



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE RECTOR

The spectre of racism, which arose so powerfully at the end of last year, constitutes a disheartening reminder of how little progress we have made in uniting as a nation since 1994.

I often think that as South Africans, one of our most limiting characteristics is that we do not know how to listen. We listen to respond rather than to understand. This is why, for me, the Parent Transformation Meeting held the week before last was so important. It provided the first real opportunity for people, with different life experiences, to listen respectfully to each other. The honesty with which the stories were told provided an atmosphere in which people felt free to express their fears, however tentatively. It constituted a very special start to a critical journey in our community as a microcosm of the country.

Not everyone in our country has yet to overcome the challenges facing us. During the holidays Pam and I spent time in the Cederberg. While in Clanwilliam, I couldn't resist the opportunity to visit the 200-odd year old Anglican Church of the Parish of St John the Evangelist. When I peeked inside the door I was greeted by the sight of a group of elderly ladies (even older than me) sitting in a circle before the altar. They were engaged in a Bible study. The group comprised white, coloured and black women. There was spirited debate, relating the Bible text to the very similar experiences of their very different lives in a building so closely related to the era of Colonialism and the domination of a particular language group. These ladies did not need to destroy anything to find understanding or common threads in their lives.

As I quietly withdrew, their invitation floated across the pews, "Wil jy nie by ons aansluit nie, Meneer?"

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 MF C-N

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Please keep the Melvill-Smith family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the passing of Greg, husband to Kenda and father of Kaila and Natasha. Greg was a special part of the St Peter's family and presented at our Staff Training Session in January. Greg's presentation on "positive psychology" epitomised the manner in which he lived his own life. He will be fondly remembered by the St Peter's Community.

Mr Francois Conradie, who had been one of the Music Department's part-time teachers for many years, also passed away last week. A number of our staff members attended his memorial service earlier in the week.

We also hold the Agnew family in our prayers. Kevin's mother-in-law passed away on Wednesday morning.

May their Souls
And the Souls of all the Faithfully Departed
Rest in Peace
And Rise in Glory
Amen

This week's Keyhole input was written by **David Hala**, Deputy Head in charge of Pastoral Affairs. Enjoy the read:

Sweat the Small stuff

The Housemaster body recently attended a workshop on the "Broken Window" approach to discipline. The emphasis was on how the effective management of pupil behaviour in schools plays a critical role in maintaining a healthy school environment.

It is generally accepted these days that heavy handed enforcement tends to breed resentment amongst the pupils. Pupils respond better to motivation and encouragement which is a big part of the St Peter's philosophy. One has to be careful not to fall into the trap of accepting that standards have slipped and that this is the "modern way."

The "Broken Window" approach recognises that minor infringements need to be dealt with quickly and consistently to prevent worse infringements over the long run. At St Peter's we have high expectations of the boys to ensure that standards are maintained. As Educators we are preparing the boys for the future by developing the aspects of character which will enable them to accept responsibility and develop self-control while respecting the needs and views of others. Seemingly small matters such as wearing their school uniform correctly, appropriate hair-cuts and daily greetings play a critical role in establishing a healthy school environment.

Consistency is a large component of any successful disciplinary programme. The question is how the school and parents can work together to ensure that we are both looking after the best interests of the boys. Here are some suggestions for parents to use at home:

- Establish boundaries
- Put consequences in place for misdemeanours
- Ensure that you follow through on what you say you are going to do
- Don't fall for the guilt trip that, "You are the only parents who do not allow this"
- Be unemotional when putting consequences in place
- Use a balance of praise and criticism

Rob Macaulay and David Hala

FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD AND DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY

Ramadaan and Eid

Our Muslim pupils, friends and families will be observing Ramadaan, the month-long fast, starting Tuesday, 7 June (subject to the sighting of the moon) until 6 July. The annual fast is considered one of the five "pillars" of Islam. The fast is from sunrise to sunset, the evenings being spent enjoying family and community meals, engaging in prayer and spiritual reflection, and reading from the Holy Book, the *Quran*. Muslims are encouraged to read verses from the *Quran* and reflect on God's guidance. At the end of the month of Ramadaan, a three-day holiday known as Eid al-Fitr is enjoyed.

St Peter's wishes all Muslim families well over Ramadaan and extends its best wishes for the joyous celebration of Eid.

Environmental News

Please observe and discuss the importance of greening and saving the planet. The following important days are being observed:

5 June World Environment Day – "Join the race to make the world a better place"

8 June World Oceans Day

MySchool Card Competition

St Peter's is currently the **LEADER IN ITS CATEGORY** (Visit myschool.co.za/winr100k).

The School stands the chance of winning R100 000 and you stand a chance to win a R50 000 bursary for your child. You are also helping MYSCHOOL raise R100 million for education.

SWIPE THAT CARD AND LET'S BE WINNERS!

Vijay Maharaj

LOST PROPERTY

Unmarked Lost Property will be displayed outside the Chapel on **Friday 10 June at 13:00**.

ST PETERS'S SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR AND MOBILE APP

The following is an explanation of what to do in order to obtain the Authenticated St Peter's Communicator:

Desktop:

- The next time you open your DESKTOP version of Communicator, you will be prompted to request a Password.
- You will then check your emails for the password to use for authenticating the Communicator. Save this password as it will be needed for when you authenticate your other devices as well.

The **St Peter's Mobile App** will only be launched next week and we will let you know when it is ready for download from the Appstore/PlayStore.

Any technical advice/issues, please contact d6 directly: 021 880 0185

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

PA NEWS

MYSCHOOL SUPPORTERS: WIN R100 000 FOR OUR SCHOOL AND R50 000 FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL OF OUR CHOICE

GREAT NEWS! We are STILL top of the leader board in our category and if we maintain our lead, we will win these great prizes! See <http://www.myschool.co.za/winr100k>



Please keep swiping your MySchool card when shopping at Woolworths. Competition ends 26 June 2016.

You also stand a chance to win a R50 000 bursary for your child, just by swiping.

P.S. EarthCred items SCORE DOUBLE in May and June.

Every time EarthCred sustainable food or clothing at Woolies is purchased, not only is this an earth-friendly choice, but it adds even more to our school's score!

To apply for a MySchool card or to add St Peter's Prep as a beneficiary to your existing card, please apply online at www.myschool.co.za or via MySchool customer services 0860 100 445.

Or alternatively, please complete the attached form and email to Anne annedp@live.com or Gabby gabby@brandalivegroup.com and they'll get your MySchool card to you right away.

FUN RUN & WALK

2016 FUN RUN & WALKST PETER'S
SCHOOLS

SUNDAY, 5 JUNE
08:30-10:00

ON-THE-DAY DETAILS

START TIMES **08:30** - 6.8km (R40 entrance fee)
 08:45 - 2.5km (R20 entrance fee)
 09:00 - 1.5km (R20 entrance fee)

PARKING Parking on the day will only be available as follows:

- on **Newlands Field** (Girl's school) accessed through the School Chapel entrance
- in the **Boy's JP car-park**
- on **Somerset Field** (accessed from the Boy's JP car-park)

MEDALS Medals will be presented to all pupils completing the event.

GOODIE BAGS Dis-Chem goodie bags will be handed out to the first 300 pupils finishing the event.

REFRESHMENTS Food and Beverages will be on sale as part of the Grade 7 Fundraiser

Should you be able to volunteer to assist on the day of the event
 or have any queries regarding the event, kindly email funrun@stpeters.co.za



**SECOND LEG OF
THE IRONMAN
CHALLENGE**



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

MVUKUZANE'S COFFEE AND WIFI STATION

This is a reminder that Mvukuzane Pavilion is a warm and comfortable place to enjoy a cup of Nespresso coffee (R10 a cup) and use free wifi, while you allow the traffic to clear, before heading on to work in the mornings.



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, 04 June outside Mvukuzane Pavilion.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

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
Monday	06/06/2016	06/06/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Tuesday	07/06/2016	07/06/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Wednesday	08/06/2016	08/06/2016			Week 15 of Additional Learning Programme
Wednesday	08/06/2016	08/06/2016	17:00:00	18:30:00	Inter-school General Knowledge Quiz
Wednesday	08/06/2016	08/06/2016	18:30:00	19:30:00	Instrumental Ensemble Festival
Thursday	09/06/2016	09/06/2016	07:30:00		General Assembly
Thursday	09/06/2016	09/06/2016	16:00:00	17:30:00	Main School Production Rehearsal
Friday	10/06/2016	10/06/2016			HOT DOG DAY
Friday	10/06/2016	10/06/2016	14:00:00		Cross Country
Saturday	11/06/2016	11/06/2016	08:00:00		Rugby vs St Benedict's
Sunday	12/06/2016	12/06/2016	08:30:00		St Stephen's Community Eucharist

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