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

Old Petrian's Alumni Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldpetrians/>

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I was recently at a dinner party with my wife, where I was asked by a certain gentleman what I did for a living. I proceeded to tell him that I was in education and was a teacher at a high school. In his ignorance, the particular gentleman made a statement to the effect that it must be the best profession in the world, because we only work half-day and we are permanently on holiday.

This dinner party was over our recently held half-term, and I proceeded to inform him what activities the St Peter's College staff were busy with whilst his children were on holiday.

While some enjoyed the break, a number of our staff were involved in a myriad of activities:

The Choir team of Mr Vaughan van Zyl, Mrs Lome Robertson and Ms Marge de Bruyn and our outstanding choir were performing on the Saturday SABC 2 Programme called Hosanna, where the choir's performance was outstanding.

A number of our staff were invigilating the Matric Exams which took place over the half-term, and I am grateful to those who gave up part of their break to ensure that these still went ahead:

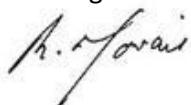
1. Mrs Shelly Matthews
2. Mr Dario Doneda
3. Mr Ian Havenga
4. Mr Victor Hiemstra
5. Mrs Tash Botha
6. Mrs Gwyn Zimmerman
7. Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk

- Mr Steve Tudhope spent the weekend looking after our U14 water polo boys at the Grey College Tournament in Bloemfontein.
- Then a HUGE thank you to Ms Julia Braatvedt, Mr Nardus Badenhorst and Mr Claudio Marangoni for spending four days of their weekend at the Saints Water Polo Tournament. It was a long and busy weekend of water polo and I am grateful for the fact that they gave up precious family time to coach and manage our water polo teams.
- There were also a number of staff who I saw during the course of the weekend who came to support the College teams at the water polo. Thank you to Mr Brian Armitage who spent most of the weekend at Saints, and also to Mr Ryan Hammond, Mrs Sandy van der Wel, Mrs Odelle Howard and Mrs Cornel Malan who came to support the players.
- Our marketing team of Ms Theresa Monoyoudis and Mrs Tanya Oakes attended a two day ISASA Marketing conference.

Without our staff's commitment and passion, the many late night functions, the setting and marking of exams, as well as, their involvement in the 36 sport and cultural co-curricular activities on offer at St Peter's College which often requires their involvement during holiday time, this wonderful institution would not be where it is today, and for them I am truly grateful.

In Futurum Fortiter

Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

School Shop News

Collection of 2017 Textbooks

Textbooks will be packed in the next three weeks. We will pack and distribute on the same day and ask you to make sure your child collects his/her textbooks on the dates below so that we don't have to put them into storage. Please remember if collecting your child, come a little later on the day to give your child time to collect the books.

Grade 11's going to Grade 12 in 2017 – **Tuesday 8 November** after the Maths/Maths Literacy Exam.

Grade 10's going to Grade 11 in 2017 – **Friday 18 November** after the English Exam.

Grade 8's going to Grade 9 in 2017 – **Wednesday 16 November** after the Natural Science Exam.

Grade 9's going to Grade 10 in 2017 – **Monday 21 November** after the Technology Exam.

We appreciate your co-operation regarding the collection of the books.

Please note that late orders will not be ready for collection on these dates.

Please note that a few books/items might not be available at the time of packing. We will issue these books/items to the students during the first few weeks of the 1st Term in 2017. When collecting the books, we will advise the students which books these are and it will also be visible from the invoice, reflecting a zero in the quantity column next to the item.

Shop Hours December/January

The School Shop will close at 11:00 on Wednesday, 7 December 2016. We will be open only for the handing in of blazers for braiding on Tuesday, 6 December from 09:00 to 11:30.

The School Shop will open on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 January from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm. Blazers that were handed in for collection can be picked up after 11.00 am on Tuesday 17 January.

EFT Payments

Please note that the School Shop account number is different to the School Fees Account. Please always use the following account for payments to the School Shop for uniform, textbooks or stationery:

St Peter's College PA
 Standard Bank Rivonia
 Branch Code 001255
 A/C # 420095144

All EFT payment confirmations must please be emailed to Nerina Deeb at deebn@stpeterscollege.co.za.

Mrs Nerina Deeb and Mrs Cynthia Wheeler

St Peter's College School Shop

Student News

Rotary Leadership Camp

Chesnay Havenga and I were very privileged to have recently attended a **Rotary Leadership Camp** in Magaliesberg. Students from a wide variety of private and government schools were selected to go on the camp. We were in for a weekend of developing our leadership skills, creating new relationships and connections with other leaders in Gauteng and fun.

As soon as we arrived at Bryanston High School and stepped on the school bus, we immediately identified the vibrant atmosphere. We arrived at the Magalies Resort where the adventure began. We participated in a wide variety of team building activities varying from The Marshmallow and Spaghetti Challenge, obstacle courses and team war cries.

We were given R40 per person for the whole weekend to buy food and survive on. We had to cook meals for ourselves which included breakfast, lunch and a 3 course dinner. The two of us discovered the value of working in a team with like-minded people with almost identical missions in life. We learnt to trust people we had only known for a couple of hours and the most valuable lesson learnt about leadership on the camp was that to lead, one must first serve others.

We gained many new leadership skills from this experience and definitely made life-lasting relationships.

Thank you to St Peter's for giving us the opportunity to participate in this unforgettable experience.

Adrian Diepeveen (Grade 11)



LOC Committee

This year has been an extremely successful year for the Light Of Change Committee and none of it would be possible without the outstanding support of the College students. As a school, we managed to collect **10,656 bags!** This is definitely something to be proud of since all the plastic bags that were collected are going to an amazing foundation to make school bags for underprivileged school children.

The class that collected the most plastic bags this year is **10SLO**, who managed to bring in **1,822** bags. Coming in at a close second is **10LRO** with **1,084** bags in total. Third place belongs to **9KVM**, who collected **800** bags. The winning grade this year is **Grade 10** who were able to bring in **4,468** plastic bags. Well done to the Grade 10s and especially **10SLO**. We hope you enjoy your prize!

There are many people who played a huge role in the success of the LOC Committee this year. To the school, thank you for the endless amount of support that you have shown throughout the year. To the committee members - we cannot thank you enough for helping keep this drive on track and for all the breaks you gave up to help count every single bag. You are truly remarkable people!

Lastly, **Mrs Horwood**, this year would not have been as successful as it was without your support, exceptional organisational skills, drive and enthusiasm. You have been so patient with us and we couldn't possibly imagine doing any of this without you!

We are so proud of what we have achieved this year and wish the best of luck to next year's committee.

Shannon Louis (Grade 10)

Learn to Swim Programme Making a Splash

The 'Learn to Swim' programme between St Peter's College and the Kliptown Youth Program has once again started. This was an initiative from Old Mutual Roedean Water Polo Competition where each participating school was given money to enhance swimming in underprivileged areas. St Peter's College chose Kliptown. This programme is open not only to water polo players but to St Peter's students who would like to teach someone how to swim. We are lucky enough to be given time at Wahoo Aquatic Centre for this great programme, and those teaching these children get great enjoyment seeing a non-swimmer become a swimmer!



*Mrs Leigh Penney
Learn to Swim Co-ordinator*



Shannon Louis and Tadiwanashe Zororo

Student Exchange Experience in Argentina

I recently returned from a 6 week cultural immersion in Argentina where I went to live with a family who only had limited English but very big hearts.

I went to live in Metan, a small town in the province Salta, which is in the northern part of Argentina. It has a population of 45,000 people, which means everybody knows everybody. I was sent to the Buitrago family in Metan who have six children already – I was number seven and the oldest! That was in itself quite an experience from being an only child to having six siblings. However the family was very welcoming and made my experience really memorable. Dinner time and getting around as a family of nine taught me a lot about logistics and the power of being at the table or in the car first.

The school there is very different! My school was fairly small, there was one class for each year. The students were all very nice and interested in South Africa, but very few spoke English. After six weeks, communicating was easier as I was then able to understand a bit of Spanish (which is a really difficult language). They have a few different subjects to us, such as Greek and Philosophy, but also have the same subjects, such as Biology and Maths. The pass rate for Maths is 60% in Argentina. Oh! I also managed to pass the English exam.

One thing I couldn't get used to was the siesta time. Everything in town was dead from 14:30 – 16:00 and then busy at 22:00 after dinner. Another shock was the kissing. In Argentina they kiss everyone hello and goodbye on the cheek. The Argentinians are very loud! They all talk really fast and all at once. So group get togethers were really overwhelming.

It was an absolutely amazing experience that I am really grateful to have had the opportunity to do. I learnt so much in such a short space of time. I am definitely going to miss my host family and friends in Argentina. I would also recommend exchange to anyone wanting to learn about a foreign culture. Muchas Gracias.

Caitlin Goodman (Grade 10)



Caitlin and her host sister, Juana



The view is of the mountains right outside my house

Overview of the American Higher Education System

RSVP by clicking on the following link, <https://en-novate.wufoo.eu/forms/american-higher-education-information-session/>

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Date: 8 November 2016
Address: Investec Cape Town - 36 Hans Strijdom Avenue, Foreshore, Cape Town
Time: 6.30pm - 7.00pm (Light Food will be served)
 7.00pm - 8.00pm (Presentations)
Format: Workshop and Q&A session following the presentations
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SPEAKERS & TOPICS

1. **Presentation on South African Undergraduate Education System**
2. **Presentation on American Undergraduate Education System**
3. **Admission and Financial Aid**
with Professor Stuart Brotman
(Harvard University & University of Tennessee – Knoxville)
4. **Panel with South Africans who studied in the US**
5. **Launch of En-novate's US University Exploration Trip for South African Parents (21-28 January 2017)**

www.en-novate.co.za/explore

JOHANNESBURG

Date: 10 November 2016
Address: Investec Sandton - 100 Grayston Drive, Sandown, Sandton
Time: 6.30pm - 7.00pm (Light Food will be served)
 7.00pm - 8.00pm (Presentations)
Format: Workshop and Q&A session following the presentations
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Cultural News**Old Pet Assists Art Department**

Thank you to Old Petrian, Katie Wheeler, for assisting me in the Visual Art Department. Katie has been a serene and impeccably organised addition to our department over the last two weeks. She has taken over tasks so graciously and contributed her own touch of insight and superb knowledge to the classes she has

nurtured. She especially was my calming agent throughout the Grade 12 Visual Art Practical Examination which I am particularly grateful for.

It was such a delight working with Katie on the opposite side of the educational relationship, as a teacher this time. I wish her well in her future endeavours which, no doubt, will be successful and filled with her special creative talents.

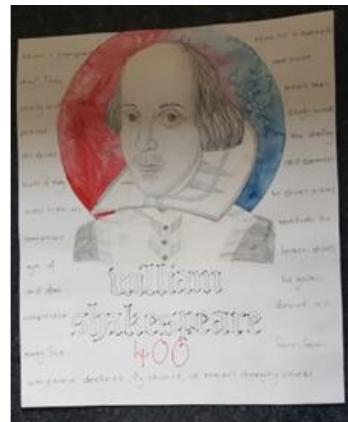
Mrs Avril Swanepoel

HOD: Visual Arts

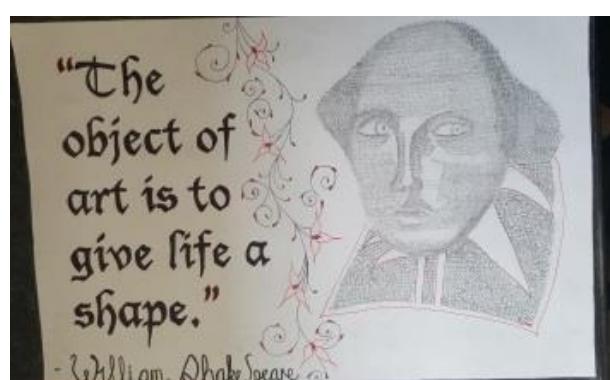
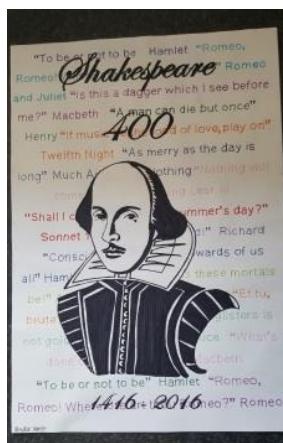
Shakespeare 400 Poster Competition

The Art Task Team in collaboration with the English Department held a competition to celebrate the 400 years that society has been inspired by the great works by William Shakespeare. Students were required to design posters in response.

The results of the Competition are as follows:



1st Promesse Nkongolo, 2nd Meghan Hoffmann, 3rd Megan Parson



Runner's Up: Christie Vemeer and Amy Hannigan

Choir

Our College Choir joined the Magaliesberg Children's Choir for their End of Year Gala Concert on Saturday, 29 October 2016 in the NG Church, Lynwood.

The choir is well-known in the South African choir world, and has attained outstanding achievements locally as well as on the international stage.

One of latest was participating in the world's biggest choir event in Riga, Latvia (450 choirs, 73 countries) and bringing a gold medal home as well as a silver medal for Folklore.

The College Choir performed various items from our own repertoire with the Children's Choir while we joined them in some of their repertoire as well.

The program included popular works as well as Christmas repertoire. Some of the repertoire included "O Fortuna" by Carl Orff, "Ipi Ntombi Medley", "You raise me up", "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" and the very impressive "Sing" by CM Vidor.

The choirs were conducted by Hannelie van Sittert and accompanied by Mr Vaughan van Zyl (piano) Lezanti van Sittert (Piano), Riaan Steyn (Organ), Hugo Roodt (Percussion), Jaques van der Walt (Percussion) and Liam Ramsden (Percussion).

This was truly be a relaxing evening with musical performances of outstanding quality.



A perfect ending to a perfect year!

Mrs Lomé Robertson

MIC: Choir

Sports News

Basketball

Results

1 st Boys			1 st Girls		
Fixture Date	Vs	Result	Fixture Date	Vs	Result
18 Oct	Alleyns school	Lost 35-25	19 Oct	Sacred Heart	Won 40-12
19 Oct	Sacred Heart	Lost 32-20	26 Oct	St Dunstans	Won 37-14

Chess

This term, the Chess team competed in the Johannesburg Northern Schools league, where we placed second to Crawford Lonehill. This is an improvement from placing third last year.

In addition, special mention must be made to **Draven Bucceri** for being selected for the Tshwane U18A team for the SA Junior Chess Championships and qualified for the U18, 2017 SA Team Trials. We are proud of him and wish him all the best for these tournaments. We also congratulate the 2016 Chess award winners and encourage them to continue in this manner. We also say goodbye to our Captain, **Christopher Christodoulou**, and wish him well on his endeavours. Another successful season, congratulations to the team and I am looking forward to the achievements of 2017.



Ms Vuyelwa Walugembe

MIC: Chess

Cricket

u14		
Fixture		
Date	VS	Result
19 Oct	Sacred heart	Sacred heart won by 4 wickets
27 Oct	Queens High	Queens high won by 92 runs
29 Oct	St Dunstans	St Peter's won by 219 runs

1st		
Fixture		
Date	Venue	Result
19 Oct	St Martins	St Martins won by 20 Runs
26 Oct	Northcliff	Northcliff won by 9 Wickets
27 Oct	Queens High	St Peter's won by 7 wickets
29 Oct	St Dunstans	St Dunstans won by 156 runs

Equestrian

The Equestrian Team celebrated the end of another successful year with the annual **Year End Dinner** at Munch on Wednesday, 19 October. The team and awesome team of "parent-supporters" enjoyed a lovely evening and were privileged and grateful for Mr Morais, sharing in the merriments. The team is ready and eager for an even greater 2017, starting off with a workshop in January!



Swimming**A League**

Fixture Date	VS	Place	Result	Points
13-Oct	Reddam Bedfordview	1	St Peter's College	
	St Peter's College	2	Edenvale	
	Edenvale	3	Reddam	
	La Salle College	4	La Salle College	
	Christchurch	5	Christ Church	
18-Oct	Deutsche Schule	1	St Peter's College	240
	Kings College	2	DSJ	190
	St Peter's College	3	Kings school	124
	Le Salle		Le Salle	104
27-Oct	Fourways B		St Peter's College	232
	Hyde Park		Redhill	186
	Kings College		Hyde Park	106
	Redhill		Kings school	104
	St Peter's College		Fourways	86

*Ms Saranne Hudson**MIC: Swimming***Tennis****Results**

The **Girls' Tennis** season ended last week with another victory. Their final game was against St Mary's DSG Pretoria. The girls won that match with 103 points to St Mary's 23 points. Once again, the girls were undefeated this season and we eagerly await feedback on a league promotion.

The **Boys' Tennis** season has not yet come to an end. They had a match against our biggest rival on Friday, Bryanston High, beating them 70 / 23. Jonty Webb and Jason Raw (captain) made a clean sweep on the court taking 11 games to love. On Tuesday we had a rescheduled match against Randpark High but, unfortunately, the weather was not on our side and the match ended up not being played. We will be playing the rescheduled match against St David's this Friday and this time we are praying that it doesn't rain. On Saturday, the boys are having their Junior Interhigh. Matthew Harris, Jonty Webb, Michael du Plooy and Michael Schulz will participate in this event. We wish them all of the best as they embark on their first Junior Tennis Interhigh at the College. I am looking forward to see the outcome of this very exciting event.

On Wednesday morning, the 1st Team Boys and Girls went to McDonald's instead of early morning training. This is a tradition to say all the necessary thank yous. Keep your eyes open for our next newsletter to get the feedback on the Boys Tennis.

USA Scholarship Placement Programme Candidate

Alvaro Legoinha, St Peter's College's number 1 positioned tennis player, has been accepted into the USA Scholarship Placement Programme. This is based on his impressive tennis and academic achievements. This programme only accepts students that meet the criteria of academic, athletic and character excellence. Alvaro surely has it all! Congratulations to Alvaro and we are exceptionally proud of him.

*Mrs Cornel Malan**MIC: Tennis*

Water Polo

Congratulations and well done to the following students who have been selected to play for Gauteng at the SWPSA Inter Provincial Tournament in Durban, 7 - 11 December 2016. We are proud of you!

Brandon Morey, James van Dongen (U17 Boys Colts) and Caleb Vergotine (reserve) (U17 Boys Colts)

Kosma Joannou (U15B)

Taylin Blues and Jessica Penney (U19A) ; Chesnay Havenga and Tiffany Theron (U19B)

Zantia Bainbridge and Tasmin Waite (U16A)

Jessica Frame (U15A) and Emily Botha (U15B)

Jessica Dunstan and Sarah Golightly (U14B)

Boys Results

u14 BOYS			u15 BOYS			1st BOYS		
Fixture Date	Vs	Result	Fixture Date	Vs	Result	Fixture Date	Vs	Result
15 Oct	St. David's Marist Inanda	8-1 Loss	20 - 23 Oct	Crawford U/15 Tournament		15 Oct	St. Allban's College	11-8 Loss
20 - 23 Oct	Grey/Bloem			Jeppe	8-3 Loss		St. David's Marist Inanda	9-2 Loss
	St. Andrews	0-11 Loss		St. David's Marist Inanda	11-0 Loss		St. Stithians	
	Grey Bloem	0-11 Loss		KES	8-1 Loss		20-23 Oct	Invitational
	DHS	5-5 Draw		Northwood	5-2 Loss		Michaelhouse	2-4 Loss
	Jeppe	1-10 Loss		St. Albans College	6-3 Loss		Grey PE	1-6 Loss
	Northwood	2-8 Loss		Grey Bloem	6-4 Win		Bishops	1-9 Loss
	ITEC Invitational	1-1 Draw		Parktown	10-0 Win		St. John's College	2-6 Loss
	Placed 15th overall			Rand Park	8-0 Win		Crawford Lonehill	4-1 Win
28 Oct	KES	12-2 Loss	28 Oct	KES	11-8 Loss		Pretoria Boys High	2-6 Loss
							Michaelhouse	3-4 Loss
							16th Overall	
							28 Oct	KES
								16-9 Loss

Girls Results

u14 GIRLS			1st GIRLS		
Fixture Date	Vs	Result	Fixture Date	Vs	Result
12 Oct	St. Mary's Waverley	8-7 Win	20 - 23 Oct	St. Stithians Invitational	
15 Oct	Saints Festival			Chisipite	14-3 Win
	Roedean School SA	10-0 Loss		Stirling	6-3 Loss
	St. Mary's Waverley	8-5 Loss		Pretoria Girls	6-0 Win
	Pretoria Girls	6-0 Won		Roedean School SA	6-1 Win
	Fourways High	7-1 Win		St. Dominic's	4-2 Loss
	Crawford Lonehill	3-0 Win		Clarendon	4-2 Win
20-23 Oct	Roedean U/14 Tournament			St. Anne's	8-2 Win
	St. Dominic's	5-10 Loss		Placed 9/20	
	St. Mary's DSG	4-9 Loss			
	Collegiate	3-12 Loss			
	Parktown Girls	15-5 Win			
	Fourways High	12-1 Win			
	Girls College Bulawayo	6-5 Win			
	St. Anne's	5-8 Loss			
	Placed 14/20				

Mr Nardus Badenhorst

MIC: Water Polo