



Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Boys Prep School



FROM THE HEADMASTER

This will be the final Keyhole for 2017 and I would like to thank Di Fraser and her editorial team for the interesting and varied newsletters we have enjoyed through the year. Communication is essential if we are to share our points of departure for the education of your sons and I hope that, through some of the articles, you have been able to get a sense of the principles and values that underpin the education that we strive to give your children at school. This final article deals with the principle of restorative justice, which we use when dealing with the growth of our boys both socially and emotionally.

St Peter's Boys Prep strives to create an atmosphere for individual growth academically, physically, spiritually, culturally and emotionally for all boys. We know that boys will make mistakes and, provided that there is genuine remorse, willing acceptance of consequences and an active attempt to restore damaged relationships, we will allow boys to undergo counselling and be given the opportunity to show growth so that they can be properly prepared for high school and later adult life. This is not a new concept and in 2007, *Sherman and Strang* conducted research on restorative justice across a diverse cohort of subjects that included boys under 14 years of age. After analysing the data they concluded amongst other compelling positive results that:

"Restorative justice that fosters dialogue between victim and offender has shown the highest rates of victim satisfaction and offender accountability." (Lawrence W Sherman & Heather Strang: 2007. "Restorative Justice: The Evidence": University of Pennsylvania).

In the opening paragraph of this article I stated the need to communicate with our community regarding how these principles are applied in daily school affairs. There are times, however, where in order to ensure that sound educational principles are maintained and also to protect the confidentiality of individual pupils, the school takes action which cannot be communicated openly to all. This is particularly the case when individuals or groups of boys have altercations and the actions are deemed to be dangerous or beyond the realms of general boyish boundary testing, escalating to instances of bullying, theft or wilful damage to school property amongst others. School management deals with all such cases according to our policy and within the principles of restorative justice. Unfortunately, we are unable to control the dissemination of sometimes one-sided information by members of the community who, as a result of their sons being personally affected, have an emotional take on the facts. In order to deal with these incidences, we undertake to maintain an open door policy, inviting parents who are subject to this information and who are concerned for either the wellbeing of their own sons or are wondering why the school is acting in a certain way, to come in and talk with the Headmaster. While we will never discuss the confidential aspects of individual cases, we are happy to put to rest rumours that arise due to carpark disinformation. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of the community that they are welcome to make an appointment to come in and meet with me should there be any sensitive issues, which cannot be discussed in a general forum, into which they would like further insight.

As we bid farewell to our Grade 7's and welcome a new group of Grade 0's I am conscious of the journey that a boy goes through in prep school. It has been most gratifying to observe how our pupils have, in the words of an advertisement from a few years ago, "enjoyed the ride...". To all who have been involved in the development of the boys, whether through direct contact or through setting up and maintaining such a positive environment for growth, I thank you for your input. I am sure that we are all looking forward to a good holiday and I wish you and your families a time of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Have a blessed Christmas.

Rob Macaulay

REQUEST FROM THE RECTOR

We are looking for names of stained glass window makers to complete the windows in the chapel and would be grateful if any parents are able to furnish us with these names. Please contact Dalys Radloff (dradloff@stpeters.co.za).

Greg Royce



SUNSET CAROLS - 2 DECEMBER

R120 Adults; R60 Children or reserve a table for 8 to 12 people @ R220 per person

NOTE: Marimba, Orchestra. Drumline and Choir Children get in free as they are performing. This includes: Grade 2 Choir, Cadet Choir, Chapel Choir and Chamber Choir.

Pre- Order DVD's @R150 each

Tickets will be sold on the day!

CHRISTMAS BOXES – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the St Peter's Family who so generously supported the Christmas box initiative.

On Christmas morning, you will have made a joyous difference in the lives of the children at St Mungo's, Diepsloot.

Blessings

Father Richard (Chaplain)



SP MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2018

The following instrumental lessons are on offer: trumpet, violin, flute, classical guitar, banjo, cello, recorder, drumkit, piano, trombone, percussion, voice, baritone horn, tenor horn and djembe. To sign up for individual lessons, please follow the link: <http://goo.gl/forms/CT5SHUuhDA>

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Cecilia Neto

Cecilia joined St Peter's Prep in 1999 working in various administrative and accounting roles. She then became PA to the previous Business Manager, Rob Dyer and from there evolved into Operations and is the longest serving member in the Operations department overseeing the various roles, namely: catering, maintenance, internal transport, grounds and security.

Her tenure has seen her witness the College and Girl's school coming into existence.

Cecilia is an avid walker, walking faster than most people can run! A useful skill in her role which demands her to be on top of things on both sizeable campuses.

Cecilia has two sons Nicholas and Marc, both qualified CA's, living in London and passionately pursuing their financial careers. An exciting time lies ahead for Cecilia as her eldest son is coming home to get married in December.



COMMUNICATOR ST PETER'S

Please remember to re-personalise your channels for when your son changes grade and sports age group.

If you do not have the Communicator yet, here is how:

There is a link below to a **Google Form** – which you are required to complete, please. These details are needed in order to set up the once-off verification step.

LINK:

<http://goo.gl/forms/kvMdlCEq0G>

PLEASE ALLOW **1 WORKING DAY** ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GOOGLE FORM BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD THE COMMUNICATOR TO ENABLE YOUR DETAILS TO BE VERIFIED.

You can then download via Appstore or Playstore.

Diane Fraser (Marketer)

SCHOOL SHOP

Label Orders:

PLEASE NOTE: the cutoff date for label orders will be **Friday, 1 December**. All labels ordered after this date will only be processed next year. Anyone needing labels can email the order to schoolshop@stpeters.co.za

Nadia Thompson (School Shop Assistant)

ONE DAY LEFT!


1 WEEK LEFT

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.

Don't forget to drop your slips, with your name and number on the back, in the entry boxes at all receptions in order to stand a chance to win the Nespresso Coffee Machine. Draw will take place on 2 December at Sunset Carols

NESPRESSO ZENIUS  

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Friday	01/12/2017	08:30:00	10:00:00	Sunset Carols Rehearsal
Friday	01/12/2017	10:30:00	13:00:00	Sunset Carols Rehearsal
Friday	01/12/2017	13:00:00	13:00:00	SPEET WEEK ENDS
Friday	01/12/2017	18:30:00	23:00:00	Grade 7 Leavers' Dinner
Saturday	02/12/2017	10:00:00	12:30:00	Chapel Choir Rehearsal on Stage
Saturday	02/12/2017	14:00:00	17:00:00	Christmas Market
Saturday	02/12/2017	18:00:00	20:00:00	Sunset Carols
Monday	04/12/2017	13:30:00	17:00:00	Cricket: Staff vs Boys 1st Cricket Team
Monday	04/12/2017	09:00:00	12:00:00	DSC Christmas Party (GR 7)
Monday	04/12/2017			Grade 6 and Grade 2 Fun Day
Wednesday	06/12/2017	08:00:00	10:00:00	Prize-Giving Rehearsal
Wednesday	06/12/2017	11:00:00	13:00:00	Inter-House Relay Swimming Gala
Wednesday	06/12/2017	18:00:00	19:00:00	Prize-Giving
Thursday	07/12/2017	07:30:00	08:00:00	General Assembly
Thursday	07/12/2017	09:30:00	11:00:00	Eucharist
Thursday	07/12/2017	11:00:00	11:00:00	ADVENT TERM ENDS

SECURITY CAR DISCS FOR 2018

Parents will receive 2x stickers (red in colour) in their son's Report Envelope. **DO NOT** throw these away. Please place on your car windscreen for access into the school next year, otherwise the guards will have to stop you. This is for the safety of our St Peter's Family, thank you.



**School re-opens in 2018 on
Wednesday, 17 January**

