



Dear Parents,

**FROM THE RECTOR**



#### Thinking at St Peter's

Research has shown, time and again, that businesses and organisations encouraging the most effective thinking techniques are generally more successful than their competitors.

St Peter's:

- has been teaching thinking techniques for over 20 years (since 1995) intentionally teaching techniques to improve decision-making, curbing the effect of the emotion, improving problem-solving and creativity
- uses a combination of techniques including de Bono CoRT skills and Thinking Maps (David Hyerle)
- was one of only two schools visited by Dr de Bono on his two visits to South Africa
- was recognised as the first Thinking School in Africa and possibly the southern hemisphere by the University of Exeter in 2014
- produced the first trainers in thinking skills, accredited by Thinking Schools South Africa (TSSA)
- has integrated thinking techniques across this curriculum and in management

#### Questions for the Rector:

If anyone wishes any further information on any topic, please feel free to contact me at school or at [groyce@stpeters.co.za](mailto:groyce@stpeters.co.za) or [dradloff@stpeters.co.za](mailto:dradloff@stpeters.co.za)

**Greg Royce**

#### FROM THE HEADMASTER

If you use the JP car park you will have seen that the Dodson Hall upgrade has begun. This upgrade will include the moving of the entrance to the Reception Lawn side of the hall and a general brightening up of the hall using aluminium windows and doors. A reception deck is also included on the plans. This means that the hall will be out of use for the next two to three months and so alternative arrangements have been made for assemblies and other gatherings. In addition, access to our Reception will be restricted to the pathway nearest to the Middle School or from the Lettie Bell Lawn side; other access points will be within the building site. We look forward to hosting functions in the revamped Dodson Hall towards the end of the year.

**Rob Macaulay**

#### FROM THE JUNIOR PREP

##### DIVERSITY: BALL & BOOK FOR MANDELA

On Tuesday, 25 July the Boys Junior Prep served their 67 Minutes for Mandela at Diepsloot Combined School. It was a morning of magic and friendship, as adults and children from St Peter's read a story to the children at Diepsloot Combined School and then played a game with a tennis ball. Each child was able to take home a book and ball and the look on some of their faces when they realised they could keep these treasured items was priceless. The generosity of our parent body amazed me once again as we calculated that we had collected approximately 700 packs of balls and

books. This meant that not only did we share the morning with the 400 children in Grades 0, 1 and 2, but we could also give a pack to the boys and girls in both Grades 3 and 4.

I would really like to extend my thanks to Belinda Gilbert whose idea this was and who moved heaven and earth to achieve her goal. She was ably assisted by Saskia McFerren and Phetsile Ramabulana – these three ladies are the backbone of our outreach programme. Thank you to the parents who gave of their time and money, especially those who got their companies involved. I would also like to thank Trevlyn Bunting and our bus drivers, Daniel Selekisho and Tyson Banda, for their assistance on the transporting side, as well as staff members and interns who joined us on the morning.

One can only leave a morning such as this feeling positive about our country and the generosity of its people!

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Christopher Grota (Grade 0F) is a big brother to Stella Rose. Congratulations to Sheenagh and Robert, we pray your little girl will bring you much joy in the years to come.

### **STAFF NEWS**

Lara Ramos, our Speech Therapist, will be on maternity leave next term. Anthea Brueton will locum at St Peter's for the third term in Lara's absence. Anthea is a parent at the Girls School and an experienced and passionate therapist.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Anthea to the Boys School.

### **ISEMATHOLENI CONFERENCE**

This weekend St Peter's will be hosting a Conference aimed at Foundation Phase teaching. This is a partnership with the Education Department at the University of Johannesburg. Their lecturers will be sharing new trends and ideas in Early Childhood Education. Focus will also be on the core skills of this phase, with opportunity for those attending to learn the latest methodologies. We are extremely excited by this initiative and hope it is the first of many conferences aimed at young children.

### **GRADE 2 MUSIC GROUP DEMO LESSONS – Tuesday, 01 August**

A detailed letter was sent to parents regarding the above lessons. Please note a change of venue for percussion which will no longer be in the Media room but in **Block B, next to Mvukuzane Field** (posters will be put up to guide you). Violin will still be in the JP Hall and Recorder in the JP Music Room.

Please note there will be no Grade 2 Choir practise on Wednesday next week.

**Sandra van Wyk**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

The Lost Property table will be in our foyer from Monday next week. Please do take time to look for any lost items.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS – 02 AUGUST**

This term booking for Parent Consultations has been online and we have received positive feedback on this format from our parent body. Parents are reminded that these are a short overview of your son's term. Longer, more in-depth interviews can be booked with your class teacher should you require more time.

### **END OF TERM**

Please note that all August birthday cards will be handed out in Chapel on Wednesday, 02 August.

School closes on **Friday, 04 August** for our winter holidays. Closing times are as follows:

**Grade 0 - 10:00**

**Grade 1 - 10:15**

**Grade 2 - 10:30**

There will be a supervised Waiting Class until **11:00** on Friday, but no Aftercare service that afternoon. Due to a lack of interest the After School Holiday Programme has been cancelled.

School will commence on **Tuesday, 05 September** at **7:30**. Boys must return to school in summer uniform.

One week to go.....

Warm regards,  
Kenda Melvill-Smith

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Monday 31 July</b>
<b>Tuesday 01 August</b> 8:30 DCS teaching Grade 2 Music Group demo lessons
<b>Wednesday 02 August</b> 8:00 Chapel (birthday cards 01-31 August) <b>No Choir</b> 13:00 Parent Consultations
<b>Thursday 03 August</b> 8:00 Chapel Women's Day Celebrations Reports go home
<b>Friday 04 August</b> End of term: Grade 0: 10:00; Grade 1: 10:15; Grade 2: 10:30

### HOLIDAY CLUBS:

#### HOLIDAY SPORTS CLINIC

**When:** 14-17 August  
**Where:** JP Fields  
**Grade:** 0-2  
**Time:** 8:00 – 12:00  
**Price:** R800 or R200 per day  
**Contact:** Craig 071 864 1883 [cjooste@stpeters.co.za](mailto:cjooste@stpeters.co.za)

**Come join us for fun in the sun at  
Adventure Club this holiday!**

**Date:** Monday 7 August– Friday 11 August 2017 (Excluding Wed 9 August Pub holiday.)

**Venue:** Mrs van der Merwe's classroom and Boys Junior Prep

**Time:** 8am – 12pm

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

**Bring:** Packed lunch, bicycles, sun hat, swimming costume and towel if warm.

**We will be doing:**

- Bicycle track activities
- Obstacle courses
- Bear Grylls challenges
- iPads + Promethean Table Fun Time
- Golf, cricket, soccer, rugby, swimming and climbing wall fun
- Nature walks
- Minute-To-Win-It games

**RSVP:** By Wednesday 2 August

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### SUNSET CAROLS MARKET



**The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the 2017 St Peter's School Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, 2 December!**

This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies. This market has grown in popularity each year. The market is held prior to the St Peter's Sunset Carols, which in the past has attracted over 2 500 people. To secure your stall or for further info please email [carols@stpeters.co.za](mailto:carols@stpeters.co.za)