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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

### Weekly Newsletter of the Girls JP

#### FROM THE HEADMASTER

##### STAFFING

Mrs Liz Ashmore: I am sad to announce the resignation of Liz Ashmore, at the end of this First Term. Liz has made a decision to take a break from teaching and spend more time with her family. Liz has added tremendous value to our Sports Department over the years and we wish her well in all her future endeavours. Plans are already in place to ensure our department continues to run effectively until we are able to find a suitable replacement.

Mrs Leigh Tennant and Mrs Ingerid de Bruyn: We are delighted to welcome both these ladies back from maternity leave.

Mrs Leigh van Rooyen: Officially takes on the position as our new Librarian. She will be based in our new Media Centre and will be doing everything in her power to encourage our girls to read.

Miss Catherine Holm: We are delighted to announce that Cath Holm has been promoted to the position of Head of Organisation and Administration.

Darrel Webb  
(Headmaster)

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#### FROM THE JP HEAD

##### BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE

This past week saw an exciting parade with many amazing book characters. Thank you to all our parents for creating the opportunity for all your girls to take part and enjoy the fun and frenzy of the day!

##### GRANDPARENTS DAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Another heartfelt thanks goes to our amazing CC and Class Parents for the efforts they made in creating the perfect day to celebrate our Grandparents and special people.

##### COLLABORATION

This week we are introducing the concept of '*Collaboration*.' The girls are being encouraged to consider what '*Collaboration*' looks like (i.e. an action), sounds like (i.e. in words) and feels like (i.e. an emotion). Teachers will

create scenarios, in class, around this critical life skill that will stand our girls in good stead for the future. The girls watched the following YouTube video in Prayers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qzzYrCTKuk>

Some activities that help grow a *collaborative* spirit include:

- Board games
- Building a 'family' puzzle
- Hiking
- Cycling
- Cooking and baking

We must remember to model *collaboration* and give children opportunities to participate in activities and decision making, within their appropriate level of maturity.

In our *Inspiration* this week, Grade 1 girls modeled this value. Thank you Mrs Steyn and Grade 1 for making this value so real!

### **CAMP OUT - SATURDAY, 17 MARCH**

As we head toward the end of this exciting first term, I urge you to *beg, borrow and find* a tent with which to participate in the Camp Out on Saturday, 17 March! Watch this space for more info!

### **MUSIC OPEN MORNING - GRADE 2 (DIARISE)**

Grade 2 Music Open Morning will be on the Thursday, 5 April from 12:00 – 13:30. All Grade 2 parents will receive a letter with more specific information closer to the time.

### **PE SWIMMING**

Class swimming will continue until the end of next week. We would encourage parents to sign their daughter up for external winter swimming lessons.

### **EXTRA SWIMMING LESSONS**

Extra swimming lessons for this term finishes this week. An email will be sent to those girls who attend.

### **PJ DAY**

On Friday 16 March we are having a PJ Day. Please see the note from Father Richard below.

Have a super week!

Heather Kissack

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## **BIRTHDAY CHAPEL**

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

S Manikum  
A Horwood  
I-L Mazwana

I Hughes  
Z Mvulane

## ST PETER'S CATERING MANAGER, SHARON RABILAL, ON LISTERIOSIS

In view of the reports on Listeriosis in the press, I would like to reassure you that we don't serve polony or viennas on our menu except on hot dog days. We have removed, however, all ham and salami from the teatime sandwich menu, for the time being.

The use of processed food products is quite limited, as we prefer to provide cooked meals. All sausages/boerewors are purchased from our local butcher, where they are produced on site. The cold meats served are limited to ham and salami, purchased from Bidfood (part of the Bidvest group) and are not of the 'Enterprise' brand. I have contacted Bidfood to provide a clearance/health and safety certificate from their food suppliers.

Our kitchen staff were briefed on Listeriosis at the beginning of the year and we are fully trained on the health and safety procedures to follow in the kitchen, i.e. washing of hands, personal hygiene, the use of sanitisers and making sure that all food is fully cooked.

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## PYJAMA DAY

Cancer is an illness that can affect anyone - regardless of age, gender or race. Within our own St Peter's family, we have people who are fighting this disease at present and one of these is a young girl in our Girls School. We, as a school, have therefore chosen CHOC, as our charity, to support this term and for us to remember all children who are fighting cancer.

During the week starting Monday, 12 March 2018, we will therefore, be speaking to the children in our own community, on cancer and how families are affected by this dreadful disease. On Friday, 16 March 2018, we will conclude the week with a 'Pyjama Day.' On this day, we encourage our children and staff to come to school in their Pjs in order to empathise with children who are sick and suffering with cancer.

There is no charge for this day - as this about us, as a community, becoming aware and pulling together to support one another.

Blessings (Fr Richard)

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## SECOND HAND SHOP

The Second Hand shop is situated just behind the current school shop and opening hours are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 07:00 – 08:00. School uniforms and sport kit for both girls and boys schools are available at discounted prices. All donations are welcome. Kindly deliver clean items to the shop during any of the opening times.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the shop during one of opening times, kindly contact: Carol Sithole on [carol.sithole1977@gmail.com](mailto:carol.sithole1977@gmail.com) or on 072 2268599.

Please contact any of the following ladies to make appointments at other times or for more information:

- Carol 072 2268599
- Heather: 082 654 2755

- Janice 083 325 2464
- Vicky 081 470 9124

## Grade 7 Girls Flower Fundraiser

**R250 per Bunch**

**Please support by ordering your bunch  
of beautiful flowers by Tuesday  
afternoon via email [nicky@ntce.co.za](mailto:nicky@ntce.co.za).**

**Collection of flowers on Friday from  
12:00 at Girls SP Reception.**

**Many thanx  
Grade 7 Girls Fundraising Committee**



## INFORMATION ON THE GRADE 7 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

It has been a tradition that the Grade 7s raise funds to give the school a Leavers' Gift. In the past, the funds have purchased or contributed towards various projects. A couple of years ago it was decided to start an Old Girls Bursary Fund, using a portion of these funds. This is different to the Bursary fund offered by the Foundation/School concerning disadvantaged children. The Old Girls Bursary Fund is for any old girl in a difficult financial situation who wishes for their daughter to attend to St Peter's Girls Prep School.

A percentage of the funds raised, therefore, is donated to the Old Girls' Bursary Fund and the rest is donated to a project agreed upon by the girls and School. The girls are asked 'what gift they would like to leave the school?' and are asked to come up with five suggestions. Each suggestion is taken into account and the School then narrows it down to a choice of five, which the Grade 7 girls then vote on. The Grade 7 parents then facilitate the implementation of the project together with the School and the 'gift' is presented to the School towards the end of the year or on completion.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ST PETER'S PREP 'OLD PUPILS': 2017 ACHIEVERS - ST PETER'S COLLEGE

### CROSSED KEYS AWARD

Students must achieve an overall average of 75% or more. This average is derived from marks attained in Term 1, Term 2, Term 2 Examination, Term 3 and the Term 3 Examination, in all subjects. Recipients:

<i>Akrithi Bhimma</i>	80.58%
<i>Sabrina Jansen</i>	79.22%

<i>Didintle Netshiswinzhe</i>	80.91%
<i>Jonathan Webb</i>	82.44%
<i>Carl Vemer</i>	88.14%
<i>Julia Schroeder</i>	76.21%
<i>Marios Joannou</i>	80.45%
<i>Kaitlin Banahan</i>	80.62%
<i>Kosmas Joannou</i>	80.96%
<i>Joshua Jandrell</i>	84.82%
<i>Yogita Mohabir</i>	81.71%
<i>Matthew Garrett</i>	82.30%
<i>Christie Vemer</i>	88.22%

**GOLDEN CROSSED KEYS**

Recipients: *Emma Eagle* (88.70%) and *Luke Hewson* (89.80%)

**VISUAL ART AWARD**

The Da Vinci Trophy: Highest Result for Visual Culture Studies in Grade 11. Recipient: *Christie Vemer*

**ACADEMIC TROPHIES****The Jacubec Trophy**

This trophy is awarded to a Grade 9 Student who has made a consistent contribution to the school in the three areas of academics, culture and sport. Recipient: *Jonathan Webb*

**The Junior Natural Sciences Cup**

This cup is awarded to the junior student or group of students who have shown particular aptitude, interest or ability in a research or investigation. Recipient: *Chloe Morrison*

**R20 in 10 Days**

R20 in 10 Days, is a Grade 10 Simulation Project, where each student receives a R20 'loan' to start and run a business for only 10 days. The 2017 winning business was run by, Old Girl - *Lauren Mukheiber* and her team members.

**Grade 9 Entrepreneurship Day**

The winning business group sold customised notebooks, handmade slime, henna tattoos, earphones and stationary. The winning group, Wonderland, was a team of four – one being a St Peter's Girls Prep Old Girl: *Sybil Ramjuthan*

**Grade 10 AP Mathematics Commitment Trophy:**

*Marios Joannou*

**Grade 11 AP Mathematics Commitment Trophy**

*Christie Vemer*

**COLOURS**

*Joshua Jandrell*  
*Kosmas Joannou*  
*Marios Joannou*

**FULL-COLOURS/HONOURS**

*Christie Vemer*

Luke Hewson  
Matthew Garrett  
Yogita Mohabir

### WHITE BLAZER

The White Blazer is awarded in recognition of achieving Full Colours in Sport, Cultural, Academics and completion of Community Service requirements. Recipient: *Yogita Mohabir*.

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### FOURWAYS TRAFFIC IS THE WORST IN SOUTH AFRICA

A group of St Peter's parents are being proactive in tackling the traffic in the Fourways Area. They have approached the DA Councillor, JMPD and LRA to discuss the infrastructure, motorists' behaviour on the roads and pointsmen required to ensure the Fourways Area traffic flows adequately. To send an email to Mayor Herman Mashaba, to ensure he is aware of the circumstances on our roads, 10 000 signatures are required – please consider signing the petition below and sharing this with other concerned road users in our area. We are hoping to make a difference!

[https://www.petitions24.com/fourways\\_traffic\\_is\\_the\\_worst\\_in\\_sa\\_sign\\_this\\_petition\\_to\\_make-it-stop](https://www.petitions24.com/fourways_traffic_is_the_worst_in_sa_sign_this_petition_to_make-it-stop)

Thank you for your support!

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### COLLABORATION

The ability to collaborate with others has become one of the most sought-after skills in both the classroom and the workplace. Collaboration creates a culture that values every person's strengths and an environment that believes that everyone can learn from one another.

Collaboration skills are people skills and therefore need to be taught actively. Skills such as:

- Active listening
- Respect
- Manners
- Positive attitude
- Focus
- Social awareness
- Negotiation
- Creative and critical thinking

We need to teach our children to work together. Teamwork is a life skill and one of the most important ones that every child should develop. As parents and teachers, we can teach our children to practice:

- Working together to accomplish a common /project/task/goal
- Give our girls an opportunity to equally contribute, problem-solve and co-operate
- Share responsibility, resources and decision-making
- Look for ideas and solutions that will please the whole group

Teach your children how to work with others and you are teach them how to succeed in life.

Cara Eggett (*Director: Pastoral care*)



## LADIES LUNCH 2018

Wow - what an afternoon! Congratulations and thank you to the fabulous group of moms who organised the spectacular 'Botanicals and Bubbles' Ladies Lunch on Saturday.

Special thanks must go to Stacy Mogale and Zoe von Onselen for heading up the committee and making sure everything ran as smoothly as it did. And then, in no specific order, thanks to all the committee members: Busi Mathe, Dipti Marrie, Candice Brits, Priya Lutchman, Jayne Napier, Jessica Barrow, Belinda Gilbert, Chetna Daya, Rashida Dawood, Ellen Ngcongco, Kassy Gounden, Tanya Watson, Mandy Hugo, Courtney Baxter, Connie Shipp, Tanya Ingham-Brown, Colleen Hayward-Butt, Sally Diack, and Katherine O'Neill.

You girls ROCK!

*PA Committee*



**WEEK AHEAD**

Please check the Calendar section of Communicator St Peter's for the forthcoming week's activities.

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**CHARITY**

**Calling all Super Dogs!**

**DOGS UNITE!**  
For Guide Dogs

The only dog walk of its kind - where your dog is the hero of the hour and every hero will be presented with a cape!

**Date:** 25 March 2018  
**Venue:** Delta Park Johannesburg

**Time:** Registration from 07:00  
Walk starts at 08h00

Tickets are available on [www.guidedog.org.za](http://www.guidedog.org.za)  
Keep a look out on our website for further information

If you would like to be a hero and get involved in this event, please contact **Juliette Powell:** [JulietteP@guidedog.org.za](mailto:JulietteP@guidedog.org.za) or 011 705 3512

 **GUIDE-DOGS ASSOCIATION**  
South Africa