



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I am writing this article as I fly between Washington and Johannesburg, having attended the International Boys' School Coalition annual conference. This year's conference took place in Baltimore. Six hundred delegates from schools in countries ranging geographically from New Zealand to Peru gathered to discuss topics of interest in boys' education. To my mind, this conference is one of the most enlightening of those on offer since it is supported by ongoing action research which is shared internationally. This research guides the discussion and the keynote speakers are chosen according to the themes.

A major theme of this year's conference was the need for schools to prepare boys to be able to adapt to the fast paced change that is occurring in the information age. This requires that a strong moral compass be provided as well as the skills of collaboration, innovation and ability to evaluate and use technology, with a strong emphasis on creativity.

Consider the following points:

- With the advent of satellite-guided and robot-driven vehicles, the transport industry, which includes deliveries, taxi services, long haul drivers and all the associated support services, is likely to become totally automated within our boys' lifetimes. Many of the traditional opportunities for employment in these areas will cease to exist. This will mean that a significant part of our future population will need to create alternative sources of income. They will need to become producers rather than consumers in societal dynamics.
- With the development of mobile-driven communication devices, it will not be long until a cheap translator, which fits in one's ear will allow us to communicate with any number of different language speakers simultaneously in real time.
- If land was the resource that dictated power in the agricultural age and raw materials did the same in the industrial age, the control of data is the commodity of the future. At any time our boys' location and their preference in anything from take away food to reading material will be analysed, opening up opportunities for a supplier to advertise and deliver commodities using drone technology.



In one of the sessions, we shared experiences with Heads of traditional, faith-based schools and discovered that the international trend is a growing demand for us to provide a strong faith and traditional foundation for our boys to have the required firm base from which to explore opportunities into the future. These schools, which included England's Harrow, Australia's Scots College and Shore as well as America's St Paul's Boys School are finding that, while certain traditions have been adapted, the grounding of their education in Faith and regular habits is creating the foundation for the boys to become, what one school identifies as "...good men at 40."

I return from the conference with a number of good contacts who will provide the opportunity for collaboration with schools around the world as well with the knowledge that, while we are right up there with the best in the world, there are a number of areas in which we, at St Peter's Boys Prep can continue on our path of continuous improvement. I will be sharing ideas with the staff in general as well as with specific interest groups in the weeks ahead.

I thank the Council for this excellent opportunity for professional development and look forward to adding to the St Peter's community of learning as a result of my participation in this year's IBSC Conference.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

TWO MESSAGES YOUR CHILD MUST HEAR

Research shows that children's resiliency and view of themselves is dramatically improved if they receive two consistent messages from a trusted adult. It doesn't matter who the adult is a coach, teacher, or parent; *what matters is the message*. Whether a child has every advantage or faces many challenges, *they need to believe these two things*. No child can hear them too often. Here they are, in their simplest forms, and in a variety of verbal and nonverbal ways. Also included are a few ways in which you could inadvertently negate these important messages.

Message #1: "YOU MATTER."

Other ways to say it: "You are important." "I care about you." "Tell me your opinion." "I love you very much." "I'm glad you're part of my family/tribe/life."

How to show it: Eye contact and smiles. Hugs. Remember and honour their preferences. Give them the heads-up on transitions and family changes. Validate feelings and listen.

Try to avoid: Interrupting while your child is talking. Speaking with other adults about them as if they are not there. Ignoring them.

Message #2: "YOU ARE CAPABLE."

Other ways to say it: "I believe in you." "You can do it even if it's hard." "You know how to keep at it." "You can succeed." "I trust you."

How to show it: Beam them with confidence. Stand back and give space. Let them fail, feel that, and then try again.

Try to avoid: Equating a child's developmental phase with their personality or capabilities. Rushing in with advice or comfort. Hovering.

Build confidence and true self-esteem in your child by ensuring they receive these two very important messages. Increase resilience in *any child* by keeping these tips in mind. If heard repeatedly, whole-heartedly, and in many different ways, children will feel the "positive impact" and they will be virtually inoculated against hopelessness and despair.

RECYCLED MATERIALS

We would like to thank parents for the many materials sent to Makerspace for our recycled projects. At this stage our containers and storage are overflowing, so please could I ask that you refrain from sending over the next few weeks.

DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL

Ball & Book for Mandela – 67 Minutes 25 July

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the call for a ball and book for our Diepsloot pupils. Please do consider supporting this cause, either as an individual, family or company.

Term 3 Prep

A prep session for Term 3 lessons at DCS will be held behind the boat on **Tuesday, 11 July** from **7:30**. Please assist if you can, even if it is only for a short period of time.

MY STORY

Last night the Interns shared their stories with members of the St Peter's community. It is always most heart-warming to hear of young people overcoming obstacles and making a success of their lives. The intern programme has much to offer in assisting young South Africans to turn their lives around. We are so proud of their remarkable achievements.

GOLDEN MOMENT

On Tuesday a Grade 0 boy told his teacher that his mom had said he was going for a *weasles* injection at school!

Enjoy your weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 10 July
Tuesday 11 July 7:30 DCS Term 3 Prep
Wednesday 12 July 8:00 Chapel (birthday cards 10-16 July) 12:00-12:20 Grade 2 Choir OR 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir
Thursday 13 July
Friday 14 July HOT DOG DAY – R25-00 13:30 Grade 2 football matches vs St Benedict’s (away)
Saturday 15 July 13:00-15:00 Family Sports Festival & Picnic/Braai

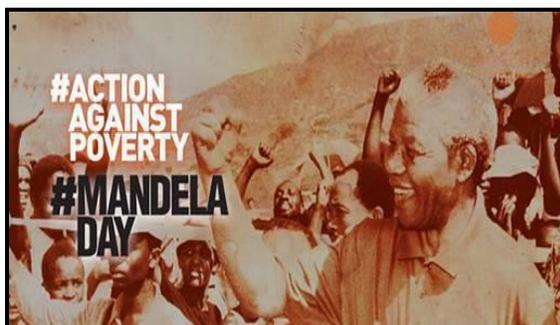
BISHOPS HOLIDAY AND SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION HOLIDAY

The BISHOP has granted St Peter’s an extra day of holiday. This day is **Tuesday, 26 September**.
GREG ROYCE has also granted St Peter’s an extra day off school in celebration of the number of scholarships which were awarded for 2018. This day is **Thursday, 19 October**, making our mid-term break longer! We will close on Wednesday, 18 October and return to school on Tuesday, 24 October.

MANDELA DAY - 18 JULY 2017

As part of our Mandela Day Drive, we are appealing to all our families to donate unwanted and unused items.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Knysna crisis. We had already planned this initiative and hope that some goods remain in your cupboards!



We would like to support:

<i>Vuleka Schools</i>	BOOKS	For their library
<i>Diepsloot Combined & Sefikeng Primary</i>	SPORT KIT and TAKKIES	Part of the Family Day Drive on 15 July
<i>St Peter’s community</i>	SECOND HAND CLOTHING & EDUCATIONAL TOYS	
<i>Diepsloot Combined</i>	BOOKS and TENNIS BALLS	JP Boys initiative

Monica Sloane (Foundation and Community Partnership)

**CARTRIDGE COLLECTION AND HOT DOG DAY - R25
FRIDAY, 14 JULY**

Please remember to bring in your ink cartridges. There will be a collection point (big green and white cardboard boxes) in the Chapel car park throughout the day for empty ink cartridges. There are permanent collection points at both the Girls Senior and Junior Prep, and Boys Junior Prep reception areas. Thank you for your continuing support this year!



CHRISTMAS MARKET VOLUNTEERS

We have found a co-ordinator for the Christmas Market!

We are now looking for additional volunteers to help on the Co-ordination Committee. This committee will co-ordinate the vendors on the day of the Market (14:00 – 18:00).

Please email Monica if you are interested in volunteering to be a part of this committee - msloane@stpeters.co.za

Monica Sloane (Foundation Manager)

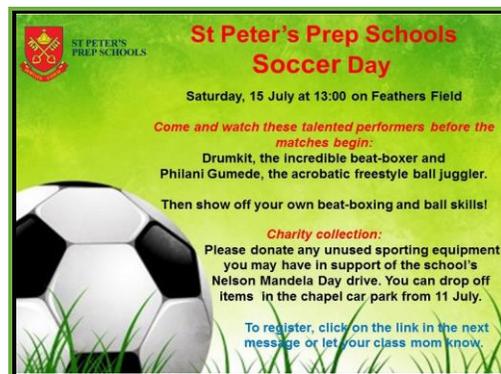
TRINITY TERM CHAPEL COLLECTION

Our Chapel collection this term will go towards the Teddy Bear Clinic. This organisation has been assisting abused children for the last 31 years.

The vision of this clinic is to put an end to child abuse and provide efficient and professional services to promote healing in children who have been abused.

This is a mission which endeavours to minimise any secondary harm being caused to children and their families upon their entering the child protection system.

Kamohelo Kotsi (Assistant Chaplain)

PA NEWS**FAMILY FUN SOCCER DAY**

To register by 13 July, please click on this link <https://goo.gl/forms/qx9eqFkwIAm5JdQ92> or let your class mom know.

SAVE THE DATE – GOLF DAY