



ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter of St Peter's Girls SP School

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Towards the end of last term, I spoke to the Senior Prep Girls about the critical need to know people's names as well as the importance of respectful greetings.

Below, you'll see a poster that is up in every classroom reminding the girls about these greetings.

I believe strongly that, as teachers and parents, we need to model the behaviour that we expect from our children and, to this end, I'd like to appeal to our parent body to make an effort when it comes to greetings.

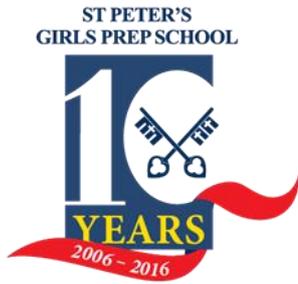
Our campaign starts with isiZulu but will obviously also include isiSotho and Afrikaans greetings at a later stage.



	IsiZulu	English
Greeting – One to One	Sawubona	I see you
Greeting – One to a group	Sanibona(ni)	I see you all
Reply	Yebo, Sawubona	Yes, I see you
Thank you	Ngiyabonga	
Teacher to class:	Sanibonani Mantombazane	
Class reply to teacher:	Yebo, Sawubona Mnumzane (Mr)..... Yebo, Sawubona Nkosikazi (Mrs) Yebo, Sawubona Nkosazane (Miss)	
Girl to staff member:	Sawubona Baba Sawubona Mama	
Staff reply:	Yebo, Sawubona Ntombanzane (one) Yebo, Sanibona Mantombazane (Class or group)	
Peer to peer:	Sawubona Bhuti Sawubona Sisi	
Reply:	Yebo, Sawubona	



This week's 10 year countdown takes us to the year 2012. Elizabeth Thornton-Dibb recalls the year in which the Grade 7s were officially the real seniors of the school:



2012 – by ELIZABETH THORNTON-DIBB

2012 Marked our first year as a full school! The school was now at full capacity and the girls who had started at St Peter's Girls in their Grade 1 year, were now in Grade 7 - and officially the real seniors of the school!

As 'first leavers' we wanted to leave not just a physical gift, but also something of a legacy. So the vision of a little St Peter's girl was born.

We had to find the right creative hands to form her little body. Not every sculptor has the gift of creating children, especially little girls. So, recommendations came in and they always lead to the same person, whether people had seen a sculpture or simply been told about one.

All 'roads' pointed to Ros O'Conner. This delightful woman used her incredible gift to form our little girl in her uniqueness. Her divine inspiration allowed us to see her work with her hands, as she 'felt' our little girl into being.

First she made a little wax Marquette and then a life-sized wax and invested many hours and processes in between to finally get to our little bronze girl.

So our little St Peter's girl fondly known as 'Peta', was born. Ros said she had a special bond with little Peta. Not only did she have to create her features, but the unique character with which she had been briefed.

Peta has received so much from being at this school.

Her stance demonstrates this, but as she has received a privileged education and opportunities, so she will have been able to give of herself to others; always looking to heaven for her Divine guidance.

In her, we saw our little girls and as they leave after their journey at this prep school, they would have the character and confidence to live out the values learnt at St Peter's Girls School.

So with this entire vision, artist in place, we needed to raise the cash, which seemed a daunting amount. Thank you to the Grade 7 mums team who held this dream in their hearts and made it happen. They endured many sleepless nights and anxiety, but they were 'going to make it happen'. Finally we had our fabulous Urban July where we raised the EXACT amount needed. It was a real act of Faith as we had told Ros to go ahead with the project, trusting that our needs would be met.

*Peta, as she stands in her field of roses and indigenous flowers, is more than a pretty girl she has a **far greater calling**. Like the story of Elisha in the Old Testament, where the widow was gathering sticks to make her last meal, as she had no flour and oil for more than that. Elijah asked her to make him a meal and in her obedience of giving her last meal, he assured her that God would not allow her oil and flour to run dry.*

The selling of Peta's Marquettes for hundreds of years to come will allow a third of the income to go into a bursary, so that other little girls can have the privileged opportunity of being a St Peter's girl like her.

This is the legacy gift we give to you. May she be a blessing to all who walk next to her and those who benefit from her Marquette's.

Nibe neviki elimnandi (Have a good weekend)

Darrel Webb

(Headmaster)

Photos from 2012

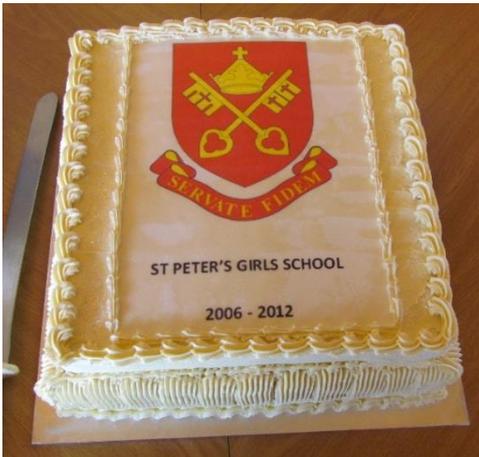


Trish Attlee with Peta



Some of the class 2012 – our first Grade 7 year

A fly past – in celebration of our full school!



St Peter's Day – birthday cake!



The consecration of the Chapel bells in Feb'12

The last school day of 2012 – Goodbye Grade 7s!



DIVERSITY: ROSH HASHANAH (JEWISH NEW YEAR) AND YOM KIPPUR

Rosh Hashanah (03 October) commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two "High Holy Days" in the Jewish religion.

Shanah Tovah (pronounced [ja'na to'va]) is the traditional greeting on Rosh Hashanah which in Hebrew means "A Good Year".

Yom Kippur (10 October) is probably the most important holiday of the Jewish year. Many Jews who do not observe any other Jewish custom will fast, refrain from work and attend synagogue services on this day. "The Yom Kippur fast also enables us to put aside our physical desires to concentrate on our spiritual needs through prayer, repentance and self-improvement".

St Peter's wishes all Jewish friends and families a blessed new year.

Vijay Maharaj (*Director: Diversity*)

PA NEWS - MY SOUTH AFRICAN STORY

Greg Royce, Rob Macaulay and Darrel Webb recently attended the Southern African Heads of Independent Schools Association (SAHISA) conference. This year the theme of the conference was "Conversations" and much of the content revolved around the importance of South Africans taking time to stop and listen to each other as we attempt to navigate the sometimes stormy waters of post-apartheid South Africa. We have already begun to have those conversations at St Peter's and invite you to join us as we continue our "My South African Story" series. More of our St Peter's parents will share their personal stories and how these shape their expectations for our children and of the school.

Tuesday, 4 October

18:30 to 20:30

Mvukuzane Pavilion

Their Fate (A poem on Auschwitz)

Screaming, shouting, wailing, crying
Innocent people, slowly dying
Whipped, beaten all day long
There's no music- not a song

Human skeletons in striped clothes
Where they marched to, no one knows
Love is lost, hope is banned
Drowned in the depths of this barren land

A smell of death drifts through the air
The stench is appalling, it gives them a scare
If not gassed, then quickly shot
Their bodies burned or left to rot

Somehow there's glory in defeat
When they were tortured, no food to eat
All this suffering because of one man
Whose hateful obsession led to this plan

By Emma Eagle

SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR DOWNLOAD

Please note that many parents will be receiving emails or sms's to remind them to download the School Communicator onto their Desktop and/or mobile device.

The system has picked up that you completed the google form, but that you have not yet registered and downloaded the App completely. If you do not want it on your desktop, for example, it is your choice. The system is automated and messages are being sent out to remind parents, who would like the communicator, to download it. Our aim is for every parent/care-giver to have access to the communicator whether via Desktop, the mobi-site or the App.

Step Process:

1. Download
2. Put in email address and request a password
3. Password will be sent to email address
4. Put in email address and password that was sent to you and register
5. Personalise by first "deselecting all" and then choosing the channels that pertain to your child. Please tick either Girls JP General or Girls SP General in your list of choices.

Diane Fraser (Boys Marketer)

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SPORT DEPARTMENT

As the weather continues to warm up, we have been reminding all the girls of the policy of wearing hats and sunscreen to all sports lessons in an effort to protect their skin from the harsh UV rays.

We have also addressed the Grade 3-7s in their sports lessons this week and reminded them of the expected behaviour at sports events. The 'take home' message was a reminder to the girls that we expect them to have manners, respect for all their elders and to take responsibility for themselves. Even when they are wearing their sports kit, they are representing St Peter's and we expect their very best behaviour. Girls were encouraged to be proactive in checking the notice board ahead of sports fixtures so that they are aware of where they are competing, and in which events they are participating. They were also reminded that should they not be able to participate in sport, be it in a lesson or a match/fixture, a letter should be sent to the Sports Department, and that they should let one of the Sports Staff know.

The sports policy has been updated and is available on the School Communicator – please take the time to read through the policy as it contains all the relevant information you might require to understand how and why we do things.

Please remember to diarise the SP Sports Day on 8 October. This will commence at 08:00 and end by 10:00 (this time has been changed from 09:00 – the School Communicator calendar has been updated). A letter will be sent out with all the relevant information in this regard, including the format of the day and information regarding the field events, which will be contested on Thursday, 6 October (girls who are in the tennis team will complete their field events during class sports lessons.)

The Grade 3 APPS gala scheduled for 16 November has been cancelled.

See the School Communicator under the Resources tab for sports notifications.

Liz Ashmore (*Director of Sport*) lashmore@stpeters.co.za

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Cadet Choir and iPad Band will perform at the Linder Auditorium on Monday evening at 18:30 with Richard Cock and the Festival Orchestra. There will be a charge of R100 per family for this event.



Good luck to all the girls who have their ABRSM practical exams next week.

Marguerite Schmitt
(*Head of Music*)

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Hooked on Books has been forced to postpone their production at St Peter's on 7 October. Their performance is now scheduled for 26 October. Dress-up day will continue as scheduled.

Jenny Hugo
(*Librarian*)



ST PETER'S MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Every year, the Grade 7 isiZulu girls host an Appreciation Tea for their helpers/ aunts. On Thursday last week, the aunts had an awesome time, where the girls showed them around the school, gave them painted mugs as gifts, sang and personally thanked them for all that they do for us behind the scenes and at their homes. It was a special morning indeed for everyone who was there. Here is feedback from one of the parents:

"What an amazing initiative this was. It was a big acknowledgement for the "Aunties" and Aggy really enjoyed it, but most importantly, seeing the pride in Ziyanda's face when I dropped Aggy off, was enough to remind me of how special Aggy is. She's been with us for just over 13 years now and one sometimes forgets just how far she's come with our family. I posted about this on my FB page and a friend even shared it with some of the Moms at a neighbouring school saying that this is something they should look into encouraging at their school. Thank you once again, for reminding not only the girls, but we too as parents, that Aunties are truly amazing people in our lives".

**LITTLE THINGS MAKE
A BIG DIFFERENCE.**

PA NEWS - ST PETER'S CLASSIFIEDS

We are looking for a volunteer to manage the St Peter's Classifieds. This involves sourcing advertisers, managing the ads and payments and compiling the newsletter on a monthly basis. A percentage of the revenue generated accrues to the responsible person to cover costs and time.

If you are interested, please mail robyn@designoval.co.za for more information.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

Monday	03/10/2016	19:30	20:30	Children of the Light Choir Festival (Cadet Choir)	Wear No 1s	Linder Auditorium
Tuesday	04/10/2016	18:30	20:30	My South African Story (Parent Transformation Evening)		Mvukuzane
Wednesday	05/10/2016			WORLD TEACHERS' DAY		
Wednesday	05/10/2016			REMINDER: COLLECTION FOR CHAPEL TOMORROW		
Thursday	06/10/2016	07:30	13:30	SPORTS AND CULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHS – POSTPONED 12/10		Royce Hall
Thursday	06/10/2016	13:30	16:30	Tennis Matches	Grade 3-7	Home/Away
Friday	07/10/2016	10:00	11:00	Hooked on Books – POSTPONED 26/10 Dress-up Day to cont.	Grade 3,4	Royce Hall
Friday	07/10/2016	11:30	12:30	Hooked on Books – POSTPONED 26/10 Dress-up Day to cont.	Grade 5-7	Royce Hall
Friday	07/10/2016	13:30	16:30	Athletics Meeting	Grade 3-7	St Mary's
Saturday	08/10/2016	09:00	12:00	SP Sports Day	Grade 3-7	Newlands
Sunday	09/10/2016	09:00	10:30	Community Eucharist (Chapel Choir)		St Michael's, Bryanston

SPORTS AND CULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHS – 12 October 2016

Due to many girls being involved with the Music Exams, Photo Day has been postponed from 6 October to **12 October 2016**.

Liz Ashmore (Director of Sport) lashmore@stpeters.co.za



THE INTERVIEW

Mr Webb was subjected to an interview by Ruby, on his experience at St Peter's since starting in January. Ruby commented that her questions were challenging but that Mr Webb answered them very well!



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

The following girls: Sarah Garrett, Sohara Naidoo, Boikanyo Ntsimane and Ella Thorburn, participated in a General Knowledge Quiz held at Kyalami Prep School on Wednesday, 28th September.

The questions were really tough, requiring logical thought and application. We congratulate the girls for taking second place.

Jenny Hugo
(Librarian)



WHOOP WHOOP YOU DID IT!

