



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

Parent Forum

The PA is hosting a parent forum led by Thandi Chaane, Susan Wolfenden and Tutu Mojapelo on **Thursday, 19 May 2016** at 18:30 in the Royce Hall. We frequently get requests from parents asking how they can become involved in the school in different ways. This will be explained at the forum with alternatives for greater or lesser involvement in a range of structures including PA, Class Mums, etc. Strategies designed by the PA Transformation Sub-Committee will also be presented with the opportunity for parents to comment.

Transformation is something that involves each one of us. We want to create a school where every family and child feels equally at home. We cannot achieve this without wide, broad-based involvement. Please make every effort to attend.

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

The Trinity Term has started and I am really pleased to note how well-rested the majority of staff and boys are. We kicked off our term with the MADD week. Music, Art, Drama and Dance are all very important aspects of who we are and, by adding a little bit of inter-house competition to the mix, we have managed to get a high level of involvement from the boys as they take part in activities as diverse as chess competitions, eisteddfods, plays and even culinary competitions. The week will culminate with the dance and drama presentations on Friday.

Rugby season has also begun for the whole school. We are very aware of the importance of proper conditioning and training before the boys go into a contact situation and this first week, together with Saturday morning has been set aside for practices and the revision of rules and structures. Rugby is an interesting game in that it is loved by many players and spectators and can become extremely emotive as a result. At the beginning of the season it is important to remind ourselves that, far from being the professionals of the Lions, Bulls or even Springboks, our players are young boys who are developing as much emotionally as they are physically during matches. Comments made to or about referees, players and coaches during matches and in the inevitable post-match discussions must always be in the context of a preparatory school developmental programme. Please may I request that, as we begin a new season, this principle be borne in mind at all times. I look forward to an excellent half term of rugby, which will be followed by a season of "the beautiful game" of soccer. Once again, we should remember our role as parents and teachers overrides the privilege of being spectators as our boys entertain and impress us with their skills. It is during these seasons that we get the best turnout of parents to watch the games and I look forward to meeting many of you on the side of the field over the next three months. Enjoy supporting your boys and their teammates.

One of the primary tasks (some may argue that it is **the primary task**) of a school is to prepare the boys academically, and it is during this middle term that our teachers and pupils are really able to get to grips with the content and skills applicable to the boys' grade. Accordingly, please may I ask parents to work closely with the teachers and to ensure that your sons' homework and consolidation exercises are well completed.

The time spent working with your son as he builds his academics serves as both a motivator and an affirmation that you believe in the importance of what he is doing. Remember, however, that you are there as a resource and not as a sub-contractor to complete the tasks for him.

We celebrate Ascension Day today. This very important day in the Christian calendar, commemorates the ascension of our Lord into Heaven. Father Richard explained the importance of our Faith to the JP boys during Chapel on Wednesday. It was appropriate that the chorus that they sang was about building your house upon a rock rather than on sand. At St Peter's, we aim to provide this spiritual rock for the boys. In addition, we aim to create a firm foundation for them academically, physically and culturally. I look forward to us all working together as a team to achieve these goals.

I am confident that the boys are in line for a very productive term. Enjoy the journey with us.

Best wishes

Rob Macaulay

WELCOME

We welcome the following boys and their families to the St Peter's Family:

Grade 3 - **David van Zijl**

Grade 5 - **Connor Sparks** and **Luyolo Gwama**

Grade 6 - **James Dunn**

IMPORTANT - FORM COMPLETION FOR VERIFICATION ON NEW ST PETER'S APP

Please fill in your details on this form – here is the link: <http://goo.gl/forms/kvMdlCEq0G>

If you do not fill in the details you will not be able to use the St Peter's App when it is launched later this month.

We need your details completed on this form in order for a verification process to take place.

More and more of the day to day communication will be put onto this App and if you have not filled in the form through the link above you will not have access to the App.

Please complete a separate form for each person who will use this App in the future.

Thank you

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

Children Initiatives

- Grade 3 and 4 sandwich making weekly for Clay Oven crèche
- Grade 6s weekly buddy reading at Sefikeng (children were trained by Jenny Taylor (Read for Africa) in January)
- Grade 5 girls assist volunteers with lesson preparation and filing for Sefikeng

Adopt a School: Sefikeng

- Volunteers: weekly lessons and small reading groups have been completed as school is on holiday
- Fitted carpet in Grade 0 classroom has been replaced
- Grade 0 playgroup is about to be upgraded, have quotes and job will start this term
- Heather Kissack training Grade 0 and 1 staff once a month – any topic raised by their staff
- Blackboards in all classrooms have been painted

- *Isematholeni* interns: are involved in small group reading and lessons

Adopt a School: Diepsloot (DCS)

- Volunteers: lessons for Term 1 completed
- Grade 2 classroom has been painted
- Isematholeni interns: prepare and deliver a lesson each week from Grade 0 to 2

Read for Africa

- Have given a workshop to all our interns and the DCS Foundation phase staff on their phonics technique which they have adapted to fit in with the CAPS requirements
- Their volunteers have joined our programme at DCS and are focusing on the weaker children
- At Sefikeng, training of the Foundation phase teachers monthly

Bursary children: we continue to provide emotional and financial support to our bursary children

Chapel:

- Two chapel collections: CHOC and Animals in Distress. Both organisations have presented to our children
- Civvies Day collection: organised water collection for drought stricken areas
- Tembisa Crèche: have provided stationery and various sundry items

General:

- A gate has been erected at the Clay Oven crèche to ensure the safety of the children
- Ongoing cartridge collections for recycling

Fr Richard (Chaplain)

WEAVING OUR CULTURES TOGETHER, WE ALL HAVE A COMMON THREAD

This year the Diversity Committee has embraced one of our essential imperatives: the continued emphasis on bringing the community at St Peter's together through acknowledging and harnessing our differences and similarities. In order to do this and represent our community as a whole, we will embark on creating four large weavings that reflect the earth elements: wind, fire, earth and water (white, red, brown, blue). These weavings will represent our Diversity and connection to what is our essence, and at the same time reflect our unique individuality.

So, here is how you can help...

Materials: children will receive an envelope with an element and its specific colour designation indicated on it. Please support your child in collecting, finding or buying a piece of fabric, ribbon, beads, buttons, feathers, wool, raffia or any other materials that might reflect their individuality, and placing it in the envelope.

Note: The envelope will also have a small piece of white fabric on which your child will write their name and a message that supports the idea of unity and togetherness in keeping with our intention to bring the community together through our diversity. The white fabric will accompany the materials that you and your child have chosen to represent themselves.

By Friday 20 May, kindly return the envelope with material/s and the note to the class teacher, who will keep it until the week of 25 May. During this week, the weavings will be constructed.

The weavings will be displayed as a reflection and symbol of our commitment to bringing our community closer together.

The Diversity Committee

OLD BOYS NEWS**Hilton College**

Sheldon Bishop was awarded the Silver President's Award.

Timothy Densham was selected for the 1st Rugby Team.

Rory Duffy was selected for the U16A Hockey Team.

Stuart Forbes was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term and awarded Half Colours for Rowing. He has been appointed as Captain of Rowing.

William Hayne was selected for the U16A Cricket Team.

Chris Meyer was selected for the U15A Cricket Team, for the U16A Hockey Team and was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

S'bonelo Phungula was selected for the U15A Basketball Team and for the U15A Rugby Team.

Keegan Raves was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

Connor Russell was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

Luke Schreuder was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

Gareth Schreuder was selected for the 1st Cricket Team and for the U16A Rugby Team.

Jordan Twiss was awarded a Commendation in the 1st Term.

Luke Van Ryswyk was selected for the U14A Water Polo Team and for the U14A Rugby Team.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Parents are invited to attend the following events taking place on Friday, 6 May:

Art Exhibition	07:30 – 08:00	(outside Dodson Hall)
Dance, House Choirs, Choral Verse Performances	08:00 – 09:45	(Dodson Hall)
Grade 3, 4, 7 House Plays	10:30 – 12:00	(Dodson Hall)
Grade 5 and 6 House Plays	10:30 – 12:00	(Royce Hall)

Friday	06/05/2016	06/05/2016			MADD Week
Friday	06/05/2016	06/05/2016	14:00:00		Inter-house Rugby (U11 - Opens)
Saturday	07/05/2016	07/05/2016	08:00:00		Rugby Training (All Ages)
Saturday	07/05/2016	07/05/2016	14:00:00	21:00:00	Movie Night
Sunday	08/05/2016	08/05/2016			Mothers Day
Monday	09/05/2016	09/05/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Tuesday	10/05/2016	10/05/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Wednesday	11/05/2016	11/05/2016			Week 11 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	11/05/2016	11/05/2016	12:00:00	13:00:00	First Communion Class
Thursday	12/05/2016	12/05/2016	07:30:00	08:00:00	House Assembly for Grade 6 and 7
Thursday	12/05/2016	12/05/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Friday	13/05/2016	13/05/2016			HOT DOG AND CIVVIES DAY
Friday	13/05/2016	13/05/2016	14:00:00		Cross Country at St Stithians
Friday	13/05/2016	13/05/2016	18:30:00	17:30:00	Junior Choir Festival
Saturday	14/05/2016	14/05/2016	08:00:00		Rugby vs St John's
Saturday	14/05/2016	14/05/2016	18:30:00	19:30:00	Senior Choir Festival
Sunday	15/05/2016	15/05/2016	08:00:00	12:00:00	St Peter's Bike Race

PA NEWS

MOVIE NIGHT

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& inflatable carnival

Saturday 7 May



16 GIANT INFLATABLES!



Kids R130
Pre-Schoolers R100
Adults R100

14:00
DOORS OPEN

18:00
MOVIE TIME

BRECKNOCK
&
NEWLANDS
FIELDS



Tickets Available for purchase on the day.

ST PETER'S CYCLE CHALLENGE – SAVE THE DATE – 15 MAY

ST PETER'S CYCLE CHALLENGE

15 MAY 2016



TICKET INFORMATION

- Tickets will be on sale in the car parks on 10, 11, 12 and 13 May from 7:00am – 7:45am OR available online through cycle@stpeters.co.za
- **NB** - *There will be NO tickets sold on the day. All tickets MUST be purchased pre-race day*
- Cost – R50 for 3km, R100 for 10km/20km; non-rider entrance is R20 – SAME PRICES AS 2015!



PARTICIPATION

- All families and members are encouraged to ride as it's a fun day out for all.
- If you are not able to ride, we still would LOVE you to be involved – we need marshals and helpers everywhere so please be involved anyway!!



DETAILS

- Starting & finishing at the PWC Bike Park.
- Staggered start times depending on distance: 3km at 8:30am, 10km at 9:15am, or 20km at 10:30am
- Food & drinks will be on sale, but picnic baskets are welcome

IRON MAN

- This is the second leg of the Iron Man Challenge which needs to be completed to qualify. Only those who completed the swim can continue on the Iron Man Challenge. The run will be on 5 June.



GOLF DAY – SAVE THE DATE – 30 SEPTEMBER



PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS IS WEDNESDAY 17:00