ST PETER'S
GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to our Trinity Term!

I sincerely hope you were able to spend some quality time with your precious daughters and families.

I was fortunate enough to do a walk along the Wild Coast, from Kobb Inn down to Trennerys, with four other families. The Wild Coast remains totally unspoiled. Kilometres and kilometres of golden beaches, incredible rock formations, plenty of shells, crystal clear lagoons and a turquoise blue sea. It truly is one of the many wonders of our beautiful country. (I would definitely recommend the experience to those of you that enjoy nature and a little exercise)

However, the main reason I share my holiday experience with you, is because it relates to a significant concern I had at the end of last term, where our children were bombarded with negativity about our country. They overheard conversations; they saw it on TV and witnessed the day of protest. It, therefore, comes as no surprise when they start to develop overwhelmingly negative perceptions about the country they live in – which, I believe is an absolute travesty!

In a Senior Prep Chapel service at the end of last term, we discussed everything and anything great about our country. Thankfully, the majority of the girls had their hands in the air with something positive to add to the conversation - so it is not too late.

I believe we, as parents and teachers, need to do everything in our power to balance the negativity with positivity, particularly as this is the generation of our future leaders who are tasked with redressing the wrongs of the past.

At the end of last term, I was also of the opinion that the political instability has had an impact on the way we, as adults, coped with everyday life issues - less resilient, less tolerant of others and less laughter.

Last term I tried to fly a remote controlled toy drone in Royce Hall. The message to our Senior Prep Girls was to take control of their own lives. To do things because they know these are the right things to do and not because they are told to do so by their teachers or parents. The message also related to taking ownership of their emotions and not allowing others to 'control' the way they feel. I share this message because I believe we need to take ownership of our own lives and not let the state of the nation change our positive outlook on life.

So let's make every effort, for the rest of this year, to laugh more and to look for the positives – in people and in the challenges that life will throw at us, not only for our own sake and sanity, but even more importantly, for the sake of our children!

I look forward to a busy, challenging and positive Trinity Term ahead!

Have a good weekend!
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Darrel Webb
(*Headmaster*)

FROM THE JP HEAD

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back, to all our families and girls as we stride into our winter term. It is exciting to welcome our new girls - **Seanna Kandasami** who joins Grade 0 in Mrs Golden's class and **Zoe Stockill** in Mrs Hall's Grade 1 class. We wish them a long and happy journey at St Peter's.
We also welcome **Leanne Fleming** to Grade 0 and **Robyn von Ginkel** as our new Remedial Therapist on the Therapy Team. We are delighted to start this term with you!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE TAUGHT

Staff were treated to a talk by Stanley Bongwe, author of *100 Lessons in Diversity*, around the need for us to grow our understandings, language and behaviours around this critical issue. In his presentation, he drew our attention to the fact that we, over time, learn to hate, fear and discriminate. It is what we do, as the adults in our daughter's lives, that matter the most and we are the custodians of their lasting understanding of their world; of race, gender, equity, fairness and respect.

I draw your attention to the lyrics of this hard-hitting poem by Rogers and Hammerstein, which Stanley references in his book:

You've got to be taught to hate and fear
You've got to be taught from year to year
You've got to be taught before it's too late
Before you're six or seven or eight

To hate all people your relatives hate
You've got to be taught
Teach those around you carefully and wisely; for what you teach them today, could characterise the world, which they and you will live in tomorrow.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS CRAFT MORNING: SATURDAY, 13 MAY

I have chatted to the girls about the fact that we all have different 'Mother's' in our lives, the 'tummy mommies', 'heart mommies' and 'head mommies'. Please know that I encourage the girls to invite any person in their life, who nurtures them in a special way, and not only the 'tummy mommies'!
I have included the following article for our *Superheroes* theme and *Year of the Woman*!

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CHOIR – GRADE 2

Our deepest and humblest apologies for all the confusion set around the Grade 2 Choir being moved to Wednesday afternoons. After much discussions we will be reverting back to Choir being held on a Thursday. Choir will commence next week Thursday as usual.

Again, we apologise profusely for any inconvenience caused.

SCHOOL SHOE COLLECTION FOR SEFIKENG PRIMARY

We have permanent collection points, for school shoes and takkies, which have become too small for St Peter's children, at the Girls SP and JP Reception areas and at the school shop.

Thank to for your support to date, we have delivered many pairs to our community schools.

Monica Sloane
(*St Peter's Foundation*)

HOT DOG DAY (R25) AND CARTRIDGE COLLECTION - NEXT FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

HOT DOG DAY

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 (Senior Prep) and on the notice board (Junior Prep), from Monday, 8 May.

Five volunteers per grade are required and are to meet us at 08:30 (for Grade 0 – 2) and 9:30 (for Grade 3 – 7), at the Keys Pavilion.

The cost is R25 (for a hotdog, juice & chips).

CARTRIDGE COLLECTION

Please remember to bring in your ink cartridges. There will be a collection point (big green and white cardboard boxes) in the Chapel car park throughout the day for empty ink cartridges. There are permanent collection points at both the Girls Senior and Junior Prep, and Boys Junior Prep reception areas.

Thank you for your continuing support this year! All proceeds support our initiatives at Sefikeng Primary.

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday	2017/05/11	07:30:00	08:00:00	Coffee Morning "Anxiety in Children - In the Know"	Boys JP Hall
Friday	2017/05/12			**HOT DOG DAY (R25)**	Keys Pavilion
Saturday	2017/05/13	09:00:00	11:00:00	Mother & Daughter Craft Morning	Girls JP Hall and Garden
Sunday	2017/05/14			*Mother's Day*	

ST PETER'S AUTUMN Carnival 27 May 2017

RUN A STALL...

Here's what you need to know

- Stalls are on a ticket system, so no need to handle the cash
- Prizes will be collected centrally, so you won't be responsible for sourcing your own prizes
- If your stall incurs any costs, these can be claimed back from Carnival expenses, not your own pockets
- Carnival bunting and tablecloths will be provided
- Call on your friends to help with setting up and running the stall!

Booked Stalls:

Tombola
Nail 'Salon'
Cupcake Decorating
Potty Toss
Nerf Gun Shooting
Lawn Darts
High Striker Strongman Hammer
Guess the Weight of the cake
.... and of course... the ever popular Inflatable Rockets, Rides and Slides

Ideas for Stalls:

Pin The Donkey
Wet Sponge Throwing
Toss The Hoop
Face Painting
Go Fishing
Boat Races
Shoot the Hoop
Sandpit Treasure Dig
Get those creative ideas flowing!!

Details:

Date: Sat, 27 May
Setup: 10:00 – 12:00
Carnival Time: 12:00 – 17:00
Cleanup: 17:00 – 18:00

Provided:

Tables and chairs
Some décor

WORK AT A STALL...

We will need plenty of hands on deck to help on the day. Offer to help at a stall on a shift basis of an hour or more. Or gather some friends together and work the shift as a group of 2-4 people. It will be great fun, and your kids will love it!

HELP OUT WITH PRIZES...

- Have a look around your home for something new to donate ... small or large
- Chat to your employer to see if they have any corporate goodies to donate
- Ask companies to sponsor a prize

Sponsored Prizes:

Dinner voucher
Salon voucher
Electronics
Weekend Away
Bounce Voucher
Laser Tag Voucher

Corporate Prizes:

Company cap
Branded stationery
Branded t-shirts
Branded mug

Something Small

Sweets
Mini Plastic animals
Marbles/Lego pieces
Hair clips & scrunchies
Cookie ingredients and recipe
Slime/ Playdough
Stationery/Stickers
Temporary tattoo

If you would like to join in on the carnival fun, please email the committee on stpeterscarnival@webmail.co.za