



## Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Girls School

### FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

#### YOUTH DAY

The imminent celebration of Youth Day on 16 June, provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the events leading up to the liberation of South Africa from the Apartheid regime and the role played by the youth in this landmark event in South African history. The girls have been given an explanation of the significance of the Soweto Uprising which laid the grounds for the release of Nelson Mandela and the end of the Apartheid system in the country.

The youth is an important component of society and investment in the early years is essential if we want a positive outcome in the future of our country. The importance of modelling and guiding our youth and instilling good values, principles, empathy and an understanding of our world, cannot be overestimated. In Prayers today, we emphasised the importance of standing up for what is right and building character so that we can all positively contribute to society in the future.

There are no afternoon activities tomorrow and school will close at 13:00 or after Hot Lunch. Enjoy the long weekend and the Youth Day celebrations. School will resume on Wednesday, 17 June

#### GRADE 7 GIRLS

During the week of the school production, 22 June – 25 June, the Grade 7 afternoon programme will be as follows:

- Monday:** Grade 7 girls finish at 14:00 (no Choir or Sport for Grade 7).  
**Tuesday:** Choir as usual. No Drama. Choir girls will finish at 14:45. The rest of the Grade 7 group may go home at 14:00. Individual girls might be asked to practise, but they will be notified.  
**Wednesday:** Grade 7 girls finish at 14:00 (no Choir, Marimba or Sport for Grade 7).  
**Thursday:** Grade 7 girls finish at 13:30 or after Hot Lunch.

*All other age groups will continue with all activities as usual.*

Trish Attlee  
(Headmistress)

## FROM THE HEAD OF THE JUNIOR PREP

### LONG WEEKEND CELEBRATING YOUTH DAY: 16 JUNE

June 16 is a public holiday in South Africa, commemorating the start of the Soweto Riots of 1976, sparked off by a government edict that all instruction in black schools would be delivered in Afrikaans. The iconic picture of Hector Pieterse, a black schoolchild shot by the police in Soweto near Johannesburg during a peaceful protest march, brought home the brutalities of the Apartheid regime to many people within and outside of South Africa. In the weeks that followed over 700 people - mostly youth - were killed.

Youth Day could be a conflict-ridden date, but instead it serves to remind South Africa of the importance of its youth and brings across the message that an event like 'the Soweto riots' should never happen again.

<http://www.capetownmagazine.com/public-holiday-youth-day>

As we enter the weekend, remind your children that their inheritance is a strong and positive one and that young people are able to change their world. Remind them that they are strong, positive leaders of the future.

Heather Kissack  
(Head Jnr. Prep)

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## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

See the School Communicator/*Resources* tab for sports notifications.

### GRADE 3 – 7

Netball matches on Thursday, 18 June, will only involve a small number of girls. These girls have been notified. Next week is our official swop over to hockey. All sports lessons will now be hockey. Shin pads and gum guards are compulsory when playing hockey.

Reminder: school sport takes preference over external activities. Netball fixtures are subject to change and times for matches are estimated times only.

Cara Eggett  
(Sports Dept & Director: Pastoral Care)

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## DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Parents please note that the Grade 7 dress rehearsal on Monday, 22 June will end by 19:15 and **NOT** 20:00 as stated on the calendar.

Mel Aspeling  
(HOD: Drama)

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Choir practice will take place, for the Grade 5 & 6 girls, on Monday, 22 June and Wednesday, 24. Grade 7 girls have been excused from these practices owing to their school production commitments.

### REMINDER - ST PETER'S JNR CHOIR FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY, 18 JUNE IN THE BOYS JUNIOR PREP SCHOOL

The Boys and Girls Cadet Choirs and Junior Prep Choirs will be performing.

Please take note of the following times for the Choir Festival:

- Choristers must be at the hall at 17:00 for a warm up and placing
- The festival will start at 18:30 and end at approximately 19:45

We look forward to a wonderful evening.

Marguerite Schmitt  
(*Head of Music: Girls School*)

### REMINDER - ST PETER'S CHOIR FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, 20 JUNE IN THE BOYS JUNIOR PREP SCHOOL.

Please note the following times for the Choir Festival:

- Choristers to be at the hall at 17:15 for warm up and placing
- The festival will start at 18:30 and end at approximately 20:30

Choristers must be dressed in Number 1s.

The **Boys and Girls Chamber & Chapel Choirs** will be joined by the **College Choir** for this performance.

Please note that the doors will open at 18:15 - for the audience to take their seats. Soup and other refreshments will be on sale before the performance.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Choir Festival!

Hugo Roodt  
(*Director: Choirs of St Peter's*)

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## CARTRIDGE COLLECTION ON HOT DOG DAY: 19 JUNE 2015

Please remember to bring in your cartridges, there will be a collection point (big green and white cardboard boxes) throughout the day, for empty ink cartridges, at the Chapel Park. There are permanent collection points at both the Junior Prep and Girls School. Thank you for your continuing support this year!

Monica Sloane  
(*St Peter's Community Partnership and Foundation*)

## HOT DOG DAY

The next Hot Dog Day will be on Friday, 19 June.

If you are available and would like to help, please add your name to the list which will be up on the front door of Reception from Wednesday, 17 June.

Five volunteers per grade are required and are to meet us on the patio on Friday, 19 June at 09:30 (for Grade 0 – 2) and 09:45 (for Grade 3 – 7). **The cost is R20.**

Jen, Marcia & Nicky  
(*Hot Dog Day Co-ordinators*)

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## DIVERSITY: RAMADAAN AND EID

Our Muslim pupils, friends and families will be observing Ramadaan, the month-long fast, starting Thursday, 18 June (subject to the sighting of the moon) until 17 July. The annual fast is considered one of the five 'pillars' of Islam. The fast is from sunrise to sunset; the evenings being spent enjoying family and community meals, engaging in prayer and spiritual reflection, and reading from the Holy Book, the *Quran*. Muslims are encouraged to read verses in the *Quran* and reflect on God's guidance. At the end of the month of Ramadaan, a 3-day holiday known as Eid al-Fitr is enjoyed.

St Peter's wishes all Muslim families well over Ramadaan and extends its best wishes for the joyous celebration of Eid.

Vijay Maharaj  
(*Boys School Director: Diversity*)

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## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### BOOKS ON TREES

The Parents' Association hosted Mama Gcina Mhlophe last Friday night, and would like to thank everyone in our St Peter's community who helped to make the event a success:

- Jameson and Phindi Hlongwane of Asiboni Mbala Events for arranging staging and lighting
- Brent Lycett of Marshall Music for assisting with the sound
- Isaac Ntjilo and his team, for all their hard work in transforming the Boys JP into a theatre, and particularly for accommodating all the last-minute changes so graciously
- Heather Kissack and Kenda Melvill-Smith for doing a great job as MCs
- The Grade 7 fundraising committees for providing refreshments, and all the parents who supported them
- Christine Williams for inviting Mama Gcina to visit, and for hosting her
- Robyn Doak, Dalene Paton, Andi Coetzee and all the class moms for helping with the publicity

- Members of the Transformation team: Angela Bam, Lou-Anndree John, Tutu Mojapelo and Susan Wolfenden for co-ordinating the event
- All the boys and girls who shared their books

Special thanks to all parents who registered at the MySchool and Makro table: the PA used monies received from MySchool and Makro to pay for this event, and appreciate your support.

Susan Wolfenden  
(PA Association)

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## CHARITIES

### SOUTH AFRICAN GUIDE-DOGS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

The South African Guide-dogs Association for the Blind are hosting a Winter Family Fun Festival on Sunday, 28 June 2015 from 10:00 - 16:00.

A market, at the festival, will include interesting stalls, fun activities for children and a variety of delicious foods. Other notable attractions are - the famed guide-dogs second-hand book sale and a white elephant stall which are both havens for book lovers and collectors.

Arena events include: a guide-dogs demonstration, puppy fancy dress, kennel tours, and a blindfold challenge. There will be live entertainment throughout the day, as well as a tea and beer garden.

For more information about this organization, please visit the website at <http://www.guidedog.org.za/>

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## QUOTE

*'It is not joy that makes us grateful. It is gratitude that makes us joyful.'*

~ David Rast

## FORTHCOMING WEEK

Wednesday	17/06/2015	07:30:00	08:00:00	JP Specialists Meeting	
Wednesday	17/06/2015	08:00:00	12:30:00	Eye Tek screening - JP girls	isiZulu Room
Wednesday	17/06/2015			Interim Mark Order	
Wednesday	17/06/2015	17:00:00	19:00:00	Grade 7 Production Dress Rehearsal	Royce Hall
Wednesday	17/06/2015	18:00:00	20:00:00	Grade 6 Astronomy Evening	Girls School
Wednesday	17/06/2015	18:30:00	21:00:00	PA Meeting	Mvukuzane Pavilion
Thursday	18/06/2015			isiZulu Conference	KZN
Thursday	18/06/2015	07:30:00	08:15:00	Youth Day Celebrations	
Thursday	18/06/2015	13:30:00	16:30:00	Netball matches	
Thursday	18/06/2015	18:30:00	19:30:00	St Peter's Junior Choir Festival	Boys JP
Friday	19/06/2015			isiZulu Conference	KZN
Friday	19/06/2015			<b>HOT DOG DAY</b>	
Friday	19/06/2015	13:30:00	16:30:00	Hockey vs St Stithians	
Friday	19/06/2015	18:30:00	20:30:00	Dads & Daughters Dinner	Royce Hall
Saturday	20/06/2015			isiZulu Conference	KZN
Saturday	20/06/2015	07:30:00	13:00:00	Grade 6 B & C Hockey Festival	St Mary's
Saturday	20/06/2015	09:00:00	16:00:00	First Aid Course	Boys Staffroom
Saturday	20/06/2015	09:00:00	12:00:00	Grade 7 Play Dress Rehearsal	Royce Hall
Saturday	20/06/2015	18:30:00	19:30:00	St Peter's Senior Choir Festival	Boys JP
Sunday	21/06/2015			<b>FATHERS' DAY</b>	