



SENIOR PREP

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

I am writing this article on the morning of World Teachers' Day: 5 October. It is interesting to reflect on how the role of the teacher has changed in our modern world. Traditionally, the teacher has been the imparter of knowledge and skills aimed at preparing the child for a place in an industrialised workplace. Numeracy and literacy were combined with general knowledge and scientific skills to become the basket of goods delivered by the teacher.

Over the past twenty five years we have seen an enormous increase in the emphasis placed on what were previously regarded as recreational activities. With ever increasing opportunities to earn a good living in the worlds of art, drama and sport, schools have been forced to move their thinking away from offering these activities as complementary, to adjusting their basket to include the offering of a mini-academy in each of these areas. Professional coaches and teachers have been employed and Headmasters have lost their jobs based on the perception of the old boys' network that the school's first team was not performing.

Let us now add to the mix that there is a general breakdown of community living and institutions, such as the Church, are often marginalised in a post-modern and secular world. Both parents are now having to hold down full time jobs in order to cope in our consumerist and competitive society. Who then, is responsible for the inculcation of values and the growing need for a highly developed sense of EQ in an increasingly global society? Who is expected to deal with the fallout when modern pressures cause traditional family structures to collapse? Schools now employ psychologists, counsellors and other professionals to help with the demand to be community centres and even faith centres. However, it is the teacher at the coalface who first encounters these demands.

While high schools move towards the employment of more and more specialists in these various areas, the traditional primary school classroom teacher is expected to diversify and become not only a "Jack of All Trades" but "THE Jack of All Trades." At St Peter's, our teachers have not only taken this role on willingly, but with a huge amount of passion. Teachers, on this World Teachers' Day, I salute you.

Have a very pleasant week.

Rob Macaulay

FROM THE HEAD OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As you know, over the past few years we have been conducting action research in order to ascertain the advantages offered by Information and Communications Technology to our academic curriculum. In 2016 we allowed Grades 6 and 7 pupils to bring their own devices to school for **specific educational use**.



We are concerned that some pupils are using their devices for inappropriate activities and have inappropriate apps installed. Just to reiterate that the BYOD policy states that the devices will only be used when a teacher instructs the boys to use them, otherwise the devices should be kept in the lockers. When a device is used, it may only be used for educational purposes. There should be no social media apps installed on the devices. If the BYOD policy is broken, the device will be banned.

Please assist us by explaining this to you children as well as monitoring their usage.

See below information on the age limit for various social media apps. Please take careful note of Instagram, Snapchat and WhatsApp as these seem to be commonly used by the children. Please ensure that none of these are loaded onto their devices.



DANGERS OF OVERUSE OF DIGITAL DEVICES

The popularity of apps, social networking and gaming amongst young people could potentially lead to childhood development problems. At present there isn't firm medical consensus on digital addiction. This month, however, the US Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association, is set to classify Internet Use Disorder (IUD) as an area worthy of further study. Lego, one of the largest digital gaming companies, offered the following statement about responsible digital usage: "Each child and situation is unique and that decision is ultimately the responsibility of the parent, that's why we encourage parents to have a dialogue with their children on healthy digital behaviour and – as a family – set some clear rules regarding digital activity."

How kids use digital devices and games will be dictated by the example that parents set at home. It's worth considering this the next time you download an app to keep the kids quiet.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FKepNvkL7g>

Scott Hauptfleisch (HOD IT)

SAFE DRIVING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please could parents be vigilant about driving safely on school grounds as there are many children walking around.

Even where there are “caution children crossing” signs and pedestrian crossings, parents are ignoring the rules of the road. Please do not sms or talk on your cellphones while driving on the school property as it is against the law. This could save a life.



ADVENT TERM ECO DRIVE – GREY WATER AWARENESS

The Eco committee’s drive for the term is to create awareness in our St Peter’s community about grey water.

Grey water is waste water from your household that has not been contaminated by human waste or heavy chemicals found in detergents. 50 – 80% of all waste water from homes can in fact be re-used to water your gardens or flush your toilets. Grey cannot be stored for longer than 24 hours as bacteria multiply and contaminate the water. Using grey water allows opportunity for taking responsibility for efficient use of water, our precious finite resource.

Boys will be educated about grey water and encouraged to collect some of their own grey water from homes. Some easy suggestions for the boys can be:

- to put a bucket in your shower to collect the water wasted while you are waiting for the hot water to come
- to use water from your bath
- to collect the little bit of water they never used from their water bottle that day at school
- To wash fruit and vegetables in a bowl instead of under a running tap and then to bring that water to school

Once they have collected the water, they must bring it school in a container. They can then place a coloured sticker on their poster in the classroom and empty their water somewhere on our campus.

This Eco drive will run from next Monday until half term.

OLD BOYS CRICKET PLAYED ON SATURDAY, 01 OCTOBER

Click on this link to see the full article on the St Peter’s Website:

<http://www.stpeters.co.za/news/entry/st-peters-old-boys-cricket-match>

COLLEGE: APPLICATIONS FOR GRADE 8



Please be advised that the College Grade 8 2017 intake is now full. Applications are still welcome but will be added to the waiting list.

Headmaster, Mr Rui Morais, will commence interviewing 2018 Grade 8 applicants from the Prep in November. Kindly contact Tanya Oakes on 087 000 0377 or admissions@stpeterscollege.co.za to schedule your child's interview. The Enrolment Application form is available via the website [here](#). Please ensure your application has been submitted to the College by the end of the year for 2018 as applications from other primary schools will be open for consideration from January 2017.

Please feel free to contact Theresa Monoyoudis on marketing@stpeterscollege.co.za or 087 000 0319 at the College if you have any questions.

COLLEGE NEWS

College Cricket

Congratulations to the St Peter's College 1st cricket team for winning the Crawford Lonehill Crazy 6's tournament for the second year running.



From left to right: **Marsden Vickery** (coach), **Craig Buck**, **Devyn Hadfield**, **Duncan Hill**, **Cameron Johnstone**, **Adrian Diepeveen**, **Ryan Morrison**, **Anthony Kieser** (captain) and **Christopher Hope** (who was selected as the top player to play in a charity match).

PA NEWS

ST PETER'S CLASSIFIEDS

We are looking for a volunteer to manage the St Peter's Classifieds. This involves sourcing advertisers, managing the ads and payments and compiling the newsletter on a monthly basis. A percentage of the revenue generated accrues to the responsible person to cover costs and time.

If you are interested, please mail robyn@designoval.co.za for more information.

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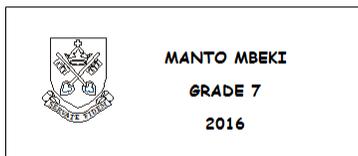
Order by 15 October for December Installation

A PAVER PLAQUE is a timeless reminder of your son's years at St Peter's Boys Prep School. This brass plaque is engraved with your son's details and is placed in the quad outside the Dodson Hall – The Old Boys Quad.

Should you wish to order, please contact **Leonia West-Russell** on Leonia@imagnet.co.za or download the order form from the Communicator under Resources/GIRLS/BOYS PA information.

Plaques designs available to order:

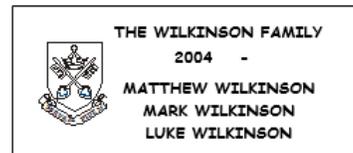
CURRENT PUPIL:



LEAVERS' 2015:



FAMILY PLAQUES:



FORTHCOMING WEEK – EVENTS**TOMORROW NIGHT – VIVA VOCE!**

18:30 TO 21:30

Dodson Hall

COMMUNITY EUCHARIST AT ST MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9 October

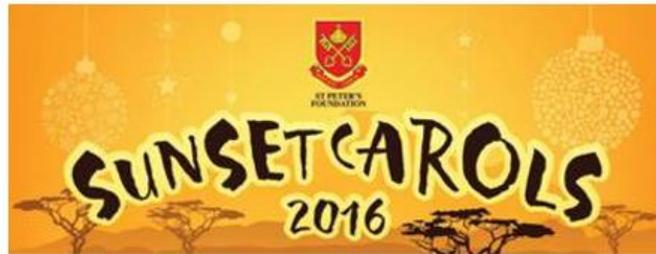
08:15 to 09:30

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	07/10/2016	07/10/2016	09:00:00		ABRSM Music Exams
Friday	07/10/2016	07/10/2016			Rick Wilson 1st Team Waterpolo Tournament
Friday	07/10/2016	07/10/2016	18:30:00		Viva Vocé
Saturday	08/10/2016	08/10/2016			Hockey vs St Stithians
Saturday	08/10/2016	09/10/2016			Wynberg Cricket Tour to St Peter's
Monday	10/10/2016	10/10/2016			U10 Cricket Matches
Monday	10/10/2016	10/10/2016	13:15:00	13:45:00	Chapel Choir Rehearsals
Monday	10/10/2016	10/10/2016			Chess Matches
Tuesday	11/10/2016	11/10/2016			U11 Cricket Matches
Tuesday	11/10/2016	11/10/2016	13:15:00	13:45:00	Chapel Choir Rehearsals
Wednesday	12/10/2016	12/10/2016	08:00:00	11:30:00	Grade 6 Study Skills
Wednesday	12/10/2016	12/10/2016	12:00:00	13:00:00	Additional Learning Programme Week 27
Wednesday	12/10/2016	12/10/2016	14:00:00	16:00:00	Music Theory Exams
Wednesday	12/10/2016	12/10/2016			Open Cricket Matches
Wednesday	12/10/2016	12/10/2016			SACS Waterpolo Tour Departs
Thursday	13/10/2016	13/10/2016	07:30:00	08:00:00	Awards Assembly
Thursday	13/10/2016	13/10/2016			Grade 4GW Sandwich Making
Thursday	13/10/2016	13/10/2016	13:15:00	13:45:00	Chapel Choir Rehearsals
Thursday	13/10/2016	13/10/2016			U9 Cricket Matches
Friday	14/10/2016	14/10/2016			Swimming Gala
Saturday	15/10/2016	15/10/2016			Hockey vs St Benedict's
Sunday	16/10/2016	16/10/2016			SACS Tour Returns

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

SUNSET CAROLS CHRISTMAS MARKET AND BROCHURE 2016

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE – book now

Saturday, 3 December 2016.

This concert usually draws in excess of 2500 spectators.

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the **Christmas Market**, which is held prior to the Carols. This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies!

To further support the fundraising efforts, a glossy **A4 Carols brochure** will be distributed to all the attending parents, grandparents, St Peter's staff and friends. This is a fantastic platform to advertise.

**For Christmas Market details, contact Amanda or Dalene
at carols@stpeters.co.za**

**For the Carols brochure details contact Monica
msloane@stpeters.co.za**