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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to our Advent Term!

This term is always full of excitement! Perhaps because before we know it, we are preparing for our Sunset Carols and the Christmas Holidays are upon us. Or perhaps it's because there is so much to look forward to?

This term we welcome the Mogale and Simelane families to St Peter's Girls Prep. Tshiamo joins us in Grade 5 and Zethu in Grade 6.

We also welcome the following teachers to our school:

Miss Jaya Govender: Jaya has taught previously in the Boys JP for a number of years. Jaya has kindly agreed to teach Grade 0 for a term in a locum position while Mrs Golden is on long leave. Miss Govender will then be returning to Grade 0 in the Boys School next year.

Miss Lauren Aspeling: Lauren joins us for the Advent Term as our Music Administrator, while Mrs Rishworth is on Maternity leave.

Mrs Kelsey Mohammed: Kelsey starts this term as our IT Integrator. She has previously taught at Carlswald House Preparatory School. She is passionate about the use of technology in the classroom and will play a vital role in upskilling our teachers and our girls in this regard.

Mrs Despina Jones: Despina will be teaching Maths as a locum until the end of the year. Despina has been teaching at Crawford Preparatory Pretoria and comes highly recommended.

Staffing news:

Mrs Rose Nkomo: I am delighted to inform you that Rose has recently been promoted to Head of Curriculum Diversity and Transformation and will now sit, as our first black lady, on the Girls School Management Team. Rose will also play a valuable role as part of the Girls Exec Committee.

Mrs Leigh Tennant: I am very sad to let you know that Leigh (Grade 6 English) is off to Australia. Her husband has been offered a once in life time job opportunity and will be leaving SA soon. Leigh leaves us after half term.

Appointments for 2019:

Grade 5: As you would be aware, our school is still growing. We have three classes in each grade up until Grade 4. Next year we have our third class in Grade 5. I am thrilled to announce that Miss Alyssa Stockers will be fulfilling the role as our new class teacher, more than likely in Grade 5. Alyssa has taught at St Peter's for the past 4 years and

has proved herself to be an outstanding teacher and is well-loved by the girls. It is also so exciting to have our third teacher of colour in this role in the Girls School.

Mrs Leigh van Rooyen: Leigh has been with us for some time in various roles in the Girls School and has recently taken ownership of our Library or Media Centre. I am so pleased to inform you that this role has been made permanent in 2019. Head of Maths: Mrs Kim Gordon has been appointed as our new Head of Maths from 2019. Kim has phenomenal mathematical knowledge.

She has a degree in Mathematical Sciences and has applied this knowledge in the workplace for many years before deciding to teach. She will be ably supported by our Master Maths teacher, Mr B, and together we hope revolutionise the teaching of Maths at St Peter's – a process that is already well underway.

Head of Science: I am really looking forward to Mrs Candice Ellis taking up this position next year. Candice is currently teaching Science at St Mary's High School and is highly regarded in this role. She is hugely passionate about teaching Science, particularly to girls. Candice is also very involved in Pastoral Care and is so excited to work with our Grade 6s and 7s next year.

Head of Sport: After an extensive interview process, I am delighted to inform you that our new Director of Sport for 2019 is Mr Andrew Steyn. Andrew is currently Head of Sport at Crawford. He is fanatical about sport but more importantly, he is passionate about motivating children to participate and give of their best on the sports field. There is no doubt that Andrew will make a massive impact on our sport in 2019.

Sadly, our Acting Director of Sport, Mr Chris Tomsek, leaves us at the end of the year.

Generalist Teacher: With Alyssa Stockers moving into a class teacher role next year, we've needed to replace her role as a generalist teacher in the Senior Prep. Mrs Kerryn White is currently Head of English and Head of Thinking Skills at Dainfern College Prep and she is a phenomenal teacher. I am therefore delighted that Kerryn has decided to make the move to St Peter's next year.

I am so looking forward to the term ahead.

I wish you a wonderful weekend. Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb (*Headmaster*)



FROM THE JP HEAD

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW TERM AND TO SPRING

We have all had a wonderful August holiday and the routines all back in place. When children are at home things are a little different to say the least. After holidays every cupboard needs tidying and toys seem to be everywhere. Never fear ... They are now back at school!

WE HAVE TWO NEW GIRLS IN GRADE 2

We would like to welcome two new pupils, Wanjiku and Wanjiru Nganaga in Grade 2, and their families to St Peter's Girls Prep. We hope that they feel part of the St Peter's family soon and wish them many happy years here.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Miss Jaya Govender who joins the JP for this term as a Locum for Shelli Golden who has taken long leave.

Congratulations to Mrs Sheena Steyn who is expecting her second baby in early 2019.

CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVERS!

We started the term with a conversation about learning and how we all are amazing problem solvers. We never stop solving problems as they present themselves. The girls watched a short video-link about the '*problem with problems*'. The link is included below for you to enjoy and debate further with your daughter. I encourage you to discuss her goals this term and reflect on her progress whenever you can.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CbxMU6KaJU>



Girls enjoying the new jungle gym!

CALENDAR AND COMMUNICATION

School communication is managed through newsletters, teacher correspondence and class parents. We have decided to refine our process and will not be issuing a printed Calendar this term. The D6 Communicator has the dates for all functions and can be downloaded to your personal calendars. I would highly recommend that parents download the Communicator, if they have not already done so (onto their phone and laptop). We are going paperless!

The week ahead will be available on the newsletter as well.

Have a lovely weekend.

Heather Kissack (Junior Prep Head)

BIRTHDAY CHAPEL

On **Tuesday, 11 September** the following Birthday girls will receive their birthday card and a blessing in Chapel at 8:00. We hope to see the parents there.

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CLAY OVEN FIRE ASSISTANCE

As many of you will know, a large fire occurred on Friday night at the Clay Oven informal settlement across the road from the school. 128 shacks were completely destroyed. This affects approx 250 people, including 50 women and 20 young children.

If you would like to assist these families, who are now left with literally nothing, you can do so via the school. We would like to specifically help with the following:

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD:

- Tins
- Maize meal
- Rice
- Biscuits, etc

TOILETRIES:

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Sanitary pads
- Face cloths & Towels
- Soap

KITCHENWARE:

- Cooking pots
- Cooking utensils

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UNDERWEAR for ladies and small children (up to age 6).

Collection points are in place at the lower car park and Chapel and both JP Girls Receptions and JP Boys Reception.

These are urgent needs, so we will deliver what is collected every day, and will be collecting up until Tuesday next week.

If you would like to help in any other way, please contact Colleen on 082 391 0554 to find out what else is needed.

Many thanks,
Community Partnership Team

WHAT'S AHEAD

Friday	14/09/2018	10:00:00	10:30:00	HOT DOG & CIVVIES DAY for Charity Total: R35	Charity: Meals on Wheels
Thursday	20/09/2018	18:30:00	20:30:00	My Story – Heritage Table	
Friday	21/09/2018	07:30:00	13:00:00	Heritage Day Dress Up	
Monday	24/09/2018	00:00:00	00:00:00	HERITAGE DAY	

PA News



The St Peter's Prep Golf Day
Friday, 5 October 2018
Kyalami Country Club

**LIMITED
4 BALLS
still available**

DON'T MISS OUT!
To book your spot, or for any additional information email
golfday@stpeters.co.za