



ST PETER'S SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Learners,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children who have achieved in so many ways not only in the classroom but also on the sports field. I also thank my staff who contributed enormously to the successes of our children and made this a happy place for learning. Furthermore, my sincere gratitude to each of you for your support and contribution to the many activities that have taken place in Term 1.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to Mrs Boshoff who emigrated, she will surely be missed.

We have appointed a new grade 1 Teacher Mrs Jeané Pienaar and we are looking forward to welcoming her in our St Peter's Family shortly.

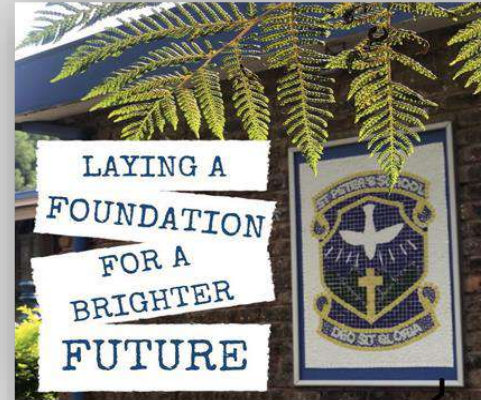
As we get ready for term 2, our Exam Term, I would like to share the following with our Parents:

Help your child prepare for tests.

- Determine what type of learner your child is; visual, auditory, or kinesthetic. From this find a study method that suits your child.
- Methods include:
Drawing maps, colour-coding important information, creating flash cards, pictures, acronyms etc. Through trial and error, you will find a study method that best suits your child. Each child learns differently.
- Provide a space to study
Some children need to move around while studying, and others need a quiet space with a desk and a comfortable chair.
- Create a study timetable and you as the parent, need to be strict about this. Your child needs to start revising at least 7 days prior to the test.
- Condense notes, using the method that works best for your child.
- Your child will then use these notes to revise daily, leading up to the test.
- You should test your child orally after a few study sessions to make sure that they are learning.
- Teach your child to make sacrifices. Children need to learn how to prioritise in life.
- Be prepared to make your own sacrifices. Be available for your child, motivate and encourage them.
- A good night's sleep before the test is very important, as well as a good breakfast on the morning of the test.
- Guide your child's studying process; they should be able to study independently with your guidance.

Numbers 6:24-26 - The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Mr. JP Erasmus
PRINCIPAL



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2:

05 April	Start of Term
07 April	Parent evening 17:00 – 19:00
08 April	Beginning of term mass
15 April	Good Friday
18 April	Family day
27 April	Freedom Day
02 May	Workers day
23 – 27 May	Afrikaans & SiSwati Exams
30 May – 03 June	Exam Week
16 June	Youth Day
17 June	School Holiday
23 June	Report hand out 13:00 – 16:00
24 June	End of Term 11:00 am



INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR PHASE

It's all about the attitude...

As educators, we home in on the importance of working hard or what has nowadays been coined as working smart, paying attention in class, completing assigned work such as classwork and homework as what underpins the achievement of good results. This cannot be contradicted, however, there is one more element that is quite essential and requires equal attention as we mould our learners and children into whole and self-reliant individuals.

For one to be a successful learner, one needs to have a positive attitude, not only towards learning but also towards the whole school environment. Learners need to desist from looking at education as an obligation rather than as a privilege as this hinders them from exploring their potential extensively. This said, the immense responsibility of instilling and nurturing a positive attitude in learners is thrust on the parents and teachers. When parents value education, they hold the school in high regard which results in learners developing a positive attitude towards their schooling and school.

In other news... We are proud to announce that we held a successful General Knowledge Quiz which turned out to be a learning curve for most of us. We were so delighted to discover how knowledgeable our learners are. Keep rising St Peter's.



Mrs B. T Dube

Head of Department Intermediate and Senior Phase

Pre-School

I cannot believe that we have ended Term 1 and Term 2 is here!

Our children have grown in leaps and bounds over the last three months.

Easter is around the corner and I hope that you will make time to spend with your children.

Play with your children and do physical activities together – but do not do a single thing for your children that they can do themselves.

Muscle tone develops when a child moves his/her body weight against gravity. Let them move, and pull and lift, and push and hang.

Encourage your children to be 'useful' around the house: doing little jobs develops the inside senses and muscles, but more importantly, it develops your children's self-esteem and

boost their confidence, because the underlying message is: You can do it! Well done!



Mrs. Janet Bennett

Grade Head St Peter's Pre-School.

FOUNDATION PHASE

Dear Parents

You might be considering assigning chores to your child, but you might be frustrated with the thought of them being at home and constantly having to remind them to do their chores.

Children moan about doing chores because, well, their children! As developing humans they're learning what it takes to be a valuable part of their family, community, and society. So, before they've developed these life skills, young children tend to be lacking in judgement, self-indulgent and self-centered.

Most young children rarely have a clue how much work is involved in managing a household. They want what they want when they want it, which is often NOW. Participating in activities where gratification is not immediate is probably seen as a chore. It just doesn't rank high on their agenda. It's in a child's nature to be focused and concerned mainly about their needs and what matters to them. They do not naturally consider the needs and expectations of others.

We understand that it's frustrating and sometimes disheartening to constantly remind your kids to pick up their clothes or toys or to hear,

"I know, I was just about to do it."

"I just need to finish this"

"Why do I have to do it, none of my friends do?"

So here are 7 reasons that will help encourage you to keep (or put) chores on your family's to-do list.

- **It teaches children important life skills such as doing laundry, cooking, and cleaning.**

Yes, it's hard for us to think about our little prince and princesses growing up and leaving the nest, but we would probably all sleep a lot easier knowing that our kids are able to clean up after themselves and cook a decent meal, so they don't live off takeaways.

- **In younger children, it helps develop gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination.**

This reason is great for kids and for parents. Not only are you helping your child learn the value of being responsible, but you're also helping them succeed in the classroom. We think this deserves a bonus point.

- **Children learn to co-operate, and this helps them become better team players, co-workers, and eventually partners.**

If you've got a husband that isn't scared to tackle the laundry, cooking, or dishes (even if he just knows how to operate the dishwasher) then you know what a life saver it can be. Besides, no one wants to sit next to Messy Molly or Matthew at the office.

- **Despite the moaning, kids love to help.**

It empowers them and boosts their self-esteem. Children take pride in feeling that they are needed and important within the family.

- **Doing things for themselves helps foster personal responsibility and independence.**

If you start to think of accomplishing chores as milestones in your child's development, then it sheds a more positive light on the subject. Think back to the day when your little baby first started holding their own bottle or sippy cup. You probably took a hundred photographs and announced it with pride. From crawling to walking, from setting the table to making their first sandwich, these are moments in our children's lives that need to be celebrated.

- **Children who do chores regularly learn the value of taking care of their belongings.**

When children are given the responsibility to look after their things, they tend to take better care of them. The key to getting this right is to ensure that your child learns the consequence of not taking care of their things. Learning the importance of taking care of the things that are given to you is an important life lesson that assigning chores can help teach.

And lastly...

- **When your kids help around the house, it reduces Mom and Dad's workload of tedious tasks, and frees up more time for families to have fun and spend quality time together.**

So next time you feel a sudden twinge of guilt about assigning chores to your child, STOP!

Whether it is helping to set the table, packing their school bag before bed, or putting away toys, children can play a role in helping their home run smoothly and learn many real-life benefits in the process

Ms. Corma De Jager

Head of Department Foundation Phase

DISCIPLINE AND WELL BEING

Dear Michaels Family,

A busy first term has ended. Our learners not only had to face the challenge of adapting to a new grade, but they also competed in various inter-house events, including athletics, swimming and the general knowledge quiz.

During the term we also had athletics at Skukuza and the MJ Zwane Independent Athletics event that was hosted by St Peters.

Our Open Boys also kicked off their Rugby season with a match against Penryn at the Mbombela Stadium.

We would like to congratulate Nkosazane Jele, our house captain for breaking the Girls Open 100m record in a time of 13:59 at the Independent Athletics event.

Michaels also took home the trophy for the inter-house swimming.

Their victory was sealed during the 4x25 m relay, where they came from behind to win the gold.

We are so proud of each and every learner who showed up and gave their best.

In Term 2, we will be kicking things off with a bang going straight into netball and rugby season.

Our senior learners will also be writing exams during this busy term.

Thank you for an amazing term

With love,

Ms. C du Preez



Dear Gabriel's Family

It is heart-warming to have pulled through to the end of the term successfully. I would like to thank all learners for participating in athletics, swimming gala and general knowledge quiz.

It was indeed a busy but exciting term. I would like to congratulate Gabriel's boys and girls who did very well in the general knowledge quiz.

I am looking forward to having yet another term filled with lots of fun.

I encourage every learner to participate in the different sporting and cultural activities at school.

I pray that the learners shall overcome the spirit of fear and be filled with the spirit of power and sound mind as they engage in every school activity.

Lastly, I would like to wish the learners a blessed last bit of holiday.

Mrs. M Masendeke

Head of House – Gabriel's

Dear Raphael's Family

The first term is over, and everybody has settled in and found their place in the school again.

It was a bigger adjustment for some than for others, but I trust that the foundation for this year is now firmly in place, and we can build upon it to achieve great success in 2022.

I am sure the kids are enjoying the last bit of the holidays and that they are relaxing and have some fun at home.

I would like to remind parents to let their kids play with toys or outside instead of spending their time on the television, cell phone or computer.

Here is a list of negative effects that screentime has on children:

- Physical strain to eyes and body
- Sleep deprivation
- Increase risk of obesity
- Susceptibility to chronic health conditions
- Loss of cognitive ability
- Impaired socialising skills
- Weakened emotional judgement
- Delayed learning in young children
- Lower self-esteem

We will miss the learners and look forward to seeing them all again for term 2.

Kind regards and many blessings from our Lord!

Mr. H Pienaar

Head of House – Raphael's

Dear Parents

As stated in the previous newsletter

Our highlight for Term 1 was the MJ Zwane Independent Schools' Athletics that took place on the 19th of February hosted by US, it was a hugely successful event where we performed very well, I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents that supported the event, all the staff that came together to make it possible, and finally the biggest thank you of all should go to all the kids that competed and gave their all, we are very proud of them all.

Our afternoon activities for Term 2 will start in week 2, 11 April 2022, and I would like to encourage every parent / guardian to allow their children to participate as much as possible.

For us at St Peter's, it is especially important to develop a holistic learner and to do this we focus on: Academics, Sports, Extra Curricular activities, and their Spiritual and Social well-being.

I have included the picture:
Physical activity – Make it part of Family routine.

I encourage all parents to be actively involved as a family, as a healthy body leads to a healthy mind.

We are looking forward to a good season of winter sports.

Regards,

Mr. Jayme Eaton
Sports Coordinator

HOW TO MAKE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY A PART OF YOUR FAMILY'S ROUTINE



Goals are attained
not by strength
but by

PERSERVERENCE

FINANCE

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School fee statements are emailed to parents at the end of each month. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the Finance Department if statements have not been received by email. Parents are required to advise the school of any changes in their email addresses.

PAYMENT TERMS

Fees are due in eleven monthly instalments at the beginning of each month January to October November. Any additional charges are due on presentation of the statement.

DEFAULT ON PAYMENTS

Any default on payments will be handled in accordance with the St Peter's School Debtors' Policy. An electronic copy of the Debtors' Policy is available on request.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Electronic Funds Transfer as a method of payment is preferred and it is every parent's responsibility to ensure that payments are made in accordance with the payment terms directly into our school bank account.

All school fees enquiries and proof of payment can be emailed to accounts@stpetersschool.co.za

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

First national Bank Ilanga Mall

Account No: 531 315 176 26

Branch Code – 270 352

Ref: **Code Account Number** that appears on the top right-hand side of your statement

Card Payments

Card payment facilities on site are available. Credit card payments are also accepted. We do not accept Diners Club or American Express. Parents who do not make use of the speed point facility, are expected to ensure that payments are made in accordance with the applicable payment terms.

Cash

For security reasons, no cash payments will be accepted at the Finance Office. Cash payments must please be made directly at any First National Bank branch. Please use your school fee account number as the reference when making your payment and email proof of payment to accounts@stpetersschool.co.za. Due to banking charges levied on our account when cash is deposited, a fee equivalent to the cash deposit made will be charged to your account.

Foreign deposits

Please note that any bank charges on foreign deposits will be for the parent's account. Your bank must use your school fees account number as reference. Please also email a copy of the bank deposit to accounts@stpetersschool.co.za. to ensure that the deposit is correctly allocated.

NOTICE PERIODS

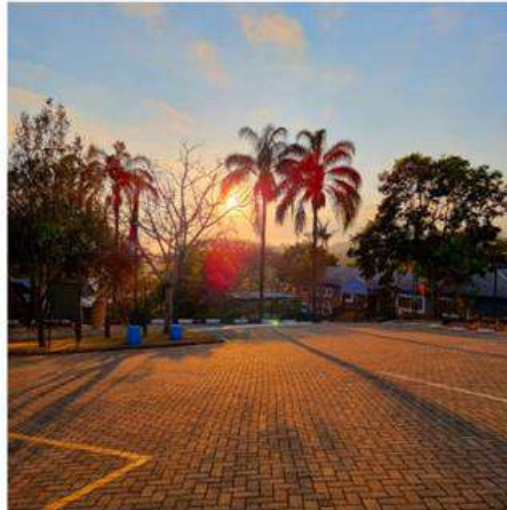
Parents are reminded that in terms of the parents' contract signed by them at the time of their child's enrolment, they are required to give a term's notice in writing (addressed to the Principal at principal@stpetersschool.co.za of their intention to withdraw their child from St Peter's School. Alternatively, the parent will be liable to pay a cancellation penalty equal to a term's fees.

QUERIES

If you have any queries regarding the fees or charges, please feel free to contact the Finance Department: e-mail finance@stpetersschool.co.za.

Ms. G Msimango
Finance Manger

ADMISSIONS FOR 2022



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PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

SPONSORS



We would like to thank Panarottis Nelspruit, for Sponsoring the MJ Zwane Independent Schools Athletics meeting, that was hosted by St Peters.
Please go and support them.



We would like to thank Mr Mphikeleli Jele and Techvolution for Sponsorship of 10 branded telescopic banners for St Peter's marketing.

Please go and visit their website <http://techvolution.co.za/about-us/> for more information

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