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ST PETER'S
GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

This week, Greg Royce and I enjoyed the privilege of attending the annual South African Heads of Independent Schools (SAHISA) conference in Cape Town. The conference was full of engaging and thought-provoking presentations and discussions. We thoroughly enjoyed receiving presentations from highly-esteemed speakers such as Dr Max Price and Professor Adam Habib and the Dean of the Education Faculty at Rhodes University, Professor Di Wilmot. Not only did they make us proud of our nation and its institutions, but instilled a renewed sense of passion and pride in our school; St Peter's Girls Prep. Dr Price and Professors Habib and Wilmot demonstrated tenacity, empathy and insight into our country's varied yet current challenges, which they see as powerful platforms of learning in a global context. They also provided evidence that South African universities are keeping pace with the world and are actually raising their standards of research and output each year.

The time was affirming in that all our schools remain confident of their mission and capacity to produce principled, empathetic and competent citizens of the world. The complexities of this vision are real, but not unique to the South African context. Student voices are challenging us as they grapple to articulate a way forward and communicate their discontent with the present frameworks upon which we base our assumptions and expectations. The profession, as a collective, is listening and remains selflessly determined to stay committed to our students and their future in our country and in the world.

The collegiality experienced by exchanging ideas with colleagues was not only affirming, but indeed encouraging and invigorating. We both enjoyed the opportunities of sharing various initiatives, hopes and dreams through healthy debate and laughter each day.

Greg and I are excited to be back with renewed levels of energy, excitement and hope. We endeavour, as always, to bring back and contribute our newly-acquired insights to our incredible school.

Education is the key to success in life and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students. ~ Solomon Ortiz

We continue our 10 year countdown with an article from Jean Macleod.

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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL
10 YEARS 2006 – 2016

2010 – by JEAN MACLEOD

The school opened in 2010 with our most senior girls in Grade 5. From the first day of this year, the excitement was tangible. Everyone, whether or not they followed the sport of soccer, was full of anticipation for the time when the eyes of the world would be on South Africa. St Peter's Girls School was five years old, the Boys School turned 60 that year and the FIFA World Cup was coming to our shores! So much to look forward to.

St Peter's girls studied the geography of the countries participating in the FIFA World Cup and the various flags decorated classrooms. The ISASA school calendar was different in 2010, to accommodate the World Cup and we were given a holiday in June and July - in order for everyone to support the event. The five magnificent soccer stadiums, built from scratch, were completed despite concerns that they wouldn't be ready in time! Streets in all cities around the country were adorned with the many flags and South Africans showed their patriotism with SA flag rearview mirror covers and little flags flying cheerfully from car windows. 2010 was a nation building year.

St Peter's staff received South African soccer supporter's shirts, from the school, with their name on the back. Girls were encouraged to wear South African supporter's shirts on Fridays - excitement was in the air.
I recall my Grade 2 class learning the very complicated Diski Dance. It was fun, but required concentration and a fair amount of rhythm and agility – qualities with which not all are blessed! For me, 2010 was my last year in the classroom, after 24 years, before I took on the role of Marketer.

Sweepstake draws took place and people were allocated teams which they would follow throughout the tournament. Zakumi the Leopard was the official mascot of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. He was a cheerful, sporty animated leopard with green hair! The anthem for the event was K'naan – affectionately referred to as 'Wavin' Flag' and could often be heard, being sung with gusto, around the school. This song was used as the music for an item in the next Staff Variety Show. Vuvuzelas, Makarapas and supporter's shirts were the souvenirs to collect and there was no shortage of these at St Peter's!

During 2010, our first ever Head of the Junior Prep was appointed at the Girls School. Patti Blackhurst was appointed into this position and did a wonderful job until she left in 2013. Patti was an extremely popular choice and was loved by all.

A Computer Laboratory was created at the Girls School in 2010. This is a particularly busy and well-used centre in the school. IT advancement is a strategic imperative at St Peter's. The building of the Royce Hall commenced this year. The Girls School, still in its 'Growth Phase', had an excellent year!

Photos from 2010

World Cup supporters

Thobile Kizito learns the Diski Dance

JP Staff

SP Staff

Construction of the Royce Hall begins.

Have a good weekend!

Darrel Webb
(*Headmaster*)

FROM THE JP HEAD

PICK UP ROUTINE

Once or twice in my career, one of our pupils has done a disappearing act… decided to go home with a friend or drifted off to Aftercare, because it seemed like fun. The safety of your children is paramount. In order to make sure that their safety is guarded, we urge you, please, to follow these procedures:

- Make sure you inform your child of who will collect them from school.
- Sign your child out each day on the *sign out* board (please print your name). Brothers and sisters cannot do this.
- Make sure you alert your child's teacher of any play dates and parties. Please send an email to inform teachers.
- Fill in the After School Programme register in Reception, when needed.

You will have noticed a guard in our parking area - for added security. We appreciate your efforts to assist us with this to avoid unnecessary anxiety in the event of a misunderstanding.

SEFIKENG IS FLYING HIGH

A HUGE shout goes out to all the parents who support the hour long initiative to grow reading skills at Sefikeng School on a Wednesday from 08:30-09:30. Our programme has gone from strength to strength. Parents, interns and a teacher visit the school to support small group interventions to grow learning and model best practice. Teachers go once or twice a term. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Monica Sloane msloane@stpeters.co.za or Leigh Lidgey llidgey@stpeters.co.za .

NURSERY SCHOOL FORUM

On Wednesday we hosted 18 Heads of different Nursery Schools who act as feeders to our school. It was a lovely morning of networking, important discussion and they got a glimpse of what St Peter's has to offer. Thank you to Marketing and Remember Rabali for all their support in this regard. We will be making this an annual affair.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW GIRLS

We extend a very warm welcome to pupils who have joined the JP this term. Isla Elphinstone joins us in Grade 2KG and Otylia Nejthardt in Grade 1CH. Welcome to the St Peter's family.

HERITAGE WEEK MUSEUM WALK – FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

As we are celebrating Heritage Day next week, Friday. We will be encouraging the girls to identify and bring one item to school, which symbolises their heritage. This is to create our own Heritage Museum and celebrate our diversity. This could be a photo, a flag, map, book, clothing, etc. The items will be displayed on that day and will be taken home afterwards.

Please make sure that the girl's name and grade is on it. Perhaps she could, write something about their item for others to learn from.

On this day the girls can wear traditional clothes and/or colours of their flags

BIRTHDAY CHEER

I LOVE having my birthday at school. From the time my eyes open, I can play and have fun! Thank you to all the *children* in my life that make every day so special. You are a gift on my birthday, and every day. Much love hugs and kisses, too! From your ever grateful and happy Head!!!! Mrs Kissack!

There was a steady flow of girls visiting Mrs Kissack all day bringing gifts, hugs, good wishes and love.

Heather Kissack

2017 Term Dates

Eater Term:	**Wednesday 18 January – Wednesday 12 April** **Mid Term Break:** Thursday 23 February – **Return:** Tuesday 28 February Extra day given: Monday 20 March: Bishops Holiday Public Holiday: Tuesday 21 March
Trinity Term:	**Wednesday 3 May – Friday 4 August** **Mid Term Break:** Friday 23 June – **Return:** Monday 3 July Public Holidays: Friday 16 June
Advent Term:	**Tuesday 5 September – Thursday 7 December** **Mid Term Break:** Thursday 19 October – **Return:** Tuesday 24 October Public Holidays: Sunday 24 September, Monday 25 September

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	20/09/2016	08:00:00	08:30:00	Chapel	Chapel
Sunday	25/09/2016	09:00:00	10:30:00	Community Eucharist	St Michael's, Bryanston

PA NEWS

IRON MAN CHALLENGE

Please note that if any IRON MAN entrants have completed external runs/ rides/ swims in order to qualify for the IRON MAN CHALLENGE, proof of this has to be submitted to Natalee Holmes (Natalee.holmes@gmail.com) by the end of this month.

ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOLS

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual Golf Day – 30 September 2016

Sponsorship Opportunities

2016 sponsorship opportunities

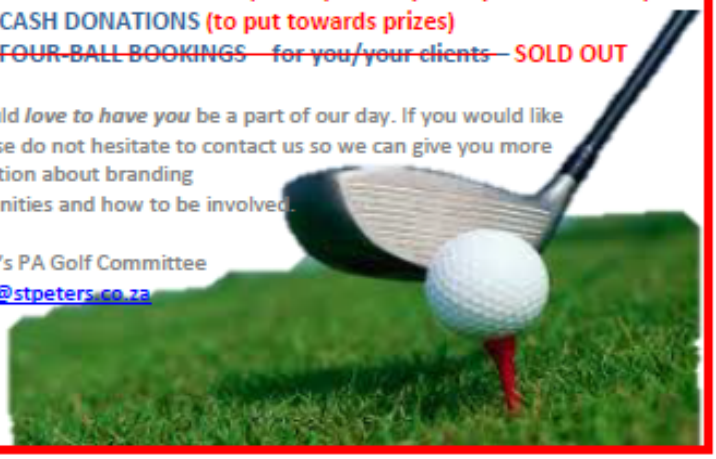
We would like to make a ***final appeal*** to all companies and individuals who would like to be involved with this year's Golf Day. It will be at the Kyalami Country Club, on Friday, 30 September 2016. If you would like to take advantage of a sponsoring opportunity, please contact us at golfday@stpeters.co.za.

The following sponsorship opportunities are still available:

1. MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE DAY - R20 000:
2. ~~HALFWAY HOUSE SPONSORSHIP - R10 000~~ – TAKEN
3. ~~PUTTING GREEN TAKEN~~
4. '19th HOLE' SPONSORSHIP - R5 000
5. ~~REGISTRATION TABLE SPONSORSHIP R5000~~ - TAKEN
6. HOLE SPONSORSHIP - R3 000 per hole
7. PRIZE SPONSORSHIPS (4-ball prizes, special prizes, baskets)
8. CASH DONATIONS (to put towards prizes)
9. ~~FOUR-BALL BOOKINGS for you/your clients~~ – SOLD OUT

We would ***love to have you*** be a part of our day. If you would like to, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can give you more information about branding opportunities and how to be involved.

St Peter's PA Golf Committee
golfday@stpeters.co.za



The St Peter's Foundation hosts an annual Sunset Carols Concert. This year, it will be held on

Saturday, 3 December 2016.

This concert usually draws in excess of 2500 spectators.

The St Peter's Foundation invites you to participate in the **Christmas Market**, which is held prior to the Carols. This is a wonderful opportunity to sell your goodies!

To further support the fundraising efforts, a glossy **A4 Carols brochure** will be distributed to all the attending parents, grandparents, St Peter's staff and friends. This is a fantastic platform to advertise.

For Christmas Market details, contact Amanda or Dalene at carols@stpeters.co.za

For the Carols brochure details contact Monica msloane@stpeters.co.za