



Dear Parents,

FROM THE RECTOR

Drought – Saving water

Like other responsible citizens, we have wanted to play our part in conserving water and contributing towards the city’s target of a 15% saving.

We suspended irrigating the fields in the second term, watering gardens only intermittently and focusing on keeping young, newly planted trees alive. Some grounds teams were allocated evening shifts commencing at 18:00, in order to do the necessary watering in compliance with Level 2 water restrictions.

Normal monthly usage amounts to 380KL per month. Our conservation measures reduced to 250KL, a saving of approximately 34%.

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 HEADMASTER

When one looks at the number of shoebox presents that surround the Christmas trees in the JP foyer and SP reception, it is heartening to see that, despite some of the crazy things happening in the world around us, the spirit of Christmas is still alive and well. This was brought home to me further on Sunday when I had the pleasure of taking my niece from the United States to a children’s home where she delivered four suitcases of books that she had collected in Washington for the children. The enjoyment of both giver and receivers at the “pizza party” that we put on when we delivered the books, showed that children from across the globe have much in common despite different living conditions and cultures. The innocence of youth transcends other boundaries, particularly at Christmas. Thank you to all the parents who have contributed to their child’s experience of the joy of giving.

Rob Macaulay



FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

THIS TIME OF YEAR

From mid-November every year I find the little boys are tired and often react emotionally to ordinary situations. It is vitally important that routines are maintained, boys eat nutritiously and that bedtime is early.

Please be aware that there are two sides to every story and speak to the class teacher if your child comes home unhappy. The next ten days at school are very busy and, as a result, the regular daily structure changes – this can throw some boys. Although school extra murals are complete for 2016, the supervised Waiting Class will continue until **14:00**. The After School programme is available daily until **18:00**. Enjoy the last few days of term with your son and try not to “*sweat the small stuff*.”

THE VERY GRUMPY SHEEP

This week our Grade 0 boys kicked off the 2016 Festive Season with their Nativity – “The Very Grumpy Sheep.” It was a delightful production with catchy tunes; that told the Christmas Story simply. It really reminded one that Christmas is a happy time of year when we can choose to touch lives.

Thank you to the Grade 0 teachers, interns and assistants for the time put into assisting our boys to be “stars on the stairs.” Thanks to Sandra van Wyk and Annette Strouthos, for the beautiful music – there is a sense of magic when young children sing Christmas songs.

Congratulations to every little Grade 0 boy and Grade 2 Choir member. You entertained us while telling one of the greatest stories ever told!

GRADE 2 BOYS

Our Grade 2 boys have had a busy few weeks. Last Friday they visited Summerfield Retirement Village, bringing Christmas cheer to the elderly. The morning was enjoyed by all.

That afternoon they took their skills to the cricket field, playing matches against St David’s. Once again our boys made us proud, showing self-control and true sportsmanship.

They start their orientation into Grade 3 today, with a few events scheduled for the week ahead. These boys are ready to leave their ‘little pond’ and move on to ‘bigger waters’ in 2017.

JP WATER WAVES

Parents are reminded of the JP Galas on **Saturday, 26 November**. A detailed letter was sent home this week. Please do realise that this is an opportunity for our boys to demonstrate their skills and progress in the swimming pool.

Should the weather be inclement on Saturday, class moms will let you know the alternative arrangements via “The WhatsApp Groups.”

The Grade 2 Farewell party for Grade 2 boys and their families will commence directly after the galas.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: GRADE 1 & 2

Instead of our regular Chapel Service on Wednesday, 30 November, we will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving Service at 8:00 in the Chapel.

This allows us the opportunity to give thanks for the past year and celebrate our many successes in 2016. Parents are welcome to join us. Please note that no birthday cards will be handed out that week. Directly after the Service you may go to your son’s classroom for the presentation of certificates. Tea will be served in the JP Hall.

The Grade 2 to Grade 3 Orientation will then take place, followed by a tour of the Senior Prep facilities with your son and his buddy.

SPEET WEEK 1-6 DECEMBER

The JP SPEET Week (St Peter’s Extension and Enrichment Time) runs from 1-6 December, with many fun and exciting activities planned. On 1 December our Grade 7 boys will host a Christmas party for the Grade 1 DCS pupils. Our Grade 0 and Grade 2 Choir boys will perform “The Grumpy Sheep” for our visitors that morning.

GRADE 2 CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Grade 2 boys will again be practicing this Tuesday, 29 November, with the Cadet choir. Please ensure that your son is at Dodson Hall at 7:20 that morning.

Sandra van Wyk – JP Music

STATIONERY 2016

Each year we collect stationery from Grade 1 and 2 classes for Diepsloot Combined School. We are fully aware that some families want to support their own caregiver's children and wish to keep their stationery. Please complete the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter, if you do not want to donate your son's stationery. Collection of stationery will take place on Tuesday, 06 December.

GOLDEN MOMENT

At the Nativity on Wednesday, Tracy Backman was the narrator. She hid herself carefully amongst the Grade 0 boys. A young member of the audience asked me how I had managed to book an angel from heaven to tell Jesus' story.

I look forward to seeing you all at **Water Waves** tomorrow.

Warm regards,

Kenda Melvill-Smith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 26 November	
9:30	Grade 0 Waves
10:15	Grade 1 & 2 Gala
Grade 2 Farewell Party	
Monday 28 November	
No sport or clubs	
Tuesday 29 November	
7:20	Grade 2 Choir practice with Cadet Choir (Dodson Hall)
8:00	DCS Grade 0 Christmas Party
No sport or clubs	
Wednesday 30 November	
8:00	Thanksgiving Service (Chapel) <i>no birthday cards</i>
8:30	Grade 1 & 2 certificates (classrooms)
9:00	Tea (JP Hall)
9:30	Grade 2-3 Orientation (JP Hall)
10:30	Tour of SP facilities
No Sport or Grade 2 Choir	
Thursday 01 December	
SPEET Week commences	
DCS Christmas Party – Grade 0 & Grade 2 Choir “The Grumpy Sheep”	
No Sport or Grade 1 Choir	
Friday 02 December	
“A Christmas Story” puppet show for all JP boys	
Meet the teacher 2017	
Saturday 03 December	
14:00	Christmas Market
18:05	Sunset Carols

HOLIDAY CLUB

Come join us for fun in the sun at **ADVENTURE AND SPORTS CLUB** this holiday!

Date: Thursday, 8 December – Wednesday, 14 December

Venue: Mrs van der Merwe's classroom and Boys JP

Time: 8:00 – 12:00

Cost: R200 per child/day, siblings of all ages welcome

Bring: Packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel

We will be doing:

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- Bear Grylls challenges
- iPads and Promethean Table fun time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby, swimming and climbing wall fun
- Nature walks
- Minute-to-win-it games

RSVP: By Friday, 2 December: Dom van der Merwe 082 431 0748 or Gen Ritchie 083 304 8884

CHRISTMAS BOX COLLECTION

Thank you to all our families for their kindness and generosity! The boxes will be distributed to the needy by a church in Diepsloot on Christmas Day. We hope that we will bring joy and the Christmas spirit to their day.

Wishing all our families a wonderful Festive Season.

Father Richard and **Monica Sloane**

STATIONERY COLLECTION – TEAR OFF SLIP

NAME:..... CLASS:.....

I do not wish to donate my son's stationery

SUNSET CAROLS ARE AROUND THE CORNER, REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!



The poster features a sunset landscape with acacia trees and a starburst graphic. Text includes: ST PETER'S FOUNDATION, SUNSET CAROLS, 3 DECEMBER 2016, ONLINE ticket Sales are open, R100 per ADULT, R50 per CHILD (3-18 yrs only), Christmas Market opens 14:00, Carols Start at 18:00.

St Peter's Foundation
 Bank: Standard Bank
 Branch: Rivonia 001 255
 Acc no.: 422 057 533



Your ref: Your Initial & Surname

- TABLES CAN ALSO BE BOOKED AT R2000 FOR A TABLE OF X10 (limited)
- DVDS CAN BE ORDERED AT R150

Tables and DVD payments can be done together with your ticket payment.

Please send proof of payment with your contact details and confirmation of what you paid for, to: tickets@stpeters.co.za

Tickets will also be sold in the last week 28 November to 2 December in the car park

BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY, PICNIC BLANKETS AND CAMPER CHAIRS - DELICIOUS FOOD WILL BE ON SALE