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Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

A survey was conducted recently, by our Mr Armitage, Deputy Headmaster of Co-curricular activities, on how many of our students are involved in co-curricular activities at St Peter's College.

The results were a real eye opener for us. Although students in some of the grades are heavily committed, it was most disconcerting to see the lack of involvement in certain sport codes. It was important for us to determine the reasons for this lack of commitment in our student body, but in my dealings with the "perpetrators" a discussion I had with a particular Grade 8 boy really struck a chord.

I had just given this young man the habitual dressing down pertaining to his lack of commitment and pride in the College, when he proceeded to tell me that he was not making the Saturday morning fixtures as his mother had told him that she wanted to sleep in and was thus not prepared to bring him to school to fulfil his obligations on the sports field. Her sleep was far more important than her child's sport.

This last weekend at Cornwall Hill, I had to witness the disappointment in our rugby coaches and players, when a number of our Grade 8 players did not arrive for the scheduled rugby fixture. Not only did they let the College down, but they also let their team and peers down on the day.

I recently read the book "**The Gold Mine Effect**" by Rasmus Ankersen, and I was most captivated by Chapter 7 in the book titled "Not Pushing Your Kids is Irresponsible". This book is in many ways similar to Malcolm Gladwell's Outliers.

Rasmus talks about what he learnt from extensive studies in the "Gold Mines" of the top performing sports in the world: Brazilian soccer; Ethiopian and Kenyan running; South Korean golf; Jamaican sprinting; Russian tennis.

In his research he talks about 8 key factors that these "Gold Mines" provide, but I would like to focus on one aspect that stood out for me – **PARENTING**.

Rasmus found that the athletes who were the most successful had parents who were highly invested and took an active role in their child's development. The parents were highly invested in the lives of their children and took an active interest in all aspects of their children's lives. Rasmus concluded that a hands-off parenting style rarely yielded elite performance.

I do realise that there is often a fine balance between pushing your kids too hard and an appropriate level of pressure to perform. Athletes learn a lot from making a great commitment, lessons that extend far beyond the sport arena, and many young athletes do not learn these because they are allowed to quit when the going gets a bit tough, thus often not realising their full potential.

I firmly believe that this approach is applicable not only to the sports field, but also to all aspects of your child's life, including personal relationships, as well as, academic performance. The proof is in the pudding, every year the top achievers at St Peter's College often overlap the sport, cultural and academic arenas, and one thing they all have in common - **involved and supportive parents**.

The conclusions of his studies were:

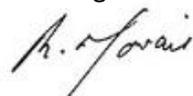
- Parents are often the best predictor of a child's success
- They recognise the difference between good and bad pressure
- And of course as the heading of Chapter 7 in his book suggests: **Not pushing your kids is irresponsible.**
- This book has made me take a look at my coaching and parenting style and the importance of being an involved and supportive parent who will push his son in an appropriate manner.

The easy route is to have that Saturday morning sleep and not to get out of bed on a cold winter morning to take my son to a sports fixture, but as a father I have made that commitment, and there is nothing that gives me greater joy and pleasure than to be on the side of a sports field watching my son compete. Last night was a case in point; I went home after work, only to be back on the side of the pool to watch my son play in a water polo fixture at 21:30. The result is that I do have very close relationship with my son because I do brave those cold winter mornings and nights.

Please become engaged and involved in your children's lives, I can guarantee you that you will reap the benefits thereof in the years ahead.

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Kind regards



Mr Rui Morais
Headmaster

Morning Bus Service from Kyalami Prep

Parents who are interested in their children making use of a bus shuttle service **from** Kyalami Prep **to** St Peter's College in the mornings may contact Tim Steenhoff on tim@sagolfing.com or on 082 770 1733. The cost would be R1,500 per term and a minimum of 12 children are needed in order for this service to be viable.

Academic News

Grade 11 Outing to Newtown

On a bright and early Monday morning, the Grade 11s took off on an adventure to the Johannesburg inner city for an informative, captivating geography tour. After the bus hit the road, Mr Du Toit immediately pointed out the different infrastructure around the highway to give us an indication of what the tour was going to be about. We stopped at the Sci-Bono Museum for a coffee break as we had arrived at our destination with quite some time to spare before we embarked on the actual tour. Once everybody was set in their groups, we started the tour by observing some lovely artwork by local artists on bridge pillars and walls just outside the museum. Some of the artwork was focused on political issues while others were focused on social issues.

We got to see numerous examples of gentrification and facadism on the surrounding buildings which gave us an idea of how old or well taken-care of the buildings are. We walked through the Newtown Junction shopping centre to witness the modernised building in a very old part of the city. The most beautiful street we came across on the tour was Main Street. This street was beautifully paved with glorious fountains surrounded by lush flower beds. It is the most magnificent street I have ever seen! After our long walk through the streets of Newtown, we stopped across the road from The Carlton Centre where we got some lunch to fill our empty tummies!

After a hefty lunch, across the road we went to The Carlton Centre where we took an elevator 50 floors up to the top of the building to witness Johannesburg and its beauty. It was truly a breath-taking sight! It was definitely the 'top' highlight of the day.

After a long day of excitement, enthusiasm and fascination, it was time to go home. By this time everybody was exhausted from walking all day, but feeling rejuvenated by all the new facts learnt about the inner city. I hope to embark on another adventure like this one soon!

Lara McDonald (Grade 11)

Girls in IT

The College was invited to attend a prestigious dinner **for girls who have chosen Information Technology or Computer Applications Technology as a subject.**

Here **Kim Williamson, Tadiwanashe Zororo** and **Zinhle Mtembu** had the opportunity to interact with IT-Specialists and hear all about emerging career opportunities for young professional woman. The guest speaker, who works for Microsoft, spoke to the girls about "changing the face of IT" and moving away from the perception that only men can be successful in this field. After this event, I am sure these girls are ready to take on the world!

Ms Shevon Ronne

HOD: Technology Department

Student Affairs

World Challenge 2018

A gentle reminder that applications for the **April 2018 World Challenge Tour** to Morocco are due by the end of June. Should you have missed the Morocco introductory talk and would like to know more about World Challenge, please contact either Ms Theron or Ms Meyer, and we will gladly assist you.

Ms Sonja Theron

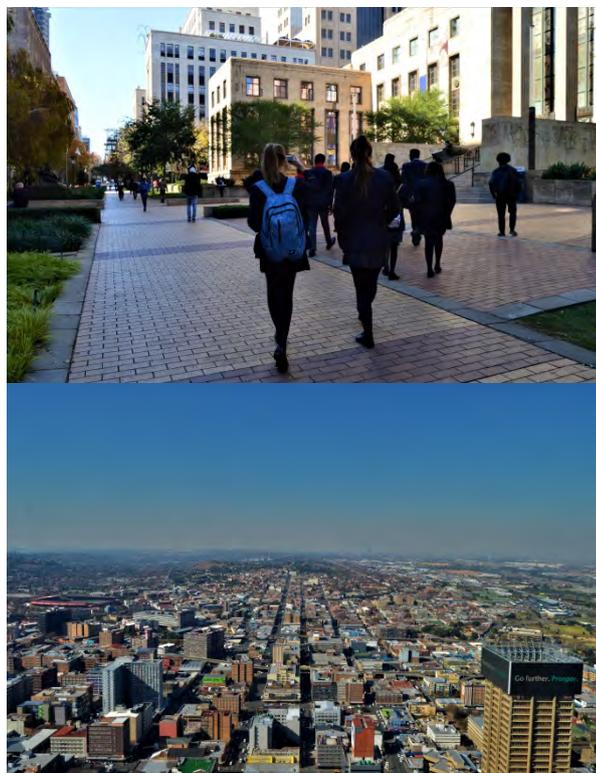
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World Challenge Co-Ordinator



Grade 5 Girls' Academic Morning at the College

It was the Grade 5 Prep girls' turn for a fun and educational experience at the College on Thursday, 1 June 2017.

Thank you to the Marimba Band, Drumline, Beauty Shop girls and the students and teachers who again assisted with ensuring the girls' time at the College was memorable. The girls loved the Physical Theatre with Mr Doneda, Chemistry experiments with Mrs Zimmerman, Biology dissection with Mr Marangoni, Photoshopping with Mrs Swanepoel in the iLab and learning the jive with Mr Botha.

"We would just like to thank you immensely for the stunning day you organised for our girls yesterday! They loved every single moment of it! We truly appreciate all the time and effort you put into a day like yesterday – especially allowing us to witness the brilliant talents of the students, the incredible Science, IT and Dance opportunities, as well as the delicious snacks." Mrs Niki Mayne, Grade 5 Prep Girls Teacher

Mrs Theresa Monoyoudis
Marketing Manager



Thank you to Michael Da Cruz, Shanna Young, Kiara van Rooyen and Anthony van Kerckhoven for assisting in the iLab.



Thank you to the following boys for their assistance with Physical Theatre:

Gr 11s: Daniel Duke, Sebastian Long, Christopher Mukeibir

Gr 10s: Liam George and Yuvish Pillay

Gr 9s: Aidan Enslin, Aidan Johnstone, Alexander Hook, Matthew Harris,

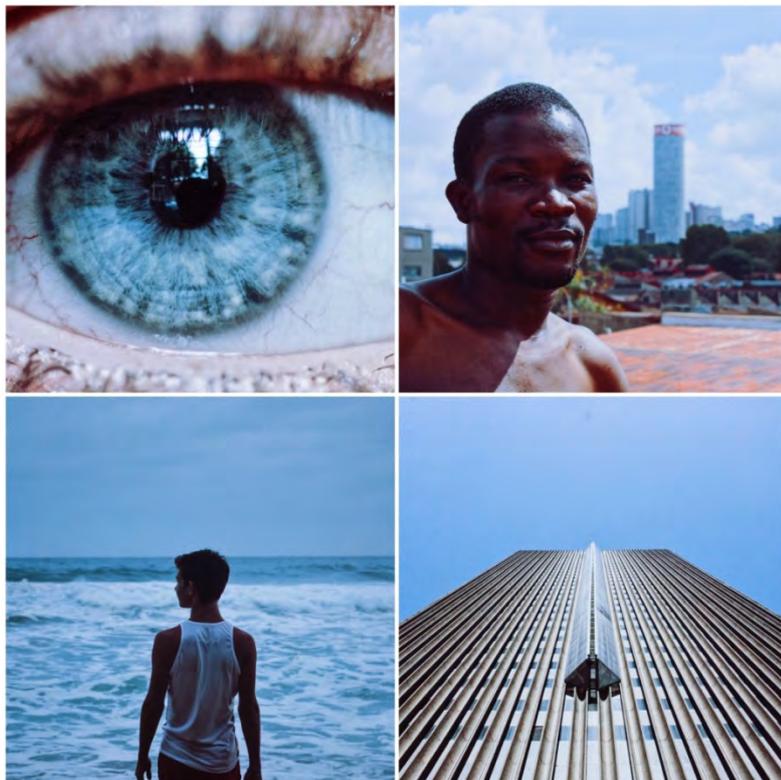
NEWS FROM THE ARTS

Matric student's photographs selected for Millennials Exhibition

We are proud to acknowledge that Grade 12 Visual Art student, **Jemma Mould's** photographs were selected to be exhibited and sold in the '**Millennials: an Instagram Exhibition**' by FotoZA. The exhibition is currently on show at the Kameraz Gallery in Rosebank.

The organisers of the exhibition have said 'MILLENNIALS' is an exhibition showcasing work by the new generation of photographers, the Millennials, with the aim of challenging perceptions of the current photographic industry by providing a platform for local, South African photographers who use Instagram as a platform for sharing their work. They will have the opportunity to display their images in a gallery setting and help break the stigma that surrounds photographers who use Instagram.

Photos by Jemma Mould



Visual Art Excursion

On 26 May 2017, the Grade 10 and 11 art students were afforded the privilege of going on an incredible outing to **Braamfontein** and **Maboneng**. We spent the day exploring the vibrant history of street art in Johannesburg, and we learned more about the powerful impact that art has had on the restoration of our struggling city. We were introduced to stunning public artworks and graffiti, and we enjoyed an immersive tour of the alleyways and areas of town that we would never have been able to experience, if not for this excursion.

After our exploration of the city, we found ourselves at the **Wits Art Museum**. There, we were enthralled by the captivating works displayed, and we were enchanted by the deeply intellectual films created by Michael MacGarry as part of his 'Show No Pain' collection. We then hurried back to the bus, and we were whisked off to the Maboneng District with one simple task, to draw. We enjoyed sketching the stunning area, and it was the perfect way to relax and to appreciate the city of Johannesburg in all of its glory. This was a truly rewarding and fascinating experience.

Jessica Axe (Grade 11)





Photo credits A Swanepoel

National Eisteddfod Academy Young Artist Award Competition for 2017

Five senior Visual Art students' artworks were selected to be entered into the **National Eisteddfod Academy Young Artist Award Competition for 2017**.

They received certificates for their participation in this prestigious competition in the Grade 8 – Open Section: **Jemma Mould, Shannon Torlage, Caitlin Lindsell, Sarah-Beth Wright and Meghan Hoffmann**.

Meghan Hoffmann went on to win her Grade Category and thus was a Finalist in the Competition. On 20 May 2017, she was announced as the **Overall Winner of the National Eisteddfod Academy Young Artist Award Competition**. This is an outstanding achievement and we are exceptionally proud of all our young artists that represented the College in this Competition.



Meghan's winning artwork, the piece makes a comment on Global Terrorism, but with specific reference to the Terrorist Attacks in Paris; Charcoal and Watercolour on Paper, 2016

Old Petrian teaches our Art Task Team

On Monday, 29 May, the Art Task Team had the privilege of having **Chris Valentine**, an **artist** and a **former St Peter's student**, give us a live demo of an expressive oil painting. He has several spectacular paintings which were also on display in the MADD Centre.

He came to teach us different styles of painting as well as share his journey as an artist since he left the College. He explained that as a student he was obsessed with the finest details of his artworks but as time progressed he became more experimental, producing more expressive works.

While demonstrating his oil painting, the Art Task Team was able to ask questions and gain first hand insight on the life of an artist and the world of art. Thank you to Mrs Swanepoel for organising this enlightening experience.

Jemma Mould (Captain) and Promesse Nkongolo (Vice Captain) (Grade 12s)



Dreams come true on stage at the Grade 8 Drama Showcase

A dream-like evening of musical theatre and monologues, poetry and plays, physical theatre and fun, the Grade 8 Drama Showcase, with its theme of "Dreams", was truly an entertaining event.

For the month of May, the Grade 8s and their Grade 10 directors were engaged in an intensive rehearsal schedule. Tirelessly taking their pieces from page to stage was no mean feat as they had a mere four weeks to do so. Despite the short time period, everyone was dedicated to the process and produced a stunning programme of which they can all be immensely proud.

There were the **melodious musical pieces**:

Upbeat "Any Dream Will Do" from Joseph and His Technicoloured Dreamcoat; the hauntingly beautiful "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables; and the toe-tapping finale "I Got a Dream" from the Disney movie, Tangled.

The show boasted **four top-quality plays**, each with a link to the theme of **Dreams**:

- "The Non-Losers Club" – characters dreamed of being popular, problem-free teens.
- "Appointment Required" – in a surreal setting, a non-descript waiting room, the main character waits without an appointment and seemingly without a clue as to why he is there.
- "The Visitor" – was a bitter-sweet comedy which saw the main character anticipating the arrival of her biological mother, whom she had been dreaming of but never met.
- "The Parking-lot Hero" – we meet a couple of grocery store employees who suspect a young, pregnant, homeless girl of shop-lifting. The main character comes to her rescue and is the kind of hero we all dream of being.

The physical theatre piece, "We Dream Together", featured spectacular special effects, and incredibly agile performers, while the choral poetry piece "The Raven" was eerie and poignant.

There were also various monologues – some humorous, some dramatic – which showcased the individual talents of our brave Grade 8s.

It was an unforgettably dramatic evening that all involved will be dreaming about for a long time afterwards.

AWARDS

BEST COSTUME, MAKEUP AND/OR SET

"Appointment Required"

Directed by Yuvish Premllal, Matthew Garrett and Yogita Mohabir

BEST TECHNICAL USE

"The Visitor"

Directed by Dalingcebo Mkhanya

BEST CAMEO PERFORMANCE

Matthew Ross

As Ben in "The Visitor"

BEST ENSEMBLE

Donne Bolton and Ishita Ralli

As the Receptionists in "Appointment Required"

BEST SOLO PERFORMANCE

Amelia Stephens

For her monologue "My Legacy"

BEST SUPPORTING PERFORMER

Jaden Mulke

As Tony in "Parking-lot Hero"

MOST PROMISING PERFORMER

Ishita Ralli

For her monologue performance and role in "Appointment Required"

STAND-OUT PERFORMER

Joshua Dunn

As Tom in "The Non-Losers Club"

BEST PERFORMER

Abby Shih

For her singing performance in "I Dreamed a Dream"

BEST DIRECTOR

Nyasha Ndisengei and Dalingcebo Makhanya

For their dedication and commitment to the rehearsal process

STAND-OUT PIECE

David Pumb's "Davey" monologue

BEST PIECE

"I've Got a Dream"

BEST PLAY

"Parking-lot Hero"

Directed by Lloyd Thuketana and Hana Lodhi



500 Days of Summer – a College Physical Theatre Production

It is almost time for our mid-year production. We are hard at work preparing this beautiful love story based on the film '500 Days of Summer' for our St Peter's Community.

When: Monday, 19 June till Thursday, 22 June 2017

Where: St Peter's College MADDitorium

Time: 19:30 - 20:30

Tickets: Tickets are at no cost but need to be booked during first break and lunch from Monday, 12 June in the MADD Centre Foyer.

Please note that we ran out of tickets for our last show so secure your tickets to avoid disappointment.

For more information or to book tickets via email, please contact Mr Dario Doneda on donedad@stpeterscollege.co.za.

CAST

CUPID:

Mr Rohan Jubber (Arts Intern)

TOM:

19 & 21 June Liam George (Gr 10)

20 & 22 June Daniel Duke (Gr 11)

SUMMER:

19 & 20 June Zantia Bainbridge (Gr 11)

21 & 22 June Ollie Msiza (Gr 11)

TOM'S FRIENDS:

Sebastian Long (Gr 11)

Chris Mukheibir (Gr 11)

Sabrina McGhie (Gr 10)

Sage Palombo (Gr 10)

TOM'S COLLEAGUES:

Aidan Enslin (Gr 9)

Matthew Harris (Gr 9)

Alexander Hook (Gr 9)

Aidan Johnstone (Gr 9)

Robert Lunney (Gr 9)

Sifiso Mbatha (Gr 11)

Filip Poludniak (Gr 9)

Bryce Young (Gr 9)

SUMMER'S FRIENDS:

Mekela Bastos (Gr 10)

Ntando Mabuya (Gr 10)

Tyler Maddison Thokoane (Gr 10)

Nolitha Magombo (Gr 10)

Kristine Mahony (Gr 10)

Tatum McCraw (Gr 10)

Tiyandza Mtetwa (Gr 10)

Tinotenda Ndudzo (Gr 11)

Kayla Torlage (Gr 10)

Kerri Tucker (Gr 10)

AUTUMN:

Annayah Karaha (Gr 11)

STEVE:

Rhys Floyd (Gr 12)

SOUND AND LIGHTING DPC & SL TEAM:

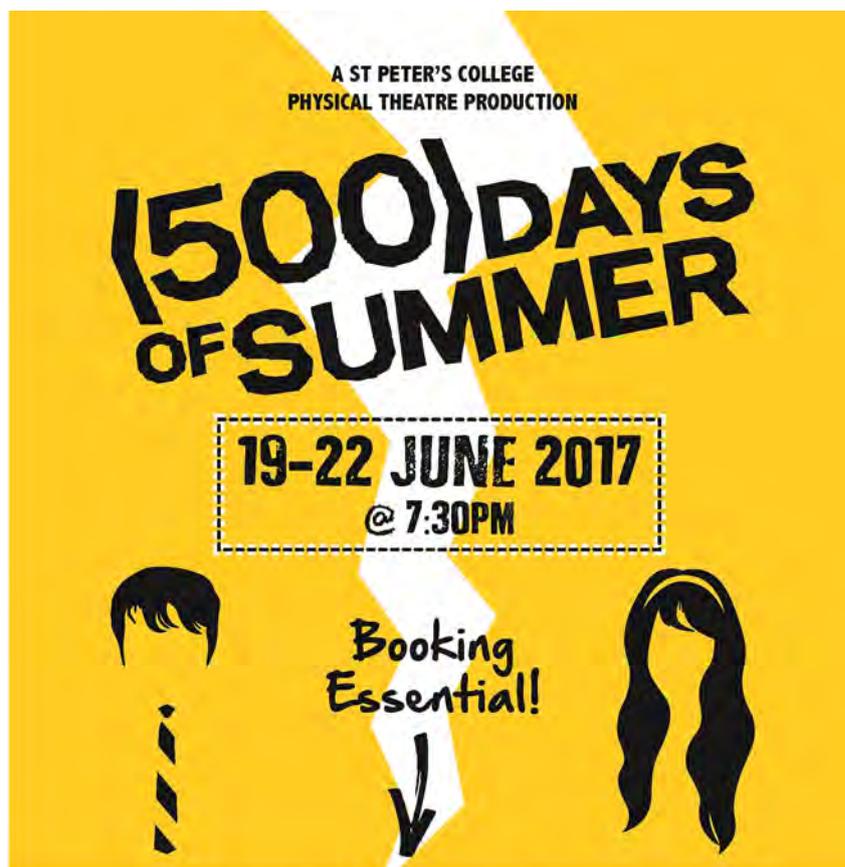
Tarynn Davies (Gr 11)

Yogita Mohabir (Gr 11)

Shannon Webb (Gr 11)

FRONT OF HOUSE:

Jessica Goulding (Gr 9)



----- TICKETS ARE FREE BUT NEED TO BE BOOKED IN MADD FOYER AT FIRST BREAK AND LUNCH -----

19 JUNE : Leads Liam George and Zantia Bainbridge

20 JUNE : Leads Daniel Duke and Zantia Bainbridge

21 JUNE : Leads Liam George and Ollie Msiza

22 JUNE : Leads Daniel Duke and Ollie Msiza



Starring Mr Jubber as "Cupid"



Michaela Mathieson (Gr 11)

Natalie Molenaar (Gr 9)

STAGE MANAGER:

Matthew Garrett (Gr 11)

BACKSTAGE MANAGER:

Brayden Green (Gr 9)

Yuvish Premlall (Gr 11)

COSTUME MANAGER & MAKE-UP:

Jessica Goulding (Gr 9)

Imogen Imbert (Gr 11) (Costumes)

Natalie Molenaar (Gr 9)

Sports News

Derby Days

What a successful Derby Season we have had. Although there were few Derby Days, they were bountiful in spirit.

We started off with the Dainfern Derby Day at home, it was our Grade 8s' first one, and what a great one to support. The 1st Team Rugby Boys won, as well as the 1st Team Netball Girls. Unfortunately, both the Hockey Girls and Boys 1st Teams lost their matches.

Next was Redhill, and although there were a few obstacles with venues (hockey played at MCC) and standing area, there was no stopping us from supporting our teams. Although compulsory to their students, Redhill was still not able to beat us in spirit.

And with Cornwall Hill last weekend, ending off this short but grand Derby Season. It was great to have our Drumline boys amping up the noise. For many of our students it was a great trek to Centurion, but it was wonderful to see the effort put in by the students to come and support.

A big well done to all the players who participated in the Derby Days, and a "shoutout" goes to all the supporters (especially the Grade 10 Spirit Boys). If you did not manage to attend, I urge you to attend next year; it is a great time to create memories with your friends and support your school.

Tiffany Theron (Grade 12)

Equestrian

Congratulations to the two riders on the phenomenal results.



*Michaela Fintelman - Show Jumping
Placed first in the second leg of the CHG League*



*Imogen Imbert – Dressage
Imogen placed 2nd in Equitation and 4th and 2nd in Novice Dressage in Qualifier 3.*

Qualifier Four will be taking place at Eaton Farm during the long weekend, 17 and 18 June with Show Jumping, Equitation and Working Hunter on Saturday. Dressage, Show Riding and Performance Riding will be show cased on Sunday. Please come and support the team in the last SANESA Qualifier of 2017. The selected riders will be riding at Regionals in August and we take the opportunity to wish the riders the best of luck.

Mrs Joan Delport

MIC: Equestrian

Hockey

Girls

On Thursday 25 May, the U14 and 1st team hockey girls played home matches against **St Mary's**.

Although the sun was hot, St Peter's College brought even more heat with both teams winning their games. The support from our hockey boys was phenomenal and there were only uplifting comments on the Astro. Fortunately we had no injuries but instead had lots of laughs.

Well done to all the girls who played. Much fun was had on our beautiful Astro.

The results are as follows: U14 Team won 2-1 | 2nd Team lost 1-0 | 1st Team won 4-1

Promesse Nkongolo (Grade 12)



Boys

Date	Versus	Venue	1 st Team	U14
23 May	Edenglen	SPC	Won 7-0	
24 May	St John's	SPC	Lost 3-0	
27 May	Redhill Derby	Redhill	Won 2-0	
31 May	Crawford Half day Derby	SPC	Lost 1-0	Lost 3-0
3 June	Cornwall Derby	Cornwall	Lost 2-0	Won 3-0

Netball

Results (St Peter's College's score is listed first).

	27 May	31 May	3 June	7 June
SPC vs	Redhill Derby	St Andrew's	Cornwall Hill	HeronBridge
U14 A	14-20	20-12	3-17	19-17
U14 B	21-6	6-10	17-11	4-22
U14 C		2-5	3-15	3-12
U15 A	18-14	11-8	13-30	7-25
U15 B	10-18	9-11	11-25	11-13
U15 C	8-11		11-4	16-3
U16 A	13-13	12-11	14-19	9-12
U16 B	14-16	12-6	16-11	6-11
U19 A	24-20	23-19	23-22	22-24
U19 B	35-10	29-10	23-16	15-29
U19 C		13-13		22-14

Ms Christelle van Schalkwyk

MIC: Netball

Rugby**Results**

27 May	1 June	3 June
Redhill Derby Day vs Redhill	vs Crawford Lonehill	Cornwall Derby Day vs Cornwall Hill
U14 SPC lost 14 - 22	U15 SPC lost 14 - 27	U14 lost
U15 SPC won 25 - 0	U16 SPC won 38 - 12	U15 SPC won 24 - 5
U16 SPC drew 17 - 17		2nds SPC lost 14 - 31
1st XV SPC lost 6 - 17		1st XV SPC lost 25 - 10
1st XV SPC lost 25 - 10		

Squash

1st and 2nd Teams both beat St John's College 14 - 0

2nd Team beat King David's 13-2

1st Team beat Deutsche Schule 14 - 2

2nd Team beat Northcliff 14 - 1

Mr Mathew Kirkland

MIC: Squash

