



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Safety on campus

The safety of our community is of paramount importance to us. The campus, however, is very large and there are so many factors to be taken into account. As such, we have engaged NOSA to assist us in improving safety levels. The school was awarded 3-stars in its first NOSA audit last year. The second audit was conducted last week and we are delighted to have achieved 4/5-stars this time.

Student protests

As the **#FeesMustFall** protests continue, with no end in sight, it's sometimes difficult to understand the seemingly blind determination of the students. From the comfort of a suburban existence, it is easy to see the on-going violence and destruction as perverse acts of over-reaction.

It's only when we hear the other side of the story that we can begin to grasp the factors that give rise to this enormous frustration. The story of Duduzile Mkhize is a good example. Having been accepted at both WITS and UJ, she enrolled for a degree at the latter because the registration fees were less than a quarter of those at WITS. She received a grant from NSFAS, which covered her fees and books, but not transport, rent or food. She is the 5th child of a family of eight of domestic and farm worker parents.

In her first year, her marks were so good that she made the Dean's list and was awarded a partial bursary by the University. The award led to NSFAS declining her application for a further grant in her second year. Duduzile was left with R15 000 to raise on her own.

The bursary would only be granted once she registered and she was unable to do this as she had no money until the SRC finally came to her rescue.

Having commenced the year, she faced the burden of raising the balance of the fees. The family was only able to contribute R1000. A brother eventually took a loan from his boss which took many years to repay. In her third year, NSFAS again declined her application and the SRC again paid her registration fee. Despite having no text books or money to pay school fees, she worked and received an invitation to graduate. At her graduation ceremony, she received no degree certificate, but an account for the outstanding fees.

Her marks had been so good that the University offered her a full bursary for her Honours and a six month bursary to study in Finland. Because she still owed fees for her third year, she was unable to register for either and was compelled to leave. In the five years that it took Duduzile to pay off the third year fees to a debt collector, the amount had tripled and she finally received her degree certificate and academic record five years after graduation.

She is currently completing an MBA at WITS and has worked to pay every cent of her own fees.

The sms from WITS on 29 September 2016 asking her to vote 'yes' or 'no' to resume classes with security, presented anything but a simple choice.

[Her full story appeared in the Daily Maverick]

Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at sheald@stpeters.co.za

Greg Royce

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

SPORTS DAY – SATURDAY, 08 OCTOBER

A big thank you to Craig Jooste and all the teachers involved in Sports Day last Saturday. I am sure you will agree that it was a fun and well organised morning. We are very proud of our boys for trying their best and showing good sportsmanship.

GRADE 0 AND DIEPSLOOT SCHOOL ZOO VISIT

On Tuesday, 18 October our Grade 0 boys will be visiting the Zoo with Diepsloot Combined School. This is always a lovely outing and I am sure our boys will look after their Diepsloot buddies and be good St Peter's ambassadors.

HALF TERM: 20 to 26 October

As the Senior Prep is finishing earlier on **Thursday, 20 October**, please take note of the amended finishing times for our JP Boys:

Grade 1: 10:00

Grade 0: 10:15

Grade 2: 10:30

Waiting Class will operate until **11:00** but the After School Programme will not be available, please make alternative arrangements.

Boys return to school on **Wednesday, 26 October** at 7:45.

BUCKLING UP

I would like to share an excerpt from a letter that my youngest son's pre-school sent home. I would also like to stress the importance of children not sitting in the front seat of a car, as the airbag can cause serious injury or death:

"If one stops to consider that we are already in October, the logical conclusion is that time only passes this fast when life is lived in the fast lane! I have no problem with my days being full, but I do have a guard against compromise whilst I rush around. It was this thought process that made me just a tad less critical of a young mom at a shopping centre this weekend who gave up the struggle of getting her toddler buckled up against his wishes, and drove off with him simply sitting in his car seat. However I did feel devastated that her exhaustion had left her making such a serious compromise. We have laws in our country prohibiting us from transporting children who are not correctly secured, for very good reason. A few flicks through social media left me viewing the most violent and devastating footage of injuries sustained by children who had not been secured at the point of impact. What shocked me even more was the high percentage of injuries sustained by children when the vehicle in which they were travelling was not exceeding fifty kilometres an hour! Added to this was the high statistics of accidents that occur less than a kilometre from home."

We will be talking about car safety in assembly with the boys and we have arranged for Wheel Well to chat to them on Monday, 17 October about the importance of using car seats and buckling up. Please ensure that your children are buckled up at all times. Please remember to donate your old car seats.



OCTOBER: WINNIE THE POOH MONTH

Here is another saying from Winnie the Pooh:

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."

MAKERSPACE

Please bring clean glass jars and tins for our Makerspace. Thank you.

GRADE 1 & 2 EXTRA MURAL SPORT

From **Monday, 17 October** extra mural sport will change to cricket. A detailed letter was sent to parents yesterday.

BISHOPS HOUSE

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all the Bishops House parents who managed to rearrange their diaries and came to listen to the talk from the Grade 6 boys in Bishops and myself. I know that your attendance is certainly appreciated by the school and especially your son. I look forward to working very closely with you over the next five years, as your lad "moves into the BIG School."

Bishops House was founded way back in 1967. The number of boys who were not boarding had grown and a decision was taken to close "Mitchel House" and form a house for day boarders, hence the formation of "Bishops House." Over the years the school has grown in size and today we have 5 houses that battle it out for honours, both in the classroom and on the sports field. Each house has roughly 75 boys from Grade 3 to 7. The housemaster will monitor and mentor your son through the good times and when the chips are down, so we often get to know your son, nearly as well as parents know them. Bishops House has built some firm foundations and traditions for itself over the years and it is the responsibility of the housemaster and the Grade 7 leavers to ensure these links never die. We have been exceptionally lucky over the years and Bishops House continues to produce boys that are confident, successful and independent thinkers. Our little leaders in the making have a bright future ahead of them!

To all the new Grade 3 boys in Bishops House, we welcome you into a winning team – may God bless you in all that you do.

Andrew Bench (Housemaster: Bishops and Dir: Additional Learning)

JUDO: CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following boys who participated in the South African Schools Championships held on 8 and 9 October: Nicholas Purdy; Yonga Mabizela and Oliver Guy. Yonga achieved a 3rd place and Oliver a 1st place. Well done.

FOUND

A gold bracelet was found at Sports Day. Please enquire at the office.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 0 teacher walked into her class to find a pile of hair on the floor. After questioning the class and assuring them that they would not be in trouble, she finally found the two culprits. Tristan had asked his friend to cut him a Mohawk and in return he would fold him a paper jet. Luckily the teacher had arrived in time and only a small amount of hair had been removed. Tristan's mom has promised that he can have a Mohawk in the holidays!

Warm regards,

Nichola Harmuth (Grade 0 Head)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**Monday 17 October**

8:30 Wheel Well presentation

13:10-14:00 Grade 1 Clubs

13:00-13:45 Grade 2 Sport

Tuesday 18 October

7:45 Grade 2: Housemaster's presentation Dodson (Red)

8:00 Grade 0/DCS Zoo visit

8:30 DCS lesson

13:00-13:45 Grade 1 Sport

13:00-14:00 Grade 2 Clubs

Wednesday 19 October

8:00 Chapel (birthdays 17-23 October)

13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir

13:00-13:45 Grade 1 Sport

Thursday 20 October**HALF TERM****Closing times:**

10:00 Grade 1

10:15 Grade 0

10:30 Grade 2

11:00 Waiting Class finishes

SUNSET CAROLS CHRISTMAS MARKET AND BROCHURE 2016


LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE – book now
Saturday, 3 December 2016.
 This concert usually draws in excess of 2500 spectators.

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the **Christmas Market**, which is held prior to the Carols. This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies!

To further support the fundraising efforts, a glossy **A4 Carols brochure** will be distributed to all the attending parents, grandparents, St Peter's staff and friends. This is a fantastic platform to advertise.

For Christmas Market details, contact Amanda or Dalene at carols@stpeters.co.za

For the Carols brochure details contact Monica msloane@stpeters.co.za

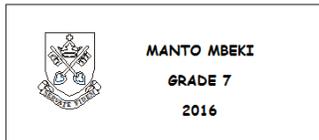
PA NEWS**PAVER PLAQUES****Order by 15 October for December Installation**

A PAVER PLAQUE is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside the Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please contact Leonia West-Russell on Leonia@imagnet.co.za or download the order form from the Communicator under Resources/GIRLS/BOYS PA information.

Plaques designs available to order:

CURRENT PUPIL:



LEAVERS' 2015:



FAMILY PLAQUES:

**ST PETER'S CLASSIFIEDS**

We are looking for a volunteer to manage the St Peter's Classifieds. This involves sourcing advertisers, managing the ads and payments and compiling the newsletter on a monthly basis. A percentage of the revenue generated accrues to the responsible person to cover costs and time.

If you are interested, please mail robyn@designoval.co.za for more information.

CHARITY EVENT



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT THE THEATRO, MONTECASINO

Date: 5TH NOVEMBER 2016

Time: 19H00

Tickets: R 400 & R500

Please contact me:

Debbie@kidsahaven.co.za

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



This cracking new production of ANNIE, the world's favourite family musical, stars Charon Williams-Ros (Mrs. Lovett in Sweeney Todd) as the tyrannical Miss Hannigan and Neels Crasen (Mamma Mia!, We Will Rock You) as Daddy Warbucks. Taryn Sudding (CATS, Sound of Music) plays Grace, with Stephen Jubber (Sunset Boulevard, Jersey Boys, Mamma Mia, Jesus Christ Superstar) as Rooster and Delray Halgryn as Lily. Mike Huff (Phantom of the Opera, The Sound of Music), Candice van Litsenborgh (Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors), Stefania du Toit, Jenna Robinson Child, Michelle Lane and Hope Maimane complete an all-star South African cast with a special appearance by Grant Almiral (star of Singin' in the Rain and Jersey Boys) as Bert Healey. Following an extensive 6-month nationwide search we have found the three best Annies in the country - Emma-Rose Blacher, Lilla Fleischmann and Caitlin Dicker! Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, brave young Annie is forced to live a life of misery and torment at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Determined to find her real parents, her luck changes when she is chosen to spend Christmas at the residence of famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. But spiteful Miss Hannigan has other ideas and hatches a plan to spoil Annie's search. With its award-winning book and score, this stunning musical includes the unforgettable songs: "It's a Hard Knock Life", "Easy Street", "I Don't Need Anything But You" and the eternal anthem of optimism, "Tomorrow". Leasin' Lizards! You can bet your bottom dollar that you'll love it!