, as well as learning certain critical skills. Here are a few pointers of things on which to focus:

- Read with characterisation i.e. using different voices
- Read the same book many times
- Discuss the plot, characters, setting and illustrations
- Talk about words, sentences and the meaning of these
- Make 'connections' to the world of your children
- Have fun!

Wishing you all a very happy and successful winter term.

Heather Kissack (JP Head)

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## BIRTHDAY CHAPEL

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

H Pearse  
A Van Vuuren  
U Maqheyana  
N Zulu  
D Tindall

M Tshankie  
P Mtambo  
A Pettersson  
C Romanis

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### SPACES FOR GRADE 0, 2019

Please note that there are a limited number of spaces, in the Girls Prep School, available for Grade 0 in 2019. Please bear this in mind when speaking to people who are looking at Grade 0 schooling, for their daughter, in 2019.

## FORTHCOMING WEEK

Tuesday	08/05/2018	08:00:00	13:00:00	Grade 0 & New Girls Hearing Screening		
Wednesday	09/05/2018	08:00:00	13:00:00	Grade 0 & New Girls Hearing Screening		
Friday	11/05/2018	09:00:00	10:00:00	Hot Dog Day (25)		Keys Pavilion
Saturday	12/05/2018	09:00:00	11:30:00	Moms and Daughters Craft Morning		Royce Hall

**Have a happy Trinity Term!**