



Dear Parents,

***YOUR CHILD AND THE 4<sup>th</sup> INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION – WHY IT MATTERS***

How do we prepare our children for the changing world of work and what will it look like? These questions seem to be on everyone's lips at the moment since the announcement at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos recently that we are now officially going through the Fourth Industrial Revolution. It actually has a name!

Please be aware, but please don't panic. Since the publication of *Future-proof Your Child* in 2008, my co-author and renowned futurist, Dr Graeme Codrington and I have been explaining this very topic, preparing families for the changes that are coming due to the disruptive nature of the advancement of technology among many other contributing factors (and there are many).

We are entering a brave new world, a world filled with warp-speed change, complexities, paradoxes, challenges, possibilities and opportunities we have never seen before and it is starting to become a whole lot more real for us all. This is both an exciting and scary time to be raising children because we are living through history.

The bottom line is that technology has always been constantly evolving, changing society, how we do things and the global labour market. According to Graeme, who was extensively quoted in one of Fast Company's most widely read articles last year, The Top 10 Jobs in Ten Years Might Not be What You Expect: the last two centuries have seen the agricultural sector stripped of workers, followed by the manufacturing sector. Now we are seeing the same thing happening in the tertiary sector as machines take over jobs. In the next decade white collar workers will find themselves being replaced by robots, machines and artificial intelligence. However, as certain jobs fall away, myriad new jobs will be created in new industries.

It is estimated that 60-70% of the jobs our children will do have not yet been invented and, according to McKinsey, 30% of the jobs new graduates in the UK started in the last year did not exist before last year!

**So, what's different about the Fourth Industrial Revolution?**

The biggest difference to previous industrial revolutions that the world has experienced is that this one won't take decades to evolve. We are not going to go through gradual change but rather exponential change. A tsunami of change is coming consisting of advances in biotechnology, nanotechnology, artificial intelligence, robotics, stem cell research, the Internet of [Connected] Things, 3D printing and more.

With complex technology and internet-linked devices becoming more accessible and affordable to everyone, change will spread further and faster and this will impact entire systems which is why we will see the rise and fall of entire industries and job categories.

**Keep an open mind to new possibilities**

If you are a parent of a child between preschool and their early twenties, you need to open your mind to the fact that the world of work is not going to look like it does now for too much longer. Already companies such as Ernst and Young are not hiring based on degrees (they have removed that filter) but are rather looking for future-fit young people who have the right traits to be able to adapt and thrive in a world where companies need to be nimble and flexible in order to reinvent themselves to succeed in a constantly and radically changing world.

**Parenting to build a future-fit child**

I so often ask parents what their parenting goal is for their children. I can put my money on the fact that 99% they will say, "happiness and success". But you can't 'make' anyone else happy or successful. Instead, I think we should be looking at helping our children develop a lot of these skills to be future-fit for the world of work and to become their own source of happiness and success:

- Resourcefulness
- Resilience
- Not afraid to try and fail and try again
- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Communication skills
- Collaboration
- Knowing themselves
- Being committed to learning
- Learn to be discerning and how to make choices
- Critical thinking
- Reputation management offline and online

Whether you are excited or scared by the future, this is our world, our new normal. Take the time to become familiar with the changes taking place so that you can translate them into your parenting, creating future-fit children as you go. I'll be with you all the way as I do the same for my children too.

#### **NIKKI BUSH**

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#### **DADS & LADS CRICKET**

Tomorrow our Grade 1 and 2 Dads & Lads Cricket tournament takes place on Mvukuzane and Feathers Fields. Our boys are very excited and have spent the last week honing their skills. In the event of rain class moms will send a message via WhatsApp and the event will be rescheduled.

Grade 2 parents will be providing refreshments that morning. Please bring cash and support them – see price list below:

Bacon roll	R20	Bacon & cheese roll	R20
Cheese roll	R20	Water	R10
Energade	R15	Cool drinks	R10
Ceres juice	R10	Chips	R10
Wine gum snakes x 2	R 5	Wine gums	R 5
Popcorn	R 5		

#### **GRADE 0 GRANDPARENTS TEA**

Our annual Grade 0 Grandparents/Special Persons Tea will take place on **Wednesday, 16 March**. This morning is extra special in the Junior Prep as it gives our Grade 0 boys the opportunity show off their new school.

The event starts at 9:00 with a Chapel Service, followed by tea in Dodson Hall and a visit to the classrooms. A photographer is available on the morning should you want a family portrait of your child and the special people in his life. The boys are welcome to go home with grandparents at the end of the morning. Older siblings in Grade 1 and 2 may also go home with grandparents that morning, if you so wish.

#### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

I must apologise – the Parent/Child/Teacher Consultations mentioned in last week's newsletter are scheduled for the Second Term, not the First Term. Parent Consultations take place on Monday, 4 and Tuesday 5, April. Booking sheets will be outside the classrooms from Monday next week.

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

There has been a great improvement in the amount of 'lost items' collected in Lost Property this term. However, a number of boys are unable to find their clearly marked clothing. When changing for afternoon sports, boys often pack incorrect uniform into their bags without noticing. Parents please check cupboards this weekend and return items not belonging to your son to school.

#### **CAR PARK AND WAITING CLASS**

Please note this week's arrangements: Waiting Class will return to **Somerset Field**. Boys being collected immediately at the end of school or an activity will be taken to the school entrance for the 'stop and go' process. The staggered finishing times will continue as per the past two weeks.

#### **CLOSING – FRIDAY, 18 MARCH**

School closes on **Friday, 18 March** until **Tuesday, 29 March**, due to the public holiday and Easter weekend. Please note finishing times on 18 March:

<b>Grade 0:</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Grade 1:</b>	<b>11:15</b>
<b>Grade 2:</b>	<b>11:30</b>

Boys will be taken to Somerset Field for collection. A supervised Waiting Class will operate **until 12:00**, but there will be no Aftercare that afternoon.

**DCS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Tuesday is the last DCS lesson for this term. Thank you to the many volunteers for their assistance at the school this term. I know you have touched lives!

**GOLDEN MOMENT**

At cricket practice this week a Grade 2 boy stopped in the middle of his bowling action, turned to Mr Petersen and asked how many bricks were used to build this JP building!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events this weekend.

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Saturday 12 March</b>	
8:00	Dads & Lads Cricket
12:00	Ladies Lunch
<b>Monday 14 March</b>	
13:15-14:00	Grade 1 Clubs
13:00 -13:45	Grade 2 Sport
<b>Tuesday 15 March</b>	
8:30	DCS outreach programme
13:00-13:45	Grade 1 Sport
13:15-14:00	Grade 2 Clubs
18:30	<b>PA AGM</b>
<b>Wednesday 16 March</b>	
8:00	No Chapel service (birthday cards for 14 – 30 March will be handed out at the end of the month)
9:00	Grandparents Tea
13:00	Grade 2 Choir
<b>Thursday 17 March</b>	
13:10-14:00	Grade 2 Sport
<b>Friday 18 March</b>	
School closes early Grade 0: 11:00; Grade 1: 11:15, Grade 2: 11:30	

**SCHOOL SHOP****Winter Uniform**

We recommend that parents start purchasing winter uniforms before the end of term. The shop will not be open the day before the Second Term starts as it is a Public Holiday.

\*New parents please note that you will **not** need an appointment to purchase your son's winter uniform (as you did when he first started school). Please pop in during normal School Shop hours.

**Embroidery**

We are now able to embroider sports tog bags, satchels, swimming bags and pencil cases with your child's name at R50. We have samples of what it will look like if you are interested.

If you still have a hat/hats you want embroidered, please hand them to us before we break up and we will send them off to be embroidered over the holiday.

**Nadia Thompson** (School Shop Assistant)

**PA NEWS****PA AGM**

Please remember that the second AGM of the combined St Peter's School PA will be held at the Mvukuzane Pavilion at **18:30 on Tuesday, 15 March 2016**. Drinks and snacks will be served from 18:00.

The Notice of AGM, PA Financials and Proxy Form were sent to all parents by email and are also available on the School Communicator on the Resources tab under Boys/Girls PA.

The AGM presentation has also been uploaded to the Communicator under BOYS/GIRLS PA.

If you are unable to attend the PA AGM in person, please consider all the documents available on the School Communicator, and complete and submit your proxy form via email to [paproxies@stpeters.co.za](mailto:paproxies@stpeters.co.za) or by hard copy posted in the boxes at each reception.

We do hope that parents will attend the PA AGM in person and look forward to seeing you there!  
Please RSVP to your class mom for catering purposes.

**Cindy Wannell and Robyn Doak** (Joint PA Chairs)



**MOVIE NIGHT** **FABULOUS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY**

Great opportunity to increase your brand exposure! Advertise at our movie night - take your brand onto the big screen. Included in the package space for stands and banners.

Contact Debbie Little  
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The image features a vibrant orange and red background with a sunburst effect. On the left, there are illustrations of a clapperboard, a film reel, a bucket of popcorn, and a red and white striped soft drink cup with a straw. The text is bold and white with black outlines, making it stand out against the background.