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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

On behalf of the staff at St Peter's College, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the start of a chilly Term 2. I trust everyone has had a wonderful Easter break with lots of rest and opportunities to enjoy numerous activities with friends and family. The staff and I are looking forward to an exciting, productive and successful term.

Staff Matters

The staff at St Peter's College had the privilege of being addressed at the start of the term by the Corporate Trainer, Motivational Speaker, Life Coach, Entrepreneur, Radio Host and former Lecturer: Darren August. Darren is the author of a book "A Teacher Changed My Life" where he shares defining classroom moments from his life and that of others in an attempt to show teachers that what they do, still matters. Darren has a website www.darrenaugust.com

- Mrs Cath Dracatos is on long leave for the duration of Term 2. I welcome Mrs Terry Foster in Mrs Dracatos' place. Mrs Foster is a former lecturer and was a senior Business Studies teacher at Brescia House - we look forward to working with her whilst Mrs Dracatos enjoys a well-deserved break.
- Congratulations go to Mr Antonio Lottering on his wedding in the holidays.
- Congratulations to our Drama teacher, Mrs Crystal Miles on her pregnancy - we wish her all of the best during this very special time in her life.
- Welcome back to our HOD of Physical Science, Mrs Gwyn Zimmerman, after undergoing surgery at the end of last term - great to see her back and looking healthy and ready for the challenges of Term 2.
- We welcome Mrs Debbie Meyer who officially started as the HR Manager at the College with effect 1 May 2017.

Holiday Activities

Thank you to all staff and students who were involved in the various aspects of College life during the Easter break - it is **GREATLY** appreciated.

- Our rugby 1st XV, 1st XI boys and girls hockey participated in the St Dunstan's Easter Sports Festival. Thank you to Mr Brian Armitage, Mr Steve Tudhope, Ms Saranne Hudson, as well as Mr Lofty Tyebileyo.
- Our 1st netball team participated in the Saints Easter Festival losing only match - thank you to Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk.
- 1st XI Hockey boys and girls went to the Eastern Cape to participate in the Oakhill Hockey Festival. Thank you to Ms Saranne Hudson and Ms Delene Theunissen who accompanied our students on this tour.
- Our rugby boys went on a rugby training camp to Camp Discovery- thank you to Mr Brian Armitage, Mr Steve Tudhope, Mr Louis Levinson and Mr Lofty Tyebileyo for looking after and coaching the boys.
- Dubai Tour - thank you to Mrs Anchen Muller, Mrs Cath Dracatos, Mr Ryan Hammond and Ms Shevon Ronne for accompanying 40 teenagers on the trip to Dubai.
- Thank you to Mr Rakubu Sokana for the AP Maths lessons to our Matric students - I love his commitment to excellence.
- Thank you to Mr Dario Doneda and the Drama department for building the costume room in the holidays.

Achievements

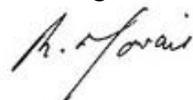
Congratulations to:

- Tazz Waite in Grade 12 who represented the South African U17 girls at the EU Nations Cup in Prague winning a silver medal losing to England in the final.
- Mr Nardus Badenhorst on being selected for the SA men's water polo team to compete in the EU Nation's Cup in May.
- Gauteng School's swimmers from St Peter's College who competed at SA School's - Yuvish Premiall (Captain), Yogita Mohabir, Alex Krastanov, Nicole Hepplewhite, Fadhil Saleh and Nabil Saleh.

The wonderful St Peter's College staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you during the course of the Term.

In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

College Parking Lot Congestion

We appeal to parents to please ensure they **stop to drop off or collect their children at the designated drop off points only** and **not at the entry point** as this blocks the way and hinders the traffic flow to the detriment of everyone behind them.

UAE Enrichment Tour Feedback



The UAE Enrichment Tour was definitely a trip to be remembered! I can guarantee - not only for myself, but probably for everyone on the tour. New friendships were created, bonds were strengthened and unforgettable memories were made.

Our trip began with the usual airport hustle and bustle of trips abroad, with both parents and children alike, both anxious to say their goodbyes. After our eight hour flight from OR Tambo to Doha International Airport in Qatar, we boarded the next flight and waited eagerly to land in Dubai. After arriving in the very hot and humid Dubai, we were taken to Ibis Al Barsha; our home for the next nine nights.

On our first day we visited the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding where we enjoyed an authentically Arabic feast and were taught how to eat like a true Emirati. We then travelled to the Dubai Mall, which lives up to its expectations of being absolutely spectacular. In true tourist fashion we went to the top of the Burj Khalifa and had the chance to see the incredible view. The tallest building in the world does not disappoint, it delivers the promise of breathtaking views of Dubai's architectural feats. The rest of the day featured a tour of Dubai's architectural highlights and a boat cruise to the Palm Jumeirah, a man-made island in the shape of a palm tree.



Our desert safari was a night filled with bumpy rides over the desert sand dunes, camel rides, tasty food, and of course, a belly dancer that had some of us a little too captivated!

The trip to Abu Dhabi was definitely one of the highlights of the tour. We had the privilege of entering the completely mesmerizing Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. We then visited the highly anticipated Ferrari World, which is home to the fastest rollercoaster in the world - which is definitely not for the faint hearted.



Yet another highlight of the tour was going to the Aquaventure Waterpark, which boasts being one of the best in the world. We were spoiled with a visit to the Lost Chambers Aquarium and a day of absolute fun! The park's attractions include several water slides all promising loads of fun, a beach and zipline overlooking the waterpark.

On the second last day we visited the Camelicious Camel Farm and milk processing plant, where we had the opportunity to sample camel milk ice cream and camel milk. Mrs Müller's dream came true when she finally got to kiss a camel. Several products were available to buy, ranging from camel milk, camel milk shampoo to camel milk cheese! We then had the chance to visit Ski Dubai, where those of us, who knew how, could ski and snowboard while those didn't could enjoy the chairlift, zoom on the bobsled or be rolled around in the giant snowball ride.



Our last full day gave us the opportunity for some last minute shopping, before we were treated to an evening on a Traditional Dhow Cruise in the creek. We all made an effort to dress up for our last night in Dubai.

The last day of tour brought with it for some, a sense of relief for they were finally going home, and for others a feeling of sorrow for the days of fun had flown by too quickly and now we had to step back into reality.

Yet again we all went through the usual airport hustle and bustle, took our connecting flight to Doha, and arrived back home in a surprisingly chilly Johannesburg. We said our goodbyes to our tour family and greeted the elated faces of our actual families, with memories of a tour not to be forgotten soon still fresh in our minds. Thank you to Mrs Müller for organising such an incredible tour and for Mr Hammond, Mrs Dracatos and Ms Ronne for accompanying 41 students to the UAE.

Didi Netshiswinzhe (Grade 9)



Student Affairs

MAC Drive - Grade 11 Classroom Build

As most of you know, every year the Grade 11 students take part in the Classbuild project. For the new parents of the College, the Classbuild project is our biggest outreach programme. This year, the MAC (Make A Change) committee's goal is to exceed the funds raised last year.

On Wednesday, 10 May, Sithuthukile Madonsela, Tadiwa Zororo and I accompanied the last year's ROC (Rebuilding Our Community) Exec committee to attend the blessing of the classrooms they built in December. Attending this has made it very clear to us as to what we are actually raising funds for in 2017. At Kwasa College there is a rundown building which the 2017 drive will renovate either into their school hall or into their admin offices. I am very confident that we will raise an exceptional amount and change the lives of these children even more this year. Each student received a Sponsor Form last term and is selling "symbolic bricks" at R20 each. Please help us **"Make A Change"** and purchase your brick as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy project!

Sarah King (Grade 11)



MAC with ROC outside the classrooms that ROC built

External Achievements

- Congratulations to the following six College swimmers who represented Gauteng at the **SA Schools Competition**:
Alexander Krastanov, Yuvish Premlall, Nabil Saleh, Fadhil Saleh, Yogita Mohabir (all competing in the U16/U17 category) and Nicole Hepplewhite (competing in the U14/U15 category).
 - Yuvish Premlall was appointed as captain for Gauteng and Gauteng won at SA Schools.
 - The following swimmers made the finals, without medalling:
Alexander Krastanov – 50 metre back (4th), 100 metre back (5th)
Nicole Hepplewhite – 50 metre back (4th)
Yogita Mohabir was first reserve for the 100 metre free
Fadhil Saleh was second reserve for the 100 metre free
 - The following swimmers received medals:
Nicole Hepplewhite (Silver for 100 metre back, Silver for 200 metre back, Gold for 4x50 metre Medley Relay team Gold for 4x100 metre Medley Relay team)
Alexander Krastanov (Gold for 50 metre Medley Relay team)
Fadhil and Nabil Saleh (Gold for 50 metre Freestyle Relay Team)
- Tarryn Nitch, Nic Peake and Blake Imbert have been chosen to build a raft at the annual SA Scout Association raft building competition called 'Kontiki' this weekend. The event draws scouts from all across Gauteng to test their pioneering skills. All participants are required to be at the dam in Arrowe Park, Benoni in the early afternoon in order to prepare the rafts for launch early the following day. We wish them all the best!
- Congratulations to Nolwazi Sibanda who, on 14 April, received her Protea Colours Blazer in Cheerleading and on 23 May travelled with the South African Team to the USA to represent SA at the World's International Cheer Union Championships and also at the IASF Championships where they were placed 9th in the world.

Co-Curricular News

Equestrian

The Equestrian Team has had a remarkably successful Term One. The riders represented the school in two SANESA Qualifiers. They also participated in outside shows where they achieved outstanding results across various disciplines including Show Jumping, Dressage, Equitation, Working Hunter, Show Riding and Eventing. The team is eagerly looking forward to Qualifier Three and Four in Term Two to ensure their selection for Regionals which will be taking place in August.

Mrs Joan Delport

MIC: Equestrian

First Aid: Term One Report

Term One 2017 was a very successful term for our First Aid Team. We had twenty-three students across the grades attend training and qualify for Level One, eleven for Level Two and five for Level Three during the weekend of 2-4 February. In all three courses, the students are trained to do all the basics; cleaning and bandaging a wound, burns, CPR etc.

The more advanced levels' training covers the basic concepts in greater depth and includes some knowledge of human anatomy and physiology, as well as more skills. The training was run by the paramedics from Destination Medicine. The students were inspired by the incredible hands-on-stories the paramedics had to tell.

The team has been able to put their training into action on the side of the rugby and hockey fields, the basketball and tennis court and the swimming pool. Some of the First Aiders also had the opportunity to work side-by-side with paramedics at the Old Pets Water Polo Tournament. In this way, they were able to get valuable experience using the concepts that they were taught during the course. First Aid is a very important life skill to have and you never know when it will come in handy.

Nicole Brent - Vice-Captain (Grade 11)

Hockey

Oakhill Independent Schools Co-Ed Hockey Festival 1st Team Boys and Girls Report

On Friday, 29 April, the 1st Team boys and girls Hockey teams departed early from OR Tambo International Airport to participate in the prestigious annual Hockey Festival hosted by Oakhill School in Knysna. The weather was extremely hot with temperatures reaching 38 degrees. This weather allowed us to enjoy Buffalo Bay's beach, between our games, before winter officially arrived. Both team's bonds rapidly strengthened and many memories were made over the four days.

- The 1st Team Boys lost their first four games against some of the most elite schools in the country - Reddam House Constantia, Dale College, Oakhill and Wynberg Boys. The boys managed to bring a sense of victory home and won their last game 5 – 2 against Southdowns College.
- The 1st Team Girls also lost their first four matches versus Southdowns College, Reddam House Constantia, Oakhill and Collegiate. The girls followed suit and won their last game 4 – 1 against Bridge House.
- Matthew Amner and Nandipha Madikizela were elected as the most valuable players for St Peter's College at the Oakhill Tournament.

Thank you to the teachers, coaches and parents for their support. The determination and team spirit of the players has made this tour an enjoyable and memorable one.

Adrian Diepeveen and Emi Jozela (1st Team Hockey Captains)



Music: Orchestra

St Peter's College's Orchestra is improving at a mile a minute, with weekly practises and new faces joining the already large group. Our small group of 17 musicians has grown to an amazing 39 eager young people. Our repertoire grows exponentially every week, with songs including Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars, and Thriller by Michael Jackson. These two songs were a hit at the past Summer Soirees, which showcases our amazing improvement.

The soiree provides an amazing opportunity for the young juniors of the orchestra to perform in front of audiences and get the rush of being on stage without the nervousness of being alone. The Grade 8 and 9s of the orchestra are also developing the skill of listening to the other musicians and getting a feel for new ways of playing and expressing themselves. Overall the orchestra is a big family of different ages and capabilities that can come together to make something beautiful.

Morgan Else (Grade 12)

Netball

Results versus St Dunstan's College on Wednesday, 10 May

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| U14 A 8-18 lost | U16 A 8-27 lost |
| U14 B 24-10 won | U16 B 14-9 won |
| U15 A 14-18 lost | U19 A 19-36 lost |
| U15 B 5-16 lost | U19 B 42-11 won |
| U15 C 5-17 lost | |

Results from end of Term 1 tournaments:

St Andrew's 1st Team Festival

- We made it to the finals and lost to Kingsmead - 12-19
- Mbali Dhlomo made the All Star Tournament Team.

Somerset - Lost 14-19

Bridgehouse - Won 21-9

Reddam - Won 15-9

St Dominic - Lost 14-16

Krugersdorp High School - Lost 12-31

St Dunstan's - Lost 13-32

St Johns - Won 19-15

Hershel - Won 17-13

Southdowns - Won 16-14

Tholulwazi - Won 22-19

Crawford Lonehill - Lost 8-13

Kingsmead - Lost 9-18

Penryn - Won 18-13



Well done Mbali!

Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk

MIC: Netball

Soccer

St Peter's College participated in the Waterstone U19 Soccer Tournament last weekend. Our U15 boys represented the College at this tournament as the 1st Team boys were unavailable. Unfortunately we lost our games but our young boys played well considering, and learnt a lot. Even though it was hard, they managed to still finish the tournament in position 13 out of 17 schools.

Results: Vs Norkem High 9-0 (lost); Vs King's School 5-2 (lost); Vs Crawford Lonehill 6-1 (lost)

Mr Sam Thage

MIC: Soccer

Squash

For the first time in many years, St Peter's College hosted an Inter-House Squash event on the second last day of Term 1. Houses were allowed a team of 5 players which could consist of players of any age and gender to make up their strongest team. Each match played 3 games and the total number of games won from all matches would determine the winner. It was great to see players from Grade 8 to Grade 12 compete in this event. Some players have just joined our squash community and some surprise guest players turned a potential landslide victory for Oriole into a hotly contested event. In the end, Oriole managed to keep their cool in the face of the challenge and came out victorious.

AHMP Tournament

U14s placed 14th

U15s placed 13th

U16s placed 13th

U17s placed 10th



Congratulations girls, Silver Medal Winners!

The final results were as follows:

1st – Oriole – 20 points

2nd – Lourie – 18 points

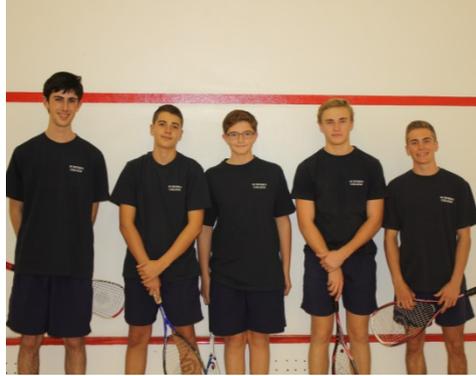
3rd – Bishop – 9 points

A big thank you to Wendywood Squash Courts for allowing us to host the event at their venue. Special thanks to all the parents and supporters who came out to support the event.

I look forward to this event growing in the future as more students come to play Squash at St Peter's.

Mr Mathew Kirkland

MIC: Squash



Event

Moments with Mendelssohn

MOMENTS WITH
Felix MENDELSSOHN



Cello Sonatas

no.1 (Opus 45)

&

no.2 (Opus 58)

Carel Henn (Cello)

Elize Kruger (Piano)

DATE: Sunday, 21 May 2017

TIME: 15:30

VENUE: St Peter's Prep Chapel
105 Witkopp Drive, Paulshof.

Scholars: R20

Students: R50

Adults: R80

*Tickets available
at the door*



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Varsity College Open Day



SATURDAY 27TH MAY 9AM - 1PM

Visit a campus near you and find out what it's like to be a student at Varsity College. Sit in on a lecture, do what students do, meet Student Advisors and find out just what makes Varsity College the perfect choice.

Complete an interview with a student advisor, apply to study at VC on the Open Day and stand a chance to WIN a bursary to the value of R10 000. T's & C's apply.

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