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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP

FROM THE RECTOR

HELP WITH GREENING THE ST PETER'S PREP CAMPUS – SOLAR ENERGY.

We are hoping to find parents who can assist the school with the following:

1. The provision of a grid-tied solar power system for the Boys Junior Prep.
2. A supplier of LED globes.

Both of the above are components of an overall campus plan developed with an engineering and environmental consulting company, JG Afrika. Our contact here is an Old Boy who is ensuring that we are enjoying discounted rates.

The project plan is holistic, covering energy and water consumption, as well as waste disposal. We hope to have solar power reduce our reliance on Eskom and to use potable water for drinking and cooking only. It is intended to use grey water and harvested rainwater for toilets and irrigation. In addition to the manufacture of compost, we intend to install an Anaerobic Digester in order to consume kitchen waste and produce gas for the stoves.

Given the complexity of the greening project and the fact that technology in this regard is constantly evolving, the school has long-sought a partner with sufficient experience and up to date proficiency. JG Afrika will manage all aspects of this project in consultation with the school, including the selection of service providers and scrutiny of quotes to ensure continuity, reliability and cost-effectiveness.

If you are able to assist, or require any further information, please contact the Ops Manager, Cecilia Neto (cneto@stpeters.co.za) or the Business Manager, Moira Hodgson (mhodgson@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce
(Rector)

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Last Saturday, we hosted our annual Old Girls Tea. It was a joyously loud occasion, accentuated by a few high pitched squeals of delight when girls reconnected with friends and teachers they hadn't seen in years. We used the opportunity to update the girls on all the additions around the school and shared a few plans for future developments.

We also engaged with the girls, via a survey, around how they felt we prepared them for High School.

I am delighted to inform you that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and that the majority of our old girls are not only coping, but excelling in high school. Added to this, I spoke to a number of matrics who have hugely exciting plans to study at universities throughout South Africa and the world.

This sort of feedback gives one a 'big picture' perspective of the everyday issues and challenges that our current girls face, together with you, as parents and us as their teachers. So often, we worry and stress about a poor test result here and a lack of a team selection there – but in the bigger scheme of things, we know that they will all turn out as wonderfully successful human beings.

This sort of mindset is congruent with a current review of our Inclusion Policy. I believe we are far too quick to recommend that a girl should attend alternative schooling for their perceived benefit. (Unless of course they are emotionally at risk and/or having a negative impact on the rest of the class). There are so many stories of children who struggled with different aspects of their schooling and turned it around somehow. Sometimes it's at high school, sometimes they only find their 'mojo' at University. It usually, however, involves a changed mindset and unfaltering support and motivation from their teachers and parents.

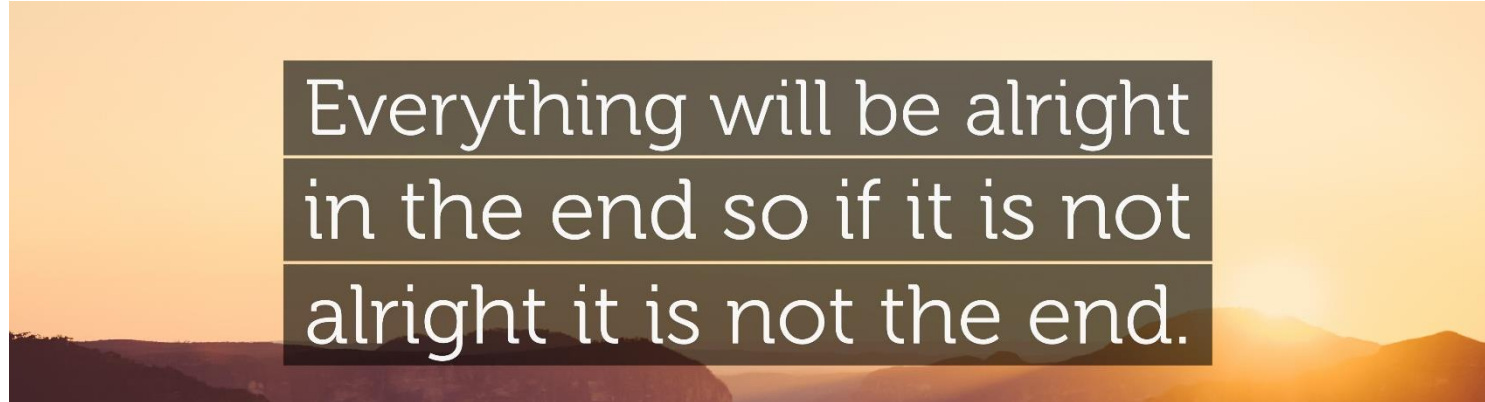
I had one such story in my previous school: A girl, who in Grade 0, did not conform to the expected behaviour and certainly did not meet the so-called developmental milestones of academic progress in Grade 1. There was much debate and recommendations to move her. To cut a very long and traumatic story short – she ended her Grade 7 year achieving academic colours and receiving one of the top sports awards.

I fully understand that as a parent, it's not always easy to see the 'big picture' when your child may be struggling or battling to cope with 'society's expectations, but to quote a line from the movie 'The best Exotic Marigold Hotel': *Everything will be alright in the end . . . so if it's not alright, it's not yet the end!*

Before you know it, your daughter will be attending the *Old Girls Tea* to tell us her success story in high school or university. 😊

I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb
(Headmaster)



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alright it is not the end.

FROM THE JP HEAD

WORM FACTORY IN THE JP VEGGIE GARDEN

On Monday, Chloe Freemantle donated a worm factory to the Girls JP for our Farmer Framer Vegetable Garden. Chloe, along with her dad Peter, developed the factory over the last month. It will now be a part of our recycling programme, and help to create 'worm water' to fertilize the seedlings. Thank you so much, Chloe.

SPORTS DAY

On Saturday, we will host our newly formatted and exciting Sports Day Programme. I wish to thank Leanne Fleming and Tshegofatso Mashabela, our JP Sports teachers, who have been instrumental in making this an exciting and interactive event. Parents will be able to move around, watching their children showing their skills and talents. Thank you, to the teachers and interns too, for participating with such enthusiasm.

DATE: SATURDAY, 6 OCTOBER

TIME: Grade 0 07:30 – 08:30

TIME: Grade 1 & 2 08:30 – 10:00

VENUE: NEWLANDS FIELD

Grade 0 girls please meet their class teachers in their classrooms at 07:30; so that we can start at 08:00 **Grade 1 and 2 girls** meet their class teaches at 08:30 on Newlands field under the Gazebos to start at 08.45

Girls must wear the following on Saturday morning:

- Red or white golf shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Peak – if your daughter does not have the St Peter's peak for Sports Day, any peak will be allowed
- Sunblock
- Barefoot

Events to look forward to:

- Stilt Race
- Sack Race
- Skipping race
- Bouncy ball Jumps
- Water bucket race
- Tyre race
- Hurdles
- Egg 'n spoon
- Obstacle course
- Hopscotch
- Mat forward rolls
- Bean bag race
- Grade 1 girls 60m race
- Grade 2 girls 60m race
- Parent/daughter

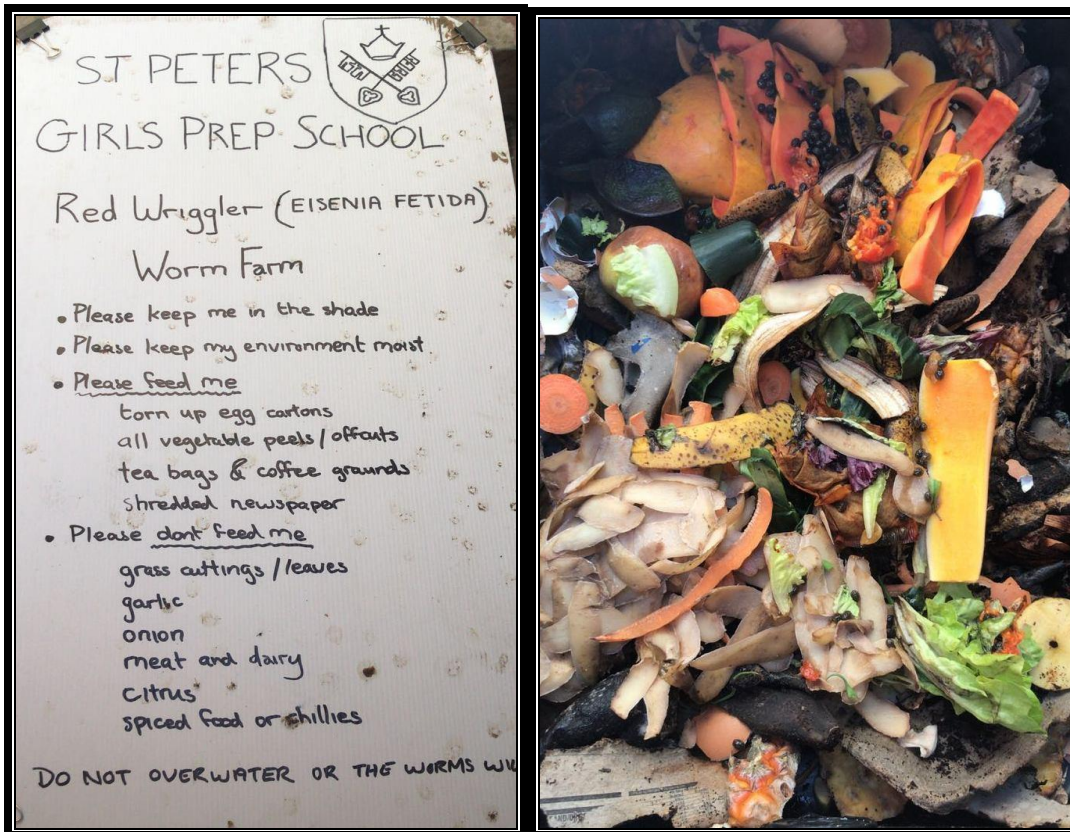
Food and refreshments will be on sale during the morning, so bring the family, your chairs and come support our little athletes. Remember to wear sunscreen.

EXPERI BUDDIES

The girls had a wonderful learning opportunity with this team as young scientists - experimenting and exploring with all sorts of materials.



Girls excitedly waiting for the show to begin.



Our worm factory in the veggie garden.

Have a super weekend. Looking forward to the Sports Day on Saturday.

Heather Kissack

BIRTHDAY CHAPEL

On **Tuesday, 9 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.

C Kirkwood
M Bester

Y Pillay
G Lorden

AERIAL PICTURES OF THE SCHOOL

The last time we commissioned aerial photos of the St Peter's Prep Schools was in 2015. We have decided that it is time to have an updated view, as there have been so many amazing upgrades in the last three years.



If anyone has a drone and could help us with this or if they know of a company that can help us, please contact either Jean Macleod (jmacleod@stpeters.co.za) or Diane Fraser (dfraser@stpeters.co.za).

We would like to take the photos over a weekend in November. We are, obviously, happy to pay for this service.

Thank you
Jean Macleod (*Marketer*)



SWINE FLU

We are aware of the current outbreak of flu causing high numbers of absentees in the classes. Please be aware that Swine flu is part of the common viruses causing flu at present and is a non-notifiable condition. Common Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Body aches
- Cold shivers and hot sweats

Please keep your children at home should they be displaying any of the above symptoms and consult your GP for further treatment.

Gail Brent (*Resident Nursing Sister*)

WHAT'S AHEAD

Tuesday	09/10/18	09:30:00	12:30:00	Grade 2BP Spur Behing the Scene Experience	Spur Rivonia
Wednesday	10/10/18	09:30:00	12:30:00	Grade 2CM Spur Behing the Scene Experience	Spur Rivonia
Thursday	11/10/18	09:30:00	12:30:00	Grade 2KG Spur Behing the Scene Experience	Spur Rivonia
Monday	15/10/2018	12:00:00	14:00:00	Grade 1 Eisteddfod	Girls JP Hall
Tuesday	16/10/2018	12:00:00	14:00:00	Grade 1 Eisteddfod	Girls JP Hall
Wednesday	17/10/2018	10:30:00	10:30:00	Girls JP Half Term	
Thursday	18/10/2018	00:00:00	00:00:00	Bishop's Holiday	
Friday	19/10/2018	00:00:00	00:00:00	HALF TERM	
Tuesday	23/10/2018	07:30:00	07:30:00	Advent Term Recommences	



The St Peter's Intern Programme invites you to advertise in the 2018 Sunset Carols Brochure.

St Peter's will be celebrating its **sixth Sunset Carols** event on **Saturday, 1 December 2018**. This event attracts over 2 500 adults and children and has become the School's annual flagship event. It is preceded by a bustling Christmas Market.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please contact Monica on msloane@stpeters.co.za

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER THE RAFFLE FOR THIS FABULOUS PRIZE!



**ST PETER'S
PREP SCHOOLS**

RAFFLE 2018

R200 per ticket

**Buy a raffle ticket and
stand a chance of winning
R30 000 towards
your school term fees.**

**Ticket sales close this
Friday at 12:00**

T's & C's apply
Only 600 tickets available

**Draw takes place on
5 October 2018 at approx. 19:00**

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE DRAW TO WIN!

Purchase your tickets on TIXSA:
<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018>

Buy your tickets online through this link:

<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/st-peter-s-prep-schools-raffle-2018/pre-sale>

CHARITY EVENTS



Walk FOR
Charity

5KM FUN WALK
SAT 13 OCT '18 @8AM

BEDFORD

FIRST 1500 ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL & T-SHIRT

JOIN US IN
Helping
THOSE IN NEED

#BedfordWalkForCharity2018
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
ST GILES & AVALON

COST - ADULTS R100 | UNDER 2's ARE FREE | CHILDREN, PENSIONERS AND DISABLED PERSONS R50

Discovery Vitality members participating in this year's Bedford Centre Fun Walk on 13 October 2018 will earn up to 300 fitness points for completing the 5km event. Points will be automatically awarded and will take up to four days to reflect on the Vitality Points Monitor.

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