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## ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Girls SP School

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

In last week's Boys School Keyhole, Rob shared a diversity initiative, which we started at the end of last year:

*As you are aware, our St Peter's community has undertaken to be at the forefront of a South African initiative to understand our diversity, not only as a school community, but also as citizens of our country. To this end, the "Year of the Woman" initiatives continue, as do our "My Story" evenings. I thought that I would use this edition of the keyhole to share another initiative, which is taking place within our staffroom.*

*At the end of 2016, all members of staff were given a book by Stanley Bongwe entitled "100 lessons in DIVERSITY." (2010. Johannesburg: The Diversity Institute). As part of our staff development, we have selected chapters of the book, which will be read and then discussed in terms of their impact on our classroom and the broader school environment. Each chapter of the book is only about two pages in length and the topics, which are dealt with range from "A Few Tons of Baggage" to "Linguistic Diversity and Language Wars." The philosophy behind the development sessions is that practical examples are often the best way to stimulate open discussion and provide a context for creative thinking. In this, it is not unlike the "My Story" initiative, which has proved to be very effective for those who have attended the evenings.*

*St Peter's sees the development of character as being as important as academics, sport and cultural activities. Our pupils are growing up in an uncertain world, with very few of the clearly demarcated boundaries to guide their choices that we took for granted in the past. Thus, the intentional development of an intrinsic set of values and morals has become an essential task of both the parent and the school.*

*You may find it valuable to get hold of a copy of Stanley Bongwe's book or a similar resource and use it to intentionally create conversation within your home. (We also have a few copies in the School Libraries). The need for specific and targeted parenting in terms of character development is possibly more important nowadays than ever before due to the demise of the extended family and the culture of individuality and consumerism. I encourage all members of our community to take up the challenge.*

*Rob Macaulay*

My advanced apologies to all those coming to see the Staff Variety Show!

Have a good weekend!  
Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb  
(Headmaster)

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Please read the Sports Week Ahead carefully as the schedules will differ slightly on a week-to-week basis.

The Grade 5, 6 and 7A netball teams will be participating in the Saints Easter Festival from 6-8 April. We will be selecting those teams during the class Netball lessons, and then those girls will be informed of any additional practices closer to the time of the festival. We will also be entering a tennis team into the Festival – this will comprise of our top 6 girls. They will team up with the boys' team to play mixed doubles. All the teams will be announced as soon as possible, and the arrangements will be communicated in due course.

Liz Ashmore

*(Director of Sport)*

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## WATCHES AT SCHOOL

As you know and for good reason - we have a ban on the use of mobile devices, by pupils, on the campus. It has come to our attention that some pupils have started wearing 'Smart Watches.' These are internet-enabled devices, which can receive text messages, calls and social media notifications. This includes the Apple iWatch and all other Wi-Fi enabled wearable devices. There are a number of features on these phones, which can distract pupils, but also provide facilities to connect to the Internet during class. They are expensive items and if brought to school would be treated in the same way as a mobile phone. Watches have to be taken off during all sports practices so security also becomes an issue.

Non-ostentatious and inexpensive watches are allowed at school. Pupils should avoid bright colours or very big watches, please.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Scott Hauptfleisch

*(Director: IT)*

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## SCHOOL SHOP

### WINTER UNIFORM

Please come in and buy winter uniform soon as there are very few shopping days left until the end of term.

### SALE

Navy fleece inners (limited sizes left) selling at cost price.

Tracksuits (old material only) selling at a 10% discount.

### LANYARDS

We now stock St Peter's branded lanyards for locker keys – R20 each.

Nadia Thompson (*School Shop*)

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## EARTH HOUR - SATURDAY, 25 MARCH

Earth Hour is the single, largest, symbolic mass participation event in the world. The initiative was born out of a wish to mobilize people to take action against climate change. Earth Hour now inspires a global community of millions of people in 7 001 cities and towns across 152 countries and territories - to switch lights off for an hour as a show of concern for the environment. Switching off lights has become the world's fastest growing environmental movement.



If you would like to do your 'bit' on Saturday, a simple idea is to switch off your lights and appliances for an hour from 20:30 – 21:30.

To read more about this initiative, visit [www.earthhour.org.za](http://www.earthhour.org.za). There are some inspiring stories of people going 'beyond the hour'.

This could be an educational opportunity, to share as a family! We would love feedback about what you and your family did for Earth Hour!

Cathy Linnell  
(H.O.D. Science and Additional Culture & Learning)

## PALM SUNDAY INVITATION

Reminder: We invite anyone who would like to learn how to make palm crosses and anyone who already knows how, to help us make them on Friday, 31 March (from 11:00) in the Chapel, for Palm Sunday.

Kamohelo Kotsi  
(Assistant Chaplain)



## FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	27/03/2017	16:00:00	17:30:00	Inter-schools General Knowledge Quiz		Brescia House
Wednesday	29/03/2017			REMINDER: CHAPEL COLLECTION FOR TOMORROW		
Thursday	30/03/2017	07:30:00	08:30:00	Chapel Awards		Chapel
Thursday	30/03/2017	10:00:00	10:30:00	Grade 3JA Sandwich Making		Classroom
Friday	31/03/2017	19:00:00	22:00:00	Staff Variety Show		Dodson Hall
Saturday	01/04/2017	19:00:00	22:00:00	Staff Variety Show		Dodson Hall

This week:



Grade 4s hard at work



Busy day in the Creatical Centre



Emily Lidgley has been in the wars

