



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

We celebrated Africa Day yesterday with special Chapel services and an exercise in which strips of cloth and messages, symbolising both our individuality and our commitment to unity, were woven into looms. A very special thanks goes out to the group of moms, who gave up their mornings and, I am sure, their finger nails, to put the weavings together. As I sat in the Chapel yesterday, it struck me how pertinent the "Prayer for Africa" still is for all of us:

God Bless Africa
Guard our Children
Guide our Leaders
And
Give us Peace

It was wonderful to be part of the dialogue at the Transformation Meeting, which was led by Mamma Thandi Chaane, last week. The positive feeling of working together as a community, to maximise the spirit of Ubuntu, is certainly a way in which the adults in our community are showing principled leadership. Similarly, it is hugely gratifying to be part of the success story of our present Grade 7 high school application experience, which ended this week. Our Academic Head, Catherine Steenhoff, has included a brief synopsis of the results in a later portion of this newsletter. Sport continues to provide both educational growth and, not to be outdone, if the practices for our school production are anything to go by, we can all look forward to being thoroughly entertained by the Drama Department when the performances occur on 13 and 14 July. Please "save the date" for these performances.

I wish you all a successful and fulfilling week ahead.

Rob Macaulay

AFRICA DAY CHAPEL SERVICE AND WEAVING OUR CULTURES TOGETHER

In Celebration of Africa Day the Prep Schools weaved four tapestries symbolising the weaving together of all our cultures and acknowledging and celebrating our differences and similarities. The children also wrote inspirational messages of hope and reasons as to why we are all African and why Africa is special to each of us. The Boys Junior Prep weaved the element WATER, the Boys Senior Prep weaved the element EARTH, the Girls Junior Prep weaved FIRE and the Girls Senior Prep weaved AIR.



ST PETER'S APP

We will be swopping over to the authenticated App at the end of May. Thank you to all those who have filled in their details. If you have not given your details yet, here is the link:

<http://goo.gl/forms/kvMdLCEq0G>

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

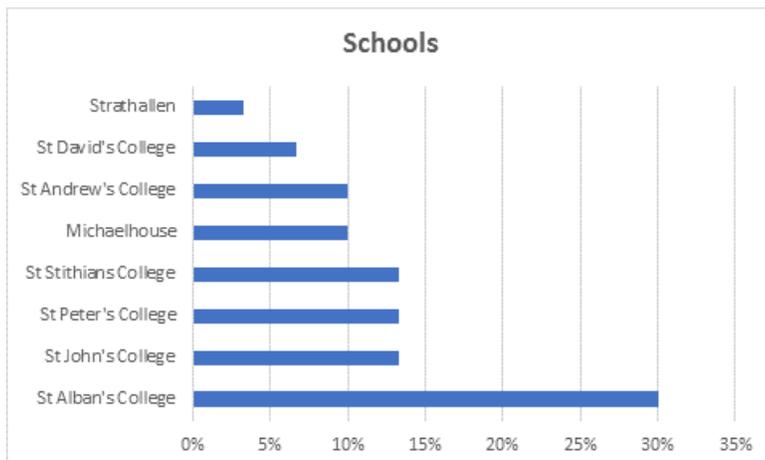
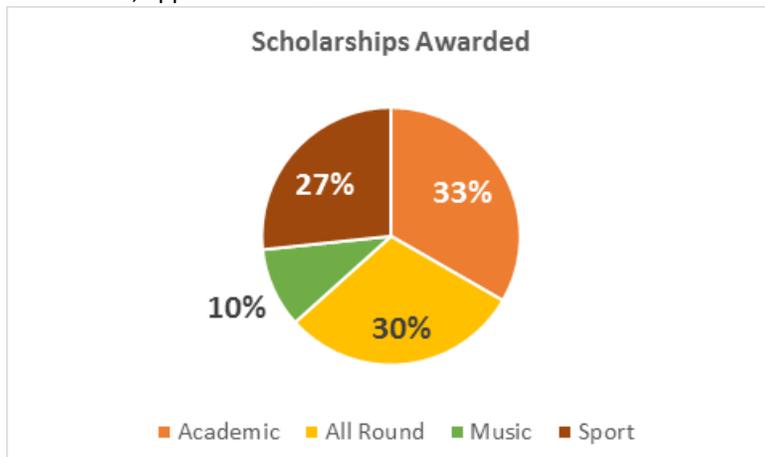
LOST PROPERTY

Unmarked Lost Property will be displayed outside the Chapel on Friday 3 June at 13:00.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

What a wonderful achievement! Our Gr 7 boys have really done the school and themselves proud. 19 boys received scholarships to top schools in the country. An amazing 30 scholarships were offered in total.

These scholarships indicate how highly sought after St Peter's boys are by the high schools we feed. We were also very pleased with the number of Academic Scholarships offered. These included two out of a total of ten academic scholarship offers to St John's College being awarded to St Peter's boys. We are awaiting the final confirmation of which Scholarships have been taken up by various boys, but data, based on the initial list of offered scholarships as reported by the families, appears below:



Catherine Steenhoff (Director: Academics)

ST PETER'S ISEMATHOLENI INTERN PROGRAMME

It has been wonderful to witness the continued successful growth of the St Peter's Intern Programme.

There are now 17 interns in the Foundation Phase at both the Boys and the Girls Junior Preps. Each intern has been assigned to a class, with the intention of rotating on a termly basis. This will enable them to gain the maximum experience possible by experiencing the various teaching methods used by a number of teachers. The class teacher becomes the 'Mentor teacher' to the Intern, directing and giving advice and guidance wherever possible. I commend the teachers for their dedication and commitment to the programme. They have embraced it wholeheartedly and committed themselves to ensuring its on-going success. They all agree that it has been a great help having the extra pair of hands and eyes in their classrooms to assist with their daily tasks!

The boys and girls enjoy the individual attention and small group teaching. They say they are able to focus more, have a greater chance to "discuss" in small groups and love the kind, caring approach of the interns.

The Interns are an enthusiastic and dedicated group. They had the following comments to make when asked to share their views on how the programme has influenced their lives:

Penny – *"I feel blessed to be part of such a great programme"*

Lydia - *"This programme has given me hope for my future - I'm very grateful to St Peter's"*

Catherine – *"It has changed my life for the better - I have found the missing piece that completes my puzzle"*

Itumeleng – *"An amazing opportunity for me to gain experience - it gives a clear perspective of what is expected of me in my chosen career"*

Alyssa - *"A great way to gain experience in the classroom - such a blessing to know all the beautiful young people in our classes"*

Lerato – *"I feel privileged to be part of such a wonderful school and programme - a life changing opportunity!"*

Jo - *"It has been the most incredible experience for me - I feel privileged to be a part of this wonderful group"*

Tlangelani – *"It's been magnificent so far! - I love being active in the classroom, interacting with my mentor and pupils - we are lucky to be part of the amazing St Peter's family!"*

Janine – *"I love that every day is a learning experience and comes with new challenges and opportunities"*

June Tromp (Intern Head Mentor)

PARENT TALK BY JOHN BUSWELL: CHALLENGES FACING OUR TEENAGERS TODAY

Dr John Buswell from the Proactive Education group will be here on Wednesday, 1 June at 18:30 in the Royce Hall. He will be discussing topics such as social media, cyberbullying, alcohol and drugs. The Proactive Education group was established in January 2000 and aims to educate children, teenagers and parents about the dangers that face our youth in South Africa today.

John spoke at the school a few years ago and was extremely well received. I would encourage all parents to attend this very informative talk.

Catherine Steenhoff (Director: Academics)

PA NEWS

FUN RUN & WALK

2016 FUN RUN & WALK

ST PETER'S
SCHOOLS

SUNDAY, 5 JUNE

08:30-10:00

VENUE: St Peter's Boys Prep School, Mvukuzane Field
Start AND finish at the Prep School for the first time

DISTANCES: **6.8km** – Incorporates PWC Cycle Park
 08:30 – R40 entrance fee – Qualifying leg for Ironman

2.5km – Incorporates PWC Cycle Park
 08:45 – R20 entrance fee – Qualifying leg for Ironman

1.5km – Exclusively on the school grounds, ideal for JP runners
 09:00 – R20 entrance fee – Qualifying leg for Ironman (**JP runners only**)

TICKETS: On sale at morning drop-off, in the JP and SP car parks
Tue 31 May – Fri 3 June
 And **on the day** at the Mvukuzane Pavilion

VOLUNTEERS: If you are able to volunteer with this event in any way, please contact
 the committee on funrun@stpeters.co.za.



OPEN TO ALL PUPILS, SIBLINGS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND FRIENDS

ST PETER'S FUN RUN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for ticket sellers for the fun run. Please consider offering about 45 minutes of your morning (7:00 – 7:45) to help sell tickets in the carpark. The dates are Tues 31 May, Wed 1 June, Thurs 2 June, and Friday 3 June. We would also like volunteers to help us on the day with last minute ticket sales. Kindly let the team know if you are able to help – funrun@stpeters.co.za. Thanks so much!

FORTHCOMING WEEK**BOOK DAY TOMORROW!**

Come dressed as your favourite character and remember to bring warm clothes.

**BACON, EGG and BOERIE ROLLS AT RUGBY**

The Grade 7 Fundraising Committee will be selling delicious bacon, bacon and egg and boerie rolls at the rugby on Saturday, 28 May outside Mvukuzane pavilion.

Friday	27/05/2016	27/05/2016			Book Day - Hooked on Books
Friday	27/05/2016	27/05/2016	14:00:00		Cross Country
Saturday	28/05/2016	28/05/2016	08:00:00		Rugby vs St David's
Monday	30/05/2016	30/05/2016	16:00:00	18:00:00	Chess Matches (A and B)
Monday	30/05/2016	30/05/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Tuesday	31/05/2016	31/05/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Tuesday	31/05/2016	31/05/2016	18:30:00	22:00:00	PA Meeting
Wednesday	01/06/2016	01/06/2016			Week 14 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	01/06/2016	01/06/2016	07:30:00	08:30:00	Coffee Morning - Building Resilience
Wednesday	01/06/2016	01/06/2016	18:30:00	19:30:00	Proactive Education - Parent Talk
Thursday	02/06/2016	02/06/2016	07:30:00	08:00:00	House Assembly for Grade 6 and 7
Thursday	02/06/2016	02/06/2016	08:00:00	10:00:00	Boys Sexuality Talk - Proactive Education Group
Thursday	02/06/2016	02/06/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Friday	03/06/2016	03/06/2016	14:00:00		Cross Country
Saturday	04/06/2016	04/06/2016	08:00:00		Rugby vs Pridwin
Saturday	04/06/2016	04/06/2016	08:00:00		St Benedict's Tennis Tournament (2nd Team)
Sunday	05/06/2016	05/06/2016	08:00:00		St Benedict's Tennis Tournament (2nd Team)
Sunday	05/06/2016	05/06/2016	08:30:00	12:00:00	St Peter's Fun Run

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