



Dear Parents,

FROM THE HEADMASTER

On my return from the IBSC Conference, I wrote that I would share some of the pertinent topics in boys' (and girls') education. This week I would like to look at the concept of creativity. A summary of the discussions would be that in the world that our children will experience as adults, much of the known content and many of the engineering and scientific tasks will be available and doable using artificial intelligence in some form. Thus, while the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) focus that has been at the forefront of education for a number of years, will still be needed as a foundation, the key will be the need to creatively apply this knowledge to service new societal needs. One example of this would be the creative application of a transport solution that has been adopted by Uber, which is the biggest taxi company in the world and doesn't own a single taxi.

In order for true creativity to develop, there is a need for children to play imaginary games, to sit and ponder what to do with a non-responsive object such as a cardboard box or stick and to allow their brains to produce, rather than consume, creative energy. This is becoming a little-experienced activity in our modern world where we are constantly under pressure to perform and achieve in order to be "competitive." Consider the scramble for high school places or university entrances that occurs every year. While one cannot deny that there is a definite pressure in this regard in 2017, we need to remember that we are preparing our children for life in 2027 or 2037. This is the conundrum facing schools and parents. There is no doubt, however, that we would be wrong to keep children so busy with "externally stimulated" activities that they never had a chance to nurture their innate creativity. The following little story may provide some content to mull over:

The very wealthy, hardworking owner of a large group of chain stores happened to be on his way to yet another meeting when he stopped to buy a cup of coffee at a fast food outlet next to the docks. He was a little disturbed to see an idle fisherman relaxing next to his old boat, in the middle of the day, staring out into the distance.

"Why are you not out catching fish?" he enquired of the fisherman. The fisherman replied:

"I have caught enough fish for today." The business man was horrified and said, somewhat crossly, "Well, why don't you go out and catch some more and with the extra money you make, you can sell this old boat and buy yourself a bigger, more modern one!" "Then what would I do?" asked the surprised fisherman. "Then you could catch more fish, make more money and own a whole fleet of fishing boats," said the impatient businessman.

"Ok, and when I have all these boats, what would I do then?" asked the fisherman seriously.

"Well, then you could sit down, relax and enjoy life," replied the businessman. "But that's exactly what I'm doing now!" said the fisherman, gazing contentedly out to sea.

How much time is spent in your boy's day on pre-organised, interactive (online) or adult driven activity? Does he have time to activate his own creative, producer-driven abilities? Will he be a consumer or a producer in 2027?

Have a great week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

BALL & BOOK – MANDELA DAY

"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life....." Nelson Mandela.

I would like to thank our JP families for their generous contribution to our Mandela Day “Ball & Book” project at Diepsloot Combined School. We are able to give every little boy and girl, from Grade 0 to 2, a ball and a book.

The book will be read to the child and a game will be played using the ball on **Tuesday, 25 July**. Every child will be able to take their book and ball home at the end of the day. We hope they will derive much pleasure from both items in the months to come.

The book symbolises a need for the love of reading to inspire learning and the ball for balance in one’s life, symbolising fun and exercise.

A detailed letter explaining final arrangements will be sent to our volunteers who will be visiting DCS on Tuesday.

MANDELA DAY COLLECTION

A reminder that this collection ends today – Friday, 21 July. Please bring: books, clothes, sports kit. The skip is in the Chapel car park.

Go to St Peter’s Boys Prep Facebook page for photos from the Mandela Day service and to see what the skip looks like today!

Thank you

FAMILY SPORTS FESTIVAL

We were overwhelmed by the support received for the Sports Festival. What a super afternoon it was; on Monday the boys had many exciting stories to share. This event was a true example of the St Peter’s Family.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Over the past two weeks we have had a number of visitors from around the world – Denmark, Singapore, Kenya, Italy and the USA. They have been most impressed by the level of academics, creativity and thinking they have witnessed. I have also received very positive feedback on the boys’ behaviour, manners and confidence.

GRADE 2 FOOTBALL

Well done to our Grade 2 boys for the positive attitude and skills they displayed at last Friday’s football matches against St Benedict’s. I hope they show resilience and sportsmanship at St David’s this afternoon.

LOST PROPERTY

As always, in winter our lost property is mounting. Parents please check that you have all items of your son’s own clothing. These must be clearly marked with both the child’s name and surname. Could you also check cupboards for other children’s clothing and return these to school. Boys tend to grab the closest item and pack it, rather than check that it belongs to them. The warmth by break time is not assisting the number of layers that are peeled off, so we need parents to be vigilant.

GOLDEN MOMENT

A Grade 2 class have made Tutankhamun masks from papier mache and they are painting them at the moment. One of the boys told me that they have to plan it very carefully because gold paint is very expensive. When I asked why, he told me it was made from real gold crushed with liquid!

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<p>Monday 24 July ART WEEK Puppet Show "Space" for all JP boys</p>
<p>Tuesday 25 July Balls & Books for Mandela at DCS</p>
<p>Wednesday 26 July 8:00 Chapel (birthday cards 24-30 July) 12:00-12:20 Grade 2 Choir OR 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir</p>
<p>Thursday 27 July</p>
<p>Friday 28 July 8:15 "Goal Setting" Production for JP boys – Royce Hall 13:30 Grade 2 football matches vs The Ridge</p>

PA NEWS

SOCCER DAY

It was such a fun day last Saturday at the Family Soccer Day! Please click on the link to read an article and to see photos of the day:

<http://www.stpeters.co.za/news/entry/st-peters-prep-schools-family-soccer-day-was-fun-for-all>

GOLF DAY

The St Peter's Golf Day
29 September 2017
 Kyalami Country Club

EXCITING RAFFLE
 Win tickets to both days of the HSBC Cape Town Rugby Sevens 2017, return flights and 3 nights accommodation at the 5* Radisson Blu Hotel from 8 - 10 December for FOUR people.

The Essentials...

- 12:00 shotgun start
- Gin bar on arrival
- Prize giving and casual dinner in the bar
- Draw for the raffle valued at R40 000 (no fundraising auction this year)

Bookings open 20 July 2017
 email golfday@stpeters.co.za for further info and to request a booking form

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HSBC CAPE TOWN RUGBY SEVENS 2017

THE PRICE
 Tickets to both days of the Cape Town Rugby Sevens 2017, return flights and 3 nights accommodation at the 5* Radisson Blu Hotel from 8 - 10 December for FOUR people

TICKET PRICE R200
 Limited to 500 tickets only
 Email golaffle@stpeters.co.za to purchase tickets
 Sales start 20 July 2017

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The raffle draw will take place at the Golf Day Prize Giving function on the evening of 29 September 2017