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## Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

Part of my reading over the past weeks has been a book by Linda Kaplan Thaler and Robin Koval called "Grit to Great." (*Crown Business, NY. 2015*). I am sure that there is no doubt in your mind as to why I chose this title, but what really caught my eye was the sub-headings as I flipped through the book: "Get a Bronx Attitude," "Lose the Safety Net," "Get into Wait Training" and "Bend like Bamboo" seemed to be snippets of advice that really focus on the challenges that face our boys regularly at school. The idea that one should set realistic but challenging goals is all well and good but our aim as parents and teachers is to promote the achievement of these goals despite setbacks and failures. I used one of the quotes from the book in my opening Chapel address for the term. Michael Bloomberg, the three-time Mayor of New York and one of the world's wealthiest men summed up his strategy for success in a New York Times interview:
*"I'm not the smartest guy, but I can outwork you. It's the one thing I can control".*

The book sums the ingredients of GRIT up as:
**Guts**: the courage to take on a tough challenge
**Resilience**: bounce back from failure and external barriers that hinder your progress
**Initiative**: seize the day, be a self-starter
**Tenacity**: relentless ability to stay focused on a goal

The book certainly showed me that, in order to prepare our boys properly for success, we must ensure that we abstain from mowing a path through the jungle for them to follow. Rather, we must be there to encourage, inspire, help to plan and dream realistically and, most importantly, be there to pick them up, dust them off and set them back on the rocky path to success.

Have a great week.

**Rob Macaulay**

### WE NEED YOUR DETAILS – LAST CHANCE!

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 the App in the future.

Most parents have completed the form, thank you so much!

### UNINSTALL AND REINSTALL THE D6 COMMUNICATOR (ST PETER'S SCHOOLS)

Please do this immediately on desktop and any mobile devices. Next week we will be flicking the switch for authentication of the St Peter's App. If this uninstall and reinstall has not been done, you will receive ERROR messages on the School Communicator.

To install/ reinstall: http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php
Or google d6 school communicator download.
If you have any technical problems with installation, please contact D6 Technical help: 021 880 0185.

**On Personalising: there is a long list to now choose from** –
Choose either Junior Prep General or Senior Prep General and then go through as to what your child is involved in from music and choir through to the various sports and age groups. This will allow, for example, the U11 Waterpolo MIC to send an alert to only the U11 Waterpolo team/parents.
Thank you

**Diane Fraser** (Marketer)

## CARTRIDGE COLLECTION ON HOT DOG DAY
## FRIDAY, 13 May

Please remember to bring in your used ink cartridges. There will be a collection point (big green and white cardboard boxes) throughout the day for empty ink cartridges in the Chapel carpark. There are permanent collection points at both the Girls Senior and Junior Prep, and Boys Junior Prep reception areas.

Thank you for your continuing support this year!

**Monica Sloane** (Community Partnersip)

## CHAPEL COLLECTION: REACH FOR A DREAM - UNTIL 15 JUNE 2016

For 27 years, **Reach For A Dream** has been dedicated to making dreams come true for children between the ages of 3 and 18 years fighting life-threatening illnesses. The aim is to give each child hope and encouragement. They bring joy and laughter to the childrens' difficult situations and help them believe that tomorrow is worth fighting for.

reach for a dream
inspiring hope

Reach For A Dream, fulfils, on average 1500 dreams per year for children fighting illnesses such as cancer, cystic fibrosis, kidney failure, blood disorders and heart conditions. They encourage these children to dream their greatest dreams, which the Foundation goes to incredible lengths to fulfil.

In addition to fulfilling individual dreams, they have projects where they work with groups of ill children. These include Captain Courage, Queen For A Day, Camp Sunshine, Jabulani Kingdom and Show You Care Send A Bear which allows them to reach over 30 000 children nationally each year.

I would also like to thank you for supporting **Animals in Distress** – R12 000 was donated to this charity last term.

Your continued support is so appreciated.
**Father Richard** (Chaplain)

## ST PETER'S COLLEGE – ADMISSIONS FOR GRADE 8 2017

The College intake for Grade 8 2017 students is almost full. With only 10 places still available, we urge Prep parents who plan to enrol their son/daughter into the College for Grade 8 next year, to complete and submit their Enrolment Application form to the College by next week Monday, 16 May 2016. Applications received after Monday will be placed on the waiting list. Please click here to download the Enrolment Application form.

Please note that if you have already received a place offer at the College for your child, the enrolment is only secured once the deposit has been paid.

Kindly direct any queries to **Tanya Oakes** on admissions@stpeterscollege.co.za or 011 807 5315.

## PA NEWS

### CYCLE CHALLENGE

### MOVIE NIGHT

The Inflatable Carnival and Movie Night team would like to thank the following businesses who advertised at the Movie Night:

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| Kip McGrath Education Centre | www.kipmcgrath.net |
| Hamiltons | www.hamiltons.co.za |
| Solution Technologies | www.soltech.co.za |
| Maxtec Peripherals | www.maxtec.co.za |
| Cleansui | www.cleansui.co.za |
| Afrihost | www.afrihost.com |
| Psychology & Wellness Centre | www.pawc.co.za |
| Calice Restaurant | calicerest@gmail.com |
| Waltons | www.waltons.co.za |
| Slipstream Swimming School | www.slipstreamswimmingschool.com |
| Drama Dynamix | dramadynamics@gmail.com |

## REMINDER: BOOK DAY 27 MAY

There will be Costume Parades on the day so start thinking about your Dress Up Character costume!

## FORTHCOMING WEEK

## HOT DOG DAY AND CIVVIES DAY TOMORROW – please bring R25

## PLEASE NOTE: Senior and Junior Choir Festivals scheduled for this weekend have been postponed

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| **Friday** | 13/05/2016 | 13/05/2016 | | | **HOT DOG AND CIVVIES DAY** |
| **Friday** | 13/05/2016 | 13/05/2016 | 14:00:00 | | Cross Country |
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| **Saturday** | 14/05/2016 | 14/05/2016 | 08:00:00 | | Rugby vs St John's |
| **Sunday** | 15/05/2016 | 15/05/2016 | 08:00:00 | 12:00:00 | St Peter's Bike Race |
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| **Monday** | 16/05/2016 | 16/05/2016 | 08:00:00 | 12:00:00 | St Peter's College Academic Morning for Gr 5 |
| **Monday** | 16/05/2016 | 16/05/2016 | 16:00:00 | 17:30:00 | Main School Production Rehearsal |
| **Monday** | 16/05/2016 | 16/05/2016 | 16:00:00 | 18:00:00 | Chess vs Pridwin |
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| **Tuesday** | 17/05/2016 | 17/05/2016 | 16:00:00 | 17:30:00 | Main School Production Rehearsal |
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| **Wednesday** | 18/05/2016 | 18/05/2016 | | | Week 12 of Additional Learning Programme |
| **Wednesday** | 18/05/2016 | 18/05/2016 | 12:00:00 | 13:00:00 | Admissions Rehearsal for First Holy Communion |
| **Wednesday** | 18/05/2016 | 18/05/2016 | 18:30:00 | | Foundation Cocktail Party |
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| **Thursday** | 19/05/2016 | 19/05/2016 | 07:30:00 | 08:00:00 | General Assembly |
| **Thursday** | 19/05/2016 | 19/05/2016 | 18:30:00 | 20:00:00 | Parent Transformation Workshop with Thandi Chaane |
| **Thursday** | 19/05/2016 | 19/05/2016 | 16:00:00 | 17:30:00 | Main School Production Rehearsal |
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| **Friday** | 20/05/2016 | 20/05/2016 | 14:00:00 | | Cross Country |
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| **Saturday** | 21/05/2016 | 21/05/2016 | 08:00:00 | | Rugby vs WHPS |

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY SPORTS NOTICE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND NEWS ON SPORTS FIXTURES AND VENUES

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS IS WEDNESDAY 17:00