



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

This will be my final Keyhole contribution before the half term since I am leaving for Baltimore to attend the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference tonight. During my time in America I will also be meeting with researchers from Project Zero, based at Harvard University. This kind of opportunity allows us to ensure that we remain at the cutting edge of Boys School education and I would like to thank the Rector and Council for affording me this opportunity.

Schools are all about the development of individuals and it has been a privilege to watch **Mr Eugene Petersen** grow as a coach and manager during his time with us. Eugene has been offered a fantastic opportunity by the Gauteng Cricket Board and it is with a mixture of pride and sadness that we bid him farewell. A number of school structures, including the Foundation have been involved in his development and I have asked Eugene for permission to publish a section of his letter of resignation, which appears below:

*I have been offered a full-time position as **The Central Hub – Head Coach**. With this position, I will have 3 coaches reporting directly to me. I am also responsible to ensure that procedures are in place and to grow cricket at the 15+ schools falling under the HUB. I will also be working with Junior Provincial players from time to time.*

I will be working directly from the Gauteng Cricket Board Offices at the Bidvest Wanderers Cricket Stadium.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have played a huge role in my development:

- *To the St Peter's Foundation, I would like to say thank you, thank you for the continuous support and backing. Thank you for giving me that opportunity, when the Darryl Cullinan Cricket Academy closed down, to keep me on as a coach at the school.*
- *To Mr Royce, Mr Macaulay, Mrs Steenhoff, Mrs Melvill-Smith and Mr Maharaj for always taking time out to be there to support me, to encourage me. It was highly appreciated.*
- *To Mr Detert for always being there to guide me in the right direction on the sports field. A huge thank you for pushing me to greater heights. I will always value all the guidance and input I received from him.*
- *To Father Richard, thank you for being a mentor, a helping hand in any time of need.*
- *The sports coaches, thanks boys.*
- *To all the teachers from JP to SP, I will always appreciate all the discussions we had, the encouragement, the motivation, the camaraderie. I will always treasure it in my heart.*
- *To Craig Jooste I don't have words, thank you for trusting in me as your right hand man.*
- *To the Security Staff, Kitchen Staff and Ground Staff, thank you for always putting a smile on my face.*
- *And last but not least the boys, I am going to miss them. I don't have any more words left, just tears.*

I wish to thank all at St Peter's for their friendship, generosity and support, but the time has come for me to venture into my new career.

We wish Eugene everything of the best in his new position.

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

FAREWELL

Eugene Petersen will be missed, particularly by our Junior Prep boys. During his time at the Prep School he has been a role model and hero to many. We would, however, like to wish him every success in the years to come. I hope Gauteng Cricket recognises the calibre of man they have employed.

DAD BY DESIGN – CELEBRATING TODAY'S FATHER-CHILD BOND

My dad turned 80 last month. What a milestone, but also such a special reminder to celebrate how fortunate I am to have had a very involved and tuned in dad, throughout my life. I know not everyone has the privilege of having a close or a long relationship with their fathers. Many lose their connection early on due to death, divorce or other circumstances beyond their control – a loss that is often felt for a lifetime.

Children need input from both their mother and father figures where possible. Father's Day is a celebration of that very unique, father-child bond. Dads acquire Frequent Father Points (I borrow this lovely concept from Australian parent educator and author, Michael Grose) by showing up, keeping their promises, playing fair, being involved and sharing the parenting load with their partners.

On this point, today's generation of fathers is far more emotionally attached and tuned in to their children than ever before, consciously taking on their responsibilities, rather than acquiring them by default. This is leading to a movement I call 'Dad by Design' and this bodes well for our children.

The benefits to children of being well-bonded to their dads

When a strong bond exists between dads and their children, when children feel loved and have an involved father whom they trust, there are numerous benefits:

- They tend to have fewer behavioural problems
- There is a lesser chance of alcohol and drug abuse and teen pregnancy
- More emotionally secure
- Have a stronger self-esteem
- More confident in new situations
- More eager to explore their surroundings
- More sociable
- More likely to achieve higher levels of education
- Find success in their careers
- Have higher levels of self-acceptance
- Experience psychological well-being
- Have a reduced school drop-out rate
- Have reduced teen pregnancy rates
- Have fewer behavioural problems, showing less aggression and impulsivity
- Show more self-direction

To all our special dads this Father's Day, thank you for all this valuable input into your children's lives. I hope you are made to feel honoured and treasured by your special ones as you are celebrated for everything you are and all that you do for your children. Keep on chasing those Frequent Father Points with your children as you strive to be a Dad by Design.

Here's to you.

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THE SANGOMA OF EGOLI (Grade 1 & 2 production)

The Grade 1 and 2 boys, staff and parents have worked hard to bring "Sangoma of Egoli" to the stage. I know that you, the parents, friends and family will enjoy every minute of the performance.

A reminder to parents to ensure your son is at school and in his classroom by **17:45** at the latest. Please could all boys arrive with blusher, lipstick and mascara already applied; the staff will add the extra make-up as required per class.

Do not forget to support our Grade 2 food station on the two evenings for a light supper and/or refreshments.

Please collect your sons from their classrooms at the end of the performance. Parking will be available at the Chapel and on Somerset Field.

ST PETER'S DAY – FRIDAY, 23 JUNE

On Friday, 23 June we will celebrate St Peter's Day with our boys during prayers. The school will close for our mid-term break that day. Please take note of closing times:

Grade 0: 10:00

Grade 1: 10:15

Grade 2: 10:30

There will be a supervised Waiting Class until **11:00** that day, but **no Aftercare** or after school programme. School will resume on **Monday, 3 July at 7:30**.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A boy wrote the following sentence: "The Titanic sunk to death."

Enjoy the long weekend and Happy Father's Day to all our JP dads.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19 June	
18:30	JP Production "Sangoma of Egoli" Dodson Hall Surnames: A-M
Tuesday 20 June	
8:30	Grade 0 & 1 DCS
9:00	Grade 2 boys to host Grade 2 DCS children
18:30	JP Production "Sangoma of Egoli" Dodson Hall Surnames: M-Z
Wednesday 21 June	
8:00	Chapel (birthday cards 18-30 June)
No Choir today	
Thursday 22 June	
Friday 23 June	
ST PETER'S DAY	
Half Term: Closing – Grade 0: 10:00; Grade 1: 10:15 & Grade 2: 10:30	
Waiting Class until 11:00. NO AFTERCARE	
Monday 03 July	
7:30	Boys return to school

SECURITY

Providing a safe and secure environment for learning is arguably the most important requirement of any school. To this end, numerous initiatives have been put in place:

We have recently employed a new Head of Security, Mr Lance Camphor. Lance will be joining us on 7 July. He has extensive knowledge and experience in the security business. Most recently, he has been in the position of Area Manager for Fidelity Security Services. This job entailed managing the security at a number of housing estates. Prior to this, he was the General Manager of Kallvest security and PCC Security. Lance also has extensive experience in managing risk as well as internal compliance policies and procedures. We look forward to welcoming Lance to St Peter's. We are convinced that he is going to add significant value to this critically important area of our school.

We have signed a contract to install an additional 52 security cameras in both prep schools and are upgrading the existing cameras. This process will commence mid-July and should take approximately one month to implement.

We have implemented a new card system for parking at major events.

Finally, we are clamping down on all who enter our campus without a school vehicle security disc. Please note that:

IT IS COMPULSORY TO DISPLAY A 2017 ST PETER'S (VEHICLE) SECURITY DISC WHEN ENTERING THE ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS CAMPUS.

If you do not have a 2017 Security Disc displayed on your windscreen, the security guards at either of the two entrance gates WILL stop you in order to confirm your business at the school. This is what they have been instructed to do.

We hope that these four measures will go some way to further improve security at St Peter's, but obviously we still welcome any ideas or suggestions. Safety is everyone's responsibility and we ask parents, teachers and pupils to always be on the lookout and report any suspicious behaviour.

