



SENIOR PREP

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Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I trust that everyone enjoyed a restful mid-term break. While I thoroughly enjoyed my time away, I think that the most exciting event in the past week has been the coming of the rain. This is only a drop in the ocean compared to what we still need, but I was delighted to note how our fields have responded to the welcome showers. During the August holidays, we completed our normal field maintenance and scarified the different fields, preparing them for the summer growth. We were also fortunate to have a large amount of compost available thanks to the efforts of Muchachari's Garden Services. This compost, which had been prepared on site, was put on all the fields and we were excited about the growth that it would facilitate. And then the rains stayed away.

It is important that, as a school, we demonstrate the correct social conscience to the boys and given the water restrictions that were put into place, except for the two fields that have access to borehole water, our fields remained dry. Mr Maharaj, Mrs Vermeulen and the rest of the eco-team used the opportunity to run the "grey water" initiative and I thank all of you who showered in chlorine buckets, collected dish water and carted litre after litre of water into school as our boys really rose to the challenge of grey water collection. I believe that this drive has been one of the most successful eco-initiatives that I have seen at the school.

And then the rain came. Fields that had been lying dormant suddenly came to life. The green appeared overnight and, if you walk on the fields, you will notice that even the "dustbowl areas" have shoots and runners appearing. The hard work and preparation done in August has begun to pay off.

Bringing up boys is often just like this. We love them, nurture their development and expose them to knowledge, character development and skills and yet they can sometimes appear to lie dormant, waiting for the rain. Just like the fields, however, once the time comes, they spring into action and show us how much they have developed.



When I spoke to the school in Chapel yesterday, I challenged the boys to use these last few weeks of the year to show us how far they have come. They have had a year of preparation and composting, the rains have come and, particularly in the senior classes, they need to focus hard to produce the goods during the upcoming assessment period. Grade 6 and 7 boys should be starting to revise for the formal tests. Parents, please help them to revise their work and consolidate their learning so that they can end this year in a shower of green. For the rest of the boys, it may be useful to take time to go through their books and acknowledge how their understanding, presentation of work and creativity have developed. This will help them to reflect on their learning for the year and set a strong platform for progress as they move into a higher grade next year.

Have a fantastic final half of the term.

Rob Macaulay

DIVERSITY: DIWALI

Yudarshin Pillay and **Tyrese Naidoo** addressed the boys in assembly this morning.

Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights and is traditionally celebrated by Hindus and is one of the most significant festivals in the Indian culture. The word Diwali means rows of lighted lamps and it is known as the Festival of Lights because houses and shops are decorated with candles and colourful lights. This shows the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.



For many Indians, Diwali honours Lakshmi, the goddess of material and spiritual wealth, and people will start the new business year at Diwali and some will say prayers to the goddess for a prosperous year ahead. Large fireworks displays are held which celebrate one of the Diwali legends, Rama and his wife Sita. The fireworks signify Rama's return to his kingdom after being exiled for 14 years and defeating king Ravana, when the local people set off their own version of fireworks. Those celebrating Diwali also light traditional earthenware oil lamps called *diyas* which are said to help Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, find her way into people's homes. They'll leave the windows and doors of their houses open so that she can enter.



St Peter's wishes all Hindu pupils, parents and teachers a Happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year.

Vijay Maharaj (Director: Diversity)

SPORT – BEHAVIOUR OF BOYS

As part of the St Peter's community and an investor in the excellence of the school, I encourage parents on the sides of the sports fields to take action if, in their opinion, the behaviour of the boys who are supporting or waiting to play, is deemed not to be fitting of a St Peter's boy. It can be very difficult when staff are either coaching or officiating to ensure that the behaviour of the boys is what it should be. We are together, in a partnership, to ensure this school represents all that is great about sport and your input on the side of the field is crucial to this.

I look forward to your support in the weeks to come.

Barry Detert (Director: Sport)

OLD BOYS NEWS

St Peter's College

Christopher Webster has been selected as a prefect for 2017.

Liam Ramsden has been selected as a prefect for 2017.

James van Dongen was announced as 1st Team Water Polo Captain.

James van Dongen was selected for Tournament Team at the 2017 National Co-Ed Schools Water Polo Tournament in East London.

St Andrew's College

Robert Quarmby has been selected as the 2017 Head of School at St Andrew's College.



Robert Quarmby (Head 2017) and Thomas Ryan (Second Head)

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- TABLES CAN ALSO BE BOOKED AT R2000 FOR A TABLE OF X10 (limited)
- DVDS CAN BE ORDERED AT R150

Tables and DVD payments can be done together with your ticket payment.

Please send proof of payment with your contact details and confirmation of what you paid for, to: tickets@stpeters.co.za

Tickets will also be sold in the last week 28 November to 2 December in the car park

BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY, PICNIC BLANKETS AND CAMPER CHAIRS - DELICIOUS FOOD WILL BE ON SALE

FORTHCOMING WEEK**Reminder: Tomorrow is Hot Dog Day and Cartridge Collection!**

Friday	28/10/2016	28/10/2016			HOT DOG DAY
Friday	28/10/2016	28/10/2016			Gala
Saturday	29/10/2016	29/10/2016			Cricket vs St Benedict's
Saturday	29/10/2016	29/10/2016			Basketball Festival
Monday	31/10/2016	31/10/2016	13:15:00	13:45:00	Chapel Choir Rehearsals
Monday	31/10/2016	31/10/2016			U10 Cricket Matches
Monday	31/10/2016	31/10/2016	18:30:00		New Parents Evensong and Cocktail Party
Tuesday	01/11/2016	01/11/2016	13:15:00	13:45:00	Chapel Choir Rehearsals
Tuesday	01/11/2016	01/11/2016			U11 Cricket Matches
Wednesday	02/11/2016	02/11/2016	08:00:00	14:00:00	Robin Hood Pantomime Gr 3 to 7
Wednesday	02/11/2016	02/11/2016	12:00:00	13:00:00	Additional Learning Programme Week 30
Wednesday	02/11/2016	02/11/2016			Open Cricket Matches
Thursday	03/11/2016	03/11/2016	07:30:00	08:00:00	House Assembly for Grade 6 and 7
Thursday	03/11/2016	03/11/2016			Grade 3CV Sandwich Making
Thursday	03/11/2016	03/11/2016	13:15:00	13:45:00	Chapel Choir Rehearsals
Thursday	03/11/2016	03/11/2016			Waterpolo vs St Stithians
Thursday	03/11/2016	03/11/2016			U9 Cricket Matches
Thursday	03/11/2016	03/11/2016	18:30:00	20:30:00	My South African Story (Parent Transformation Forum)
Friday	04/11/2016	04/11/2016			Gala
Saturday	05/11/2016	05/11/2016			Cricket vs CBC
Saturday	05/11/2016	05/11/2016			Basketball Festival

**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

CHARITY EVENT

A poster for a charity event. The background is light blue with a pattern of colorful hands (green, pink, orange, yellow, red) reaching out. The text is centered and reads: 'REFILWE FAMILY FUN DAY' in large, bold, red-outlined letters. Below that, in black text: '6 Nov 2016 • 10am', 'Stornoway Lodge', and 'Lanseria'. Further down, in teal text: 'Stalls', 'Live Music', and 'Fun for the kids'. At the bottom center is a logo for 'Refilwe Community Project' featuring a red stick figure with arms raised, surrounded by small icons of a recycling symbol, a hand, and a leaf. The text 'LIFE FOR ALL' is written below the figure. At the very bottom, in white text on a green background: 'For more info contact • preschool@refilwe.org • 072 335 7848' and 'www.refilwe.org'. A small logo with the letters 'Sx' is in the bottom right corner.

**REFILWE
FAMILY
FUN DAY**

6 Nov 2016 • 10am
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Live Music
Fun for the kids

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