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## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE NEWSLETTER



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College Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Stpeterscoll/>

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### Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Last week was an extremely busy and emotional week at St Peter's College.

The Matric Class of 2017 had their final Breakfast, Assembly and Valedictory Service and said their last goodbyes to the College before they begin their final examinations. These functions gave us an opportunity to celebrate their five years at the College. This is, undoubtedly, the most successful Matric Class in the history of the College, seven white blazers is a record that is going to be difficult to beat in the years to come.

I was honoured to be a part of our Matric Academic, Sports and Cultural Prize-Giving ceremony, as well as, 2018 prefect announcement on Tuesday, 10 October 2017.

I was grateful for this opportunity for St Peter's College to congratulate the winners and celebrate all those students who have taken part in this year's achievements. Many of our students strive to do their best in order to be a part of that ceremony and I believe that represents the true spirit of St Peter's College.

Although we all know that participation is a key element in sports, school events and life in general; winning is what makes us push ourselves and achieve our full potential. I was very impressed with the achievements of everyone there, but I am especially in awe of those whose efforts were rewarded on the day.

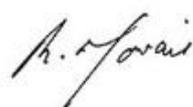
The prize winners are a true representation of everything that we stand for here at St Peter's College – these hard working, articulate young people are a credit to the College and an inspiration to us all. It is through such achievements that we are clearly able to see the skill, high expectation and commitment of the staff and students at St Peter's College, and the prize winners are great examples of what we expect of our students.

The prize-giving was an opportunity to celebrate the individual successes of students; the recognition of consistent and sustained effort, for excellence in subjects and for outstanding achievement in sport and cultural activities. To the prize winners – whatever your prize on the night, be assured that the College, your teachers and your parents are very proud of you.

Well done to each and every one of you.

Go "Bravely Into The Future".

Regards,



Mr Rui Morais  
Headmaster



*Congratulations to **Adrian Diepeveen** who was awarded his White Blazer on 12 October. In recognition of achieving honours in Academics; full colours in Investment Club, Athletics, Cricket and Hockey and for having met the community service requirements.*

### Staff News

- Cupid has been doing his rounds again at the College and we congratulate Saranne Hudson on her engagement.
- Congratulations to Crystal Miles who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on 26 September.

## Prefects Announcement

The College would like to thank and honour our **Prefect body of 2017** who served selflessly and gave of their time freely to school.

Chesnay Havenga (Head Girl)

Sean Moodley (Head Boy)

Jessica Webb (Dep. Head Girl)

Ronewa Netshiswinzhe (Dep. Head Boy)

Adrian Diepeveen

Keileigh Chetty

Alessandro Gueli

Khama Modise

Anthony Kieser

Kristen Saunders

Ayabulela Caza

Liam Ramsden

Caleb Vergotine

Mbali Dhlomo

Christopher Webster

Morgan Else

Daniel de Castro

Pelo Mpuru

Emihle Jozela

Promesse Nkongolo

Enha-kkore Bope

Rhys Floyd

Erin Lyle

Simone Lategan

Jamie Edwards

Sitara Pearce

Katlego Senabe

Talia Rosengarten

Teagan Leroni

We are proud to announce the **2018 Prefect body**:

Vuyo Tshwele (Head Girl)

Matthew Garrett (Head Boy)

Didintle Mokae (Dep. Head Boy)

Yogita Mohabir (Deputy Head Girl)

Annayah Karaha

Matthew Wille

Cabral Pearce

Sarah King

Cameron Love

Sebastian Long

Christopher

Shannon Louis

Mukheibir

Tadiwanashe Zororo

Daniel Duke

Tarynn Davies

Dhyan Saravanja

Thandolwethu Msiza

Duncan Hill

Tinotenda Ndud-zo

Hannah Shepherd

Tresor Kabamba

Kevin Shang

Zantia Bainbridge

Kim Williamson

Lawrence Ishekwene

*Mrs Odelle Howard*

*Deputy Head: Students Affairs*

## A final word from Jess Webb

I'm not sure if anyone remembers, but when I applied to be a prefect at the College, I used an analogy that I thought was quite relevant today. I said that "I believe every person in this school is like their own unique musical instrument. We have the pianos, the trumpets, the drums and even the triangles. We make up one huge orchestra when we all play our part. When we all practice our pieces, we, undoubtedly, create the best musical composition of all time.

But before I get into our playlist, there are a few people I would like to thank for conducting us to reach top of the charts

- To Mrs Malan for always looking out for our grade no matter how troublesome we got. Thank you for always being so compassionate and inspiring. You are like a mother to all of us and I can honestly say we will never forget you. We will always have love and care for you more than you can imagine.
- To the teachers who have taken us through this journey. It hasn't always been easy but we all appreciate you so much and owe every success and achievement to you. Thank you for always assisting us and staying after hours for help and guidance. Many of you have been role models to us and we thank you for everything you have done.
- To our parents (especially to mine), thank you for all the lifting, all the paying and all the support over these five years. You are what got us through the good and bad times and we appreciate you so much. Thank you for sending us to this amazing school, St Peters College, we are eternally grateful for our experience here.

Now I have a few tips I would like to pass on to the rest of the school; some advice to better your ensemble... It may benefit you, to remember them.

- Never be late for Mrs Müller's class unless you want to sit on the floor.
- Always remember your PEE plans... PEE plans... PEE plans for Mrs Sandnes.
- Only ask Mr du Toit about trees if you're willing to give the rest of your class a free lesson.
- To all gingers out there... Ms Ronne and Mrs Dracatos are thinking about starting a support group.
- If you're ever looking for grade spice... Mrs Malan will know it first.



- Just so you know... Mrs Zimmerman knows more about your grade than you think.
- You want to find some mathematical motivation? Find Mr Sokana.
- Need dancing lessons? Sorry Mr Botha but our guy is Mr Armitage... until you break a screen projector.
- If you ever need a hug or a little chat, Mrs Mohabir's door is always open and you'll come out feeling loads better.
- And lastly... always try your best to prevent Mr Morais from finding out about your love life.

"St Peter's College is a place where teachers encouraged us to break the status quo and to define ourselves as we choose. Where a jock can cook up a mean crème brulee, where a Brainiac can get "dooown" on the dance floor. It's a place where one person, if it's the right person, changes us all. St Peter's College is having friends that we'll keep for the rest of our lives and I guess that means that we really are *all in this together*."

High School Musical... an iconic movie teaching us that we don't have to be what we don't want to be. The lesson that St Peter's College has so clearly taught us.

*You don't have to stick to the status quo or conform to societies opinions.*

*To the quiet people... go play your electric guitar.*

*Those brave enough to try that trombone... no one can stop you.*

*If you've always sat and watched from the side lines... take a stand and conduct the group.*

*Sing the words like you know every lyric.*

*Bang the drums until the rhythm becomes your new heartbeat.*

"How can the sky be the limit when there are footprints on the moon?" – shout out to Daniel De Castro!!

And as the lights begin to fade, the crescendo starts to fade out and the conductor puts his finger to his lips. All sound is lost... until I realise... it's been there all along...

St Peters College... You are the music in me.

*Jessica Webb*

*2017 Deputy Head Girl*

## Technology News

### Move to Microsoft

It is with great excitement that I can announce to the parent body that St Peter's College will be moving from Google Education Suite to Microsoft 365. There are a number of factors that influence a decision such as this, but ultimately the move will allow us to prepare our students to use the programmes they will most likely use in their tertiary careers and the world of work.

St Peter's College has purchased the Microsoft Office 365 Education license. This will give all our users access to the online platform and a multitude of the Microsoft Apps. We are particularly excited about the opportunity to work in Microsoft Outlook, Teams, SharePoint and Class Notebook. These programmes enhance the power of the original Office Suite and will allow students to produce work and develop skills that will equip them for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The platform will also centralise a lot of the digital work we do, as well as, provide a more intuitive experience for staff and students.

Furthermore, each St Peter's College user will receive the license to deploy Microsoft Office 2016 to up to 5 devices free of charge. We encourage our families to make use of this opportunity and download the software from the 365 Platform.

We are in the process of migrating from Google to Microsoft and our goal is to start in Microsoft when the new school year begins. Staff are undergoing training to equip them to maximise the use of this platform. Students have received their first demonstration of the new platform and we are developing the structures to ensure that no user is left behind as we transition. We will also be adding development and training sessions for students into our offering next year.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to drop me an email: [tudhopes@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:tudhopes@stpeterscollege.co.za)

### Security of Laptops

A reminder to all students please: Laptops must be locked away in their allocated locker when not in use and may not be left lying around unattended.

Yours in Tech,

*Mr Steve Tudhope*

*Director of Learning Technology*

Contact us on (011) 807-5315

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## Forever Changed

### World Challenge Team 1: Vietnam 2017

Vietnam was an incredible journey which led to self-discovery and strong bonds formed within our group. One of the most rewarding parts of our trip was the community project at a stunning orphanage just outside of Ho Chi Minh City. The children were so friendly and loved to play soccer, even in the extreme temperatures of 45C! We all worked extremely hard for the duration of our stay at the orphanage and managed to clear out a whole section of trees and plants as well as the remaining bricks from an old building, and turned it into a new soccer field for the children, which we knew they would love. Seeing the happiness in these children, despite their circumstances was the most emotionally rewarding experience in the world and one I will never forget.

Our trekking phase started off in Dalat, about a six hour bus trip from Ho Chi Minh. We knew that this would be a challenging part of our trip but we were definitely shocked by how physically and mentally demanding it was. To add into the mix, it was also monsoon season and it was the heaviest rains they had received in ten years. It rained every single day and really pushed us and our 'waterproof' gear to the maximum. There were extremely funny moments during our trek, which lasted four days and covered a distance of 38km's. From near death river crossings on logs to certain people getting swept up by the currents, we had our fair share of Indiana Jones moments! We also made a discovery that was new to most of us... leeches and lots of them! The fun part was hands down, pitching tents in the rain. The boys even tried to dig a trench to divert the water away from the tents, but gave up half way through. I think we all looked forward to the end of the day where we could put on our dry clothes and sit by a warm fire!

Our final phase was the rest and relaxation phase. This was the part where we all really got to immerse ourselves in the Vietnamese culture and learn about their food, religion and way of life. The floating market is worth mentioning here because they do not have shopping malls like we do back home. Their shops are on boats in the middle of the Mekong Delta! It is quite something to watch people doing laundry on the back of their boat and selling fruit at the front of their boat at the same time. We also took a cycle tour to a huge market in the town. These markets absolutely fascinated every one of us because of how diverse they are. There are hundreds, if not thousands of people selling some rather interesting things ranging from clothes and fruit to live fish and technology. It was definitely one of a kind!

This trip and the people who were on it are unforgettable. There were so many new experiences for us to share together and it was truly fascinating to see how different another part of the world is. I wish we could do it all over again! For anyone who is not yet sure if they want to go on World Challenge, don't even think about it, just do it. The adventures, experiences, friends and knowledge you gain is unmatched by anything I have ever experienced. You will not regret a single second of it!

*Shannon Louis (Grade 11)*



### World Challenge 2018

We would like to inform you that there are still spaces available for the 16-day World Challenge expedition to Morocco during the April holidays 2018!

Please click [here](#) to see what the World Challenge can offer your son/daughter.

The Parent Brochure and application form can be downloaded from the World Challenge website [HERE](#).

Please have a look at some of the amazing sample itineraries for [Morocco](#). St Peter's College has been participating in World Challenge expeditions for the last five years to various destinations around the world. These expeditions are not like any ordinary school tour. What sets this programme apart from other school tours is that the students themselves have the opportunity to help plan and lead their own expeditions.

As a school we are very excited about the opportunity this will give our students to do something unique that helps them stand out from the crowd. The expedition experience will provide them with a wealth of new skills which they will find invaluable in school, at university and in the world of work. These British-initiated adventures have excellent safety, support and management. They also comply with the President's Award Gold Adventurous Journey and a Residential Project that provides worthwhile social and conservation project work too.

**Other Links that may interest you:** [World Challenge Trailer](#) | [World Challenge Safety Video](#) | [World Challenge Alumni Video](#) | [World Challenge Community Project](#) | [Coming Home Video](#)

If you have any questions please see Ms Theron or alternatively you can contact the World Challenge representative, Tamin Connolly on 078 968 7786.

If you would like your child to join this life-changing opportunity, please contact Ms Theron on [therons@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:therons@stpeterscollege.co.za) for an application form and payment plan information.

*Ms Sonja Theron*

*World Challenge Co-Ordinator*

## Events

### Grade 8 Youth Chapel: "To God, you ARE enough"

Last week's Grade 8 youth chapel was definitely one to remember. I had the privilege of taking a group of dedicated Grade 8s for a couple of weeks in preparation for their youth chapel. I am easily able to say with the utmost pride and gratitude, that watching them deliver their sermon was one of my greatest moments as a Grade 8 prefect of 2017.

The theme for their youth chapel was "To God, you ARE enough". As growing teenagers in a high school environment, it is not difficult to have feelings of inadequacy, loneliness and even self-pity. Often we want to change ourselves to succumb to the status quo, in turn – compromising what we as individuals believe in. The Grade 8s did an outstanding job in challenging the mindset of the student body at large.

The service started off with a Bible reading pertaining to the given theme, which was followed by an inspirational YouTube clip. The crux of the assembly began when the team 'performed' their skit. This was a heartfelt piece, where each member of the group stood out and confessed their insecurity, yes, their personal and difficult to manage insecurities. At the end of their confessions they declared that "IN GOD'S EYES [THEY ARE] ENOUGH". This was a beautiful sentiment that really showed that through God and with God, one is able to overlook what they feel makes them ugly, weak and 'not enough'. One of the team members shared a wonderful and honest testimony about how God has proven to make her feel the royal priesthood He has destined everyone to be.

After shedding a few tears, and digesting what was just said, the mood was lightened with a musical item which was fun and lively and made memorable by the school, who joined in the singing and dancing. The assembly was closed with a prayer to consolidate the theme of the assembly.

I am still to this day, amazed and extremely proud to have helped guide the Grade 8s in delivering an incredible Youth Chapel!



Thank you and WELL DONE to Joshua Dunn, Thando Ntlabati, Marang Matlapeng, Ledile Mabitsela, Maipelo Kalake, Siphelele Xulu and Tumi Mogari for a phenomenal job!

*Pelo D Mpuru (Grade 12)*

*Head of Spiritual Committee*

### Mother and Daughter Breakfast...Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

On Saturday, 14 October the Matric Dance Committee hosted the annual Mother and Daughter Breakfast. The morning was spent playing games. The most favourite games were the "Amazing Race" and the "Handbag Game". The breakfast was delicious and it was surely an occasion not to miss out on. With the theme being 80s, the moms and daughters went to town with their attire which made choosing the best dressed couple an extremely difficult decision.

The love and appreciation for the special bond between a mom and a daughter was truly felt during this event. The breakfast ended off with an informative speech by Jeanette Chambers from Dale Carnegie who gave the ladies some very valuable advice.

A huge thank you to all of the moms and daughters who attended the breakfast and made the morning so special. Thank you to the Matric Dance Committee for helping with the setup and clean-up and to Mrs Müller for going over and above to organise this event.

Thank you to the following people who generously sponsored gifts:

Hayley Floyd – Chocolate Jar and Wine

Leighanne Imbert – A basket hamper with a mini album and a photo card with punch and card stock to use (Value: R450), and a hamper of a variety of Scrap booking paper packs, stickers, photo sheets, gift tag maker, and accessories (Value: R800).

Nicoleen Davies – R500 voucher

Kari Vemer - Mincing knife, cutting board and plunger

Ashnee Mohabir – Wonderful goodies to pamper oneself. This included hand cream, bath salts, body butter and a whole lot more.

Lucy Tully – For providing all the moms and daughters with luscious lip-ice to take home.

**BODY AVENUE** Nail & Skin  
your beauty destination

sponsored 2 x R500 gift vouchers. Body Avenue is a facility that caters to your health, wellness and beauty needs. They focus on a holistic approach in helping you achieve a balanced lifestyle.

Our own marketing department for sponsoring two bottles of wine, funky earphones and a Consol jar light.

*Amy Hannigan (Grade 11)*



### Hosting the ABRSM and National Eisteddfod

This year the St Peter's College Music Department had the privileged of hosting the International School of Music, ABRSM, as well as the National Eisteddfod which took place in our very own MADDitorium.

On Friday, 6 October, we saw the first half of the day dedicated to the ABRSM examinations. This allowed our students of St Peter's College and neighbouring schools to be assessed by an UK examiner.

Friday afternoon we had a great line-up that featured the talent of various individual and ensemble performances by the St Peter's College Music Department. Ensembles that participated in the National Eisteddfod were the Orchestra, Jazz Band, Rock Band, Beautyshop and a number of Marimba Ensembles.

The National Eisteddfod Academy provides a platform for upcoming young artists to showcase their skills and compete against other top achievers in all regions. Our students made a concerted effort in providing their best performance and it is evident in the results.

#### The results are as follows:

Orchestra - Gold and Silver

Jazz Band - Gold and Silver

Rock Band - Silver

Grade 11 Marimba Group - 2 Golds

Grade 10 Marimba Group - Gold & Diploma

Grade 9 Marimba Group - Diploma

Nandipa Madikizela - Gold

Shannon Webb - Gold

Khanyile Ndlovu - Gold

Zanele Booie - Gold

Hannah Shepherd - Silver

Anthony van Kerckhoven - Gold

Lebohang Pitikoe - Silver

Carl Vemer - Gold

Congratulations to all of the above mentioned students! A special mention goes out to our Grade 9 and 10 Marimba Ensembles as well as the Beautyshop who received Diplomas. They will be progressing to the Final Round, where there will compete against the best in the Gauteng region.

I commend every student for their excellent performances on the day, this would not have been a success without your contribution. Please do go to the St Peter's College Facebook page to see the video!

*Mr Antonio Lottering*  
*Head of Music*

### Spinathon for MAC

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in our Spinathon this past Sunday! It was a very successful three hours and we raised some nice funds for our Grade 11 MAC Build. A special thank you to Mrs Joan Delport, Mr Mathew Kirkland and Mrs Lynda Kirkland for instructing.

*Ms Sonja Theron*  
*Grade 11 Head*



### Figure Drawing for Moms, Dads and Friends

Mrs Swanepoel is hosting a **Figure Drawing Session** for Moms, Dads and friends of St Peter's

**Date:** Wednesday, 8 November 2017

**Time:** 18:30 to 20:30

**Venue:** MADD Art Studio

**Cost:** R200 per person

All materials will be supplied, and cheese and wine will be available. All funds raised will be donated to the Grade 11 MAC Build. As space is limited, booking is essential. Kindly email Avril Swanepoel on [swanepoela@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:swanepoela@stpeterscollege.co.za) to book your place.

**Sports**

**Squash – Pitch and Play Invitation**

Get a game or two in at the Wendywood Squash Club, home of St Peter's College squash on 31 October from 18:00.

Let Mr Kirkland know if you have any questions: [kirklandm@stpeterscollege.co.za](mailto:kirklandm@stpeterscollege.co.za)

**Water Polo Results**

Well done to our 1<sup>st</sup> Team boys who came 4<sup>th</sup> overall at the Co-Eds National Tournament that took place in Port Elizabeth over the weekend of 7 October :

SPC vs Manta Rays WON 5-2

SPC vs York WON 17-0

SPC vs Hudson Park WON 10-2

SPC vs Glenwood House WON 9-5

SPC vs Pearson LOST 5-2

SPC vs Stirling LOST 5-4

*Mr Nardus Badenhorst*

*MIC: Water Polo*



*Well done to James van Dongen and Christopher Webster for making the Tournament Team*



Well done to our 1<sup>st</sup> Team girls who had a great tournament and won 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Old Edwardians national Club/University Tournament.

*Ms Julia Braatvedt*

*1<sup>st</sup> Team Girls Coach*



And a high five to our own Ms Julia Braatvedt and Mr Nardus Badenhorst who both won a Gold medal at the Old Edwardian's National Water Polo Tournament playing for GOT and OJ Eagles respectively.

**Achievements**

Well done to our students:

- **Chiara Reddy** who placed first and fourth in the Post-Derby 1.10m Show Jumping last weekend.
- **Jess Goulding** who attained Gauteng colours at the National Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition on 5 October 2017.