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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

#### WELCOME BACK TO THE ADVENT TERM!

I'm writing this newsletter from our Grade 6 Camp at Goodlands Estate, near Cullinan and will be sharing news from our camps in next week's edition of the newsletter.

This is the term that somehow 'disappears', without us knowing about it. Before we know it the Christmas season will be upon us and I'll be wishing you well for the December holidays! My daughter has reminded me that she only has 21 days left of actual school before the start of the Matric exams! Perhaps the message, here, is to make the most of every moment with your precious daughter.

Today, I'd like to welcome our new families, share some staffing news and update you on our very exciting building projects.

#### NEW FAMILIES

Machailo Family: Aobakwe joins us in Grade 4.

Ramafoko Family: Leago joins us in Grade 6.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new families to St Peter's Girls Prep.

#### STAFFING NEWS

##### Mrs Lee Pace

Mrs Pace has made a decision to join her daughter in America, so will be leaving us at the end of the year. Lee has taught at St Peter's for the past seven years and during this time has added tremendous value to our IT Department. She gives freely of her time and expertise to both girls and staff.

##### Ms Jabulisile Mtshweni

Ms Mtshweni initially joined St Peter's as an intern. She has now qualified and over the past seven years, she has taught Afrikaans, isiZulu and Social Sciences. Ms Mtshweni has made a decision to explore further teaching opportunities and has been offered a position at the new Steyn City School, which opens next year.

##### Mrs Kagiso Musi

Mrs Musi has been travelling to St Peter's Prep, from Vosloorus every day. The time and petrol constraints have very sadly required her to look for teaching opportunities closer to home and closer to her family. She has therefore, accepted an offer at St Catherine's School from next year. Mrs Musi has carried out an incredible job teaching sport at St Peter's over the past two years.

Staff resignations have the tendency to spread a feeling of uncertainty amongst parents. Please be assured that although we are always very sad to lose teachers, we are extremely fortunate in that we are

inundated with CVs on a regular basis and will endeavour to appoint new staff of the highest calibre.

### NEW CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

There are five very exciting projects presently under construction:

**1. Multi-purpose surface, netball and tennis courts.**

As you are aware, we currently only have four tennis and netball courts. With so many of our girls eagerly participating in both these sports, we need more space. The additional courts will give us much needed sporting facilities for an increase in pupil numbers.

This facility will enable us to play hockey on a half size Astroturf, with the understanding that we will always be able to use the College Astro for matches for the older girls.

We hope that this project will be completed by the end of the year.



**2. Chapel**

Through some extremely generous donations, we have been able to upgrade our beautiful Chapel. The upgrade involves additional seating in the form of a wooden mezzanine level at the back of the Chapel.



**3. Senior Prep library**

We have extended the space in the library to embrace the small computer lab. This will give us the opportunity to transform the library into an exciting, state-of-the-art, Media Centre.

**4. Shelter and stairs at the existing Tennis/Netball Courts**

Currently we have very limited shade at these courts and a rather precarious earthen bank to negotiate should you wish to move from the courts to the field. This project will hopefully, commence next month.

I'm looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Darrel Webb** (*Headmaster*)

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**FROM THE JP HEAD****WELCOME BACK TO SPRING AND THE NEW TERM**

I am sure it will take a few days to get the house back to its former state, as before the holidays! The children at home cause things to become a little unruly - every cupboard needs tidying and the toys are everywhere. Never fear! We have them back with us and they are happy to be at school. Believe it or not, so are we!

**NEVER GIVE UP!**

We have started the term with a conversation about learning and about how we are all amazing 'problem solvers' and should never ever give up. I have sent you the link to enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUm-vAOmV1o>

**SUPERPOWERS ARE STILL GATHERING MOMENTUM IN THE JP**

On Thursday, Dr Fuziwe presented an inspiring talk to the girls and shared her role as a doctor and gynaecologist. She shared pictures of babies she has delivered and told us about the skills she needs in her

profession. The girls were very excited and attentive. Thank you so much for your efforts to grow our girls and their passions.



### CLIMBING WALL

The climbing wall was completed over the holidays. It is beautiful. The teachers will have training with professionals before the girls will be allowed to access this facility. The positives around this particular sport include; planning, core strength, confidence, risk taking and many other attributes we hope to foster in our girls.





**SUNFLOWER DAY**

The girls are welcome to wear topes to school next week. These are available at Pick 'n Pay.

Looking forward to a productive term.

**Heather Kissack**

(JP Head)

**WEEK AHEAD**

11/09/2017	16:00:00	17:30:00	Inter-School General Knowledge Quiz		Christ Church Preparatory School
2017/09/12	18:30:00	20:00:00	My Story - "My Father's Coat"	Cheese and Wine	St Peter's College Auditorium
15/09/2017	09:00:00	09:30:00	Grade 3 Market Day		

**2018 Term Dates****EASTER TERM**

Term Commences: **Wednesday, 17 January.**  
 Mid Term Break: Close Thursday, **1 March** and return Tuesday, **6 March**  
 Public Holidays: Wednesday, 21 March (Human Rights Day)  
 Friday, 30 March (Good Friday)  
 Monday, 2 April (Family Day)  
 Term Ends: **Wednesday, 11 April.**

**TRINITY TERM**

Term Commences: **Wednesday, 2 May.**  
 Mid Term Break: Close Friday, **22 June** and return Monday, **2 July.**  
 Term Ends: **Friday, 3 August.**

**ADVENT TERM**

Term Commences: **Tuesday, 4 September.**  
 Mid Term Break: Close Thursday, **18 October** and return Tuesday, **23 October.**  
 Public Holiday: Monday, 24 September (Heritage Day)  
 Term Ends: **Thursday, 6 December.**

**Please note that during the course of the year, extra days holiday are sometimes granted, on special occasions. It is recommended that parents check the Newsletter for changes throughout the year.**

SUNFLOWER DAY – FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

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