



THIRD FIXTURE FREE WEEKEND NEWSLETTER – LENT 2019

FROM: THE RECTOR

Friday 15 March 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I include the following message sent round to the Peterhouse community earlier this week lest you are still unaware:

I write, with great sadness, to inform you that Sue van Heerden (Head of English, Peterhouse Boys) died early this morning (March 12); Sue was diagnosed with cancer towards the end of last term.

Sue joined us at the beginning of 2018 and in the short time that she was with us made many good friends and did an outstanding job at the helm of the English Department. She will be greatly missed. On behalf of the Peterhouse community I send her parents, her brother Rory and her partner Andrew my sincere condolences.

It was Sue's wish that she should be buried at Peterhouse. I will send out details concerning her funeral as soon as I am able to do so.

Sue's untimely/premature death is a terrible blow to her family, friends, colleagues and the Peterhouse community as a whole. I have received many very warm messages about Sue, the following being typical: *Sue was a talented and compassionate teacher who had a huge impact on our daughter's love of learning in general and love of literature in particular. She will always be remembered as one of her special and formative teachers.*

I thought you might also like to read the message I received from James Hodgson, Headmaster Bedford School, in the UK where Sue taught before she returned home to Zimbabwe to join Peterhouse.

Dear Howard,

Thank you so much for sending me the news concerning Sue; we have been keeping up with things from afar. Sue was so popular here and we have really missed her. She was a dedicated, kind and highly professional member of the English Department and a wonderful resident Assistant Boarding Housemaster – loyal, fun, full of integrity, and she loved the boys in her care, as they did she. We will be grieving her loss.

James Hodgson HM Bedford School

This has otherwise been a very successful third quarter of the term.

I am very pleased to be able to report that the transformation of the old library into a new gym is progressing well – the new gym should be open for business at the start of next term. I am sure that the boys will benefit greatly from the enhanced training facilities. Our new golf greens at the front of school are also progressing well; by the way their creation is not being financed by the school but as a result of a generous donation from one of our parents.

As you will see from the detail below our pupils have been as busy as ever outside the classroom on the games fields, engaged in debating etc. and preparing for this year's Eisteddfod. I would like to highlight the success of the recent rowing trip to South Africa where our pupils competed in the South African Championships – as ever, they did themselves and Peterhouse proud.

Finally, you may have heard that there was some excitement in the Blackett family last Saturday – our dog, Ruby, was attacked by a python, whilst my wife Susie, my daughter Alice, and I were walking her in Calderwood Park. Fortunately Scott Walraven (Master i/c) and the Snake Club boys happened to be the vicinity at the time, ironically looking for a few vipers to add to their collection, and Ruby was saved. Many thanks to Scott Walraven, Cody Cooper, Jack Worswick, Brennan Watt, David Bailey and Joel Royston for coming to the rescue. Ruby is now on the mend.

Have a very pleasant FFW.

Yours faithfully,



Howard Blackett MA (Oxon)
Rector

FROM: THE BUSINESS DIRECTOR

Dear Parents and Guardians

By now you will have received your child's fee statement. If you have made a payment which is not reflecting, or have any queries regarding charges on your statement, please contact Peggy Morgan (debtors@peterhouse.co.zw) or Juliette Kwesha (debtors2@peterhouse.co.zw) as soon as possible, so that we can rectify our records.

Fee Clearance Letters have been emailed to Parents for pupils who have a fee statement balance of \$200 or less. Fee Clearance Letters will also be issued for those pupils who have a balance greater than \$200, but are in line with their Payment Plans with Peterhouse. Please ensure that your child/ren do not return to school after the fixture free, without a Fee Clearance Letter.

Parents are asked to only use the following two **Nostro accounts for US Dollar payments** (as shown on the fee statement):

Stanbic

Acc. Name: Peterhouse School
Acc. No: 9140000908826
Branch Name: Msasa
Branch Code: 3108
Swift Code: SBICZWHX

Barclays

Acc. Name: Peterhouse
Acc. Number: 1071215
Branch Name: FCA Centre
Branch Code: 057
Swift Code: BARCZWHX

With the announcement of the Monetary Policy on 26th February, any payments made towards fees in US\$'s from 1st March onwards, will be reflecting on your statement in RTGS\$'s incorporating the premium on the US\$ payment.

It is vital that we always have up to date contact information for each pupil, so please check that the contact information at the bottom of your child's statement is correct, and if any changes are to be made to them, please advise Sue Heathcote (accountant@peterhouse.co.zw).

I would like to wish you all a lovely half term weekend with your children.

Kind regards,



Mark Whitaker

1. OF INTEREST

1.1 Peterhouse Group Musical 2019 –‘Once On This Island’

Once On This Island is a captivating and enchanting musical fable that tells the story of the forbidden romance between a peasant girl and a rich city boy whom she saves from death. This calypso-flavoured re-telling of the novel *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy - originally inspired by Hans Christian Anderson's *The Little Mermaid* - opens on a Caribbean island where social prejudice divides the island. With the gods looking over them, villagers comfort a little girl with the story of the orphan Ti Moune who is destined to love too much for the human heart to bear. *Once on This Island* uses the tradition of storytelling to pass down history, values and insight from one generation to the next. Staged with minimal props, sets and costumes, this musical delivers melody, love and joy in tropical abundance.

Director: David Bvumbe

Music - Choir and Orchestra: Theresa Covini, Milupi Imbula, Tinashe Jera

Producer: Chipu Mtakwa

Should your son/daughter be interested, please encourage them whilst being aware of the commitment involved.

The musical has been advertised and auditions will be on the 31st of March, in the Fieldsend Hall at 09.30.

For any queries please email drama@peterhouse.co.zw

1.2 The Megahey Centre

Our archive collections are almost en route. The process has been started and we will soon be in possession of Allan Megahey's collection of books and papers as well as the Gibbs collection – a comprehensive collection of newspaper cuttings from Government House between 1960 and 1969. There are also a collection of books dealing with Rhodesia/ Zimbabwe between 1960 - 2010. These would appeal to those with wider historical or church interests. This whole collection will be of interest to academic visitors and staff wanting to use the material for academic or professional purposes. Of special interest to historians would be the archival papers in Allan's collection which deal with issues pertinent to Peterhouse, Zimbabwe - and Africa in general - from 1950 onwards. Many of these papers were inherited from Fred Snell (the founding Rector) and were used in writing the books 'Humphrey Gibbs: A Beleaguered Governor' and 'A School in Africa,' about Peterhouse. Our intention is to house these collections in a special archive room which is designed to accommodate further cuttings, papers and collections of district, national and public interest.

1.3 C Block Outback trip next Term

Every pupil in C Block will engage in an exciting and challenging outdoor program early next term. It is called the 'Outback Program' and runs over three nights and three days. An Indemnity Form will be sent out with your child for you to sign and return and a letter has gone out to all parents with children in C Block, giving them more detail on what this adventure entails. If anyone has any questions relating to this program, please do not hesitate to let me know. Sarah Shoemith. Outdoor Education Director.
deca@peterhouse.co.zw.

1.4 Fly Fishing

There is a fly fishing weekend in Nyanga on 22nd, 23rd and 24th March for both boys and girls who are keen. Details from conservation@peterhouse.co.zw – deadline Monday 15th March at 13.00.

1.5 Fifth Form Biology and Geography Rifa Trip 2019 (August 5th to August 9th)

All pupils who do biology and/or geography at fifth form level are eligible for this trip and they were given letters to bring home for the weekend. Please email conservation@peterhouse.co.zw if you are interested. As there are limited places, the first thirty names on the list will be the pupils to go, so please email asap.

1.6 Gosho Park

The zebra in Gosho have bred well and we now have too many – does anyone know of a market for zebra? Please contact conservation@peterhouse.co.zw if you know of a small game park looking for zebra.

2. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

2.1 Music

Eisteddfod Programme

Thursday 14 March

African Gospel choir	11.00am (Gateway High School)
Western Ensembles	2.00pm (Prince Edward)
Vocal Duet	2.50pm

Friday 15 March (Prince Edward)

Mbira solo	9.10am
Marimba Ensembles Form 1-3	8.30am
Form 4-6	10.35am
Vocal solo Boys Form 3-4	8.30am

Wednesday 20 March (Prince Edward)

Piano solo Classical G5	2.55pm
Violin solo G6	2.00pm
Cello solo G4	8.30am
Woodwind solo G5	10.25am
Woodwind solo G7	12.10pm
Brass solo G6	11.20am
Piano Duet 4-6	3.45pm

Monday 25 March (Prince Edward)

Piano solo Romantic G5	3.50pm
Piano solo Romantic G7	3.50pm
Piano solo Own choice G2	10.00am
Piano solo Own choice G4	10.50am
Violin solo G2	11.40am
Woodwind solo G3	8.30am

Tuesday 26 March (Harare International School)

PHG Form 1/2 choir	9.00am
PHB Form 1/2 choir	9.55am

Thursday 28 March (Harare International School)

PHG Senior choir	9.00am
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PHB senior choir 2.00pm
Senior Mixed choir 11.35am
Senior Mixed choir 3.40pm

Friday 29 March (Prince Edward)

Windband and Orchestra 9.00am

2.2 Service Club Activities

Interact Report – Musha weVana Visit (Tapiwa Muranda)

On Thursday the 28th of February the Interact club visited the local orphanage, Musha weVana. We were welcomed by ecstatic faces of the little ones; all geared and ready to have fun with the Interact members. The afternoon was well spent. This was the first visit to Musha weVana for new Interact members, which challenged them to socialize and interact with children of different ages. Stories were shared, songs were sung and friendships were made. The fine afternoon was rounded off by the Interact board members giving clothes and school shoes to the children; they were very grateful for this kind gesture. The Interact club thanks all who donated clothing as the children at Musha weVana really appreciated it.

Leo Visit to St Francis (Taurai Mhete)

On Monday the 4th of March the Peterhouse Leo club had the opportunity to visit St Francis School. As a club we were able to supply the school with items of stationary etc. We all took part in various games and activities with the children and had an amazing time interacting with all of them.

Unfortunately, we did not spend much time at St Francis, and it is definitely in our future plans to spend another eventful afternoon with them where we would provide drinks and food for all the children and get to know, as well as build relationships with them all.

As a club we are truly grateful to everyone who made this visit possible, we believe that as a team, if we all work together we truly will fulfil our motto - “We Serve”.

2.3 Duke of Edinburgh International Award

Adventurous Journeys to Imire and Nyanga National Park

Forty-seven pupils managed to complete their Silver or Bronze Adventurous Journeys this weekend. They either completed a gruelling Expedition over Mt Nyangani and onto the Gairezi River in Nyanga or had a special exploratory trip in Imire, where they encountered rhino, lion and elephant. They will be presenting their Journey reports on the 25th of March with the Chisipite girls who accompanied them.

2.4 Results

Bridge vs Convent
As, Bs and Cs all won their games

vs Peterhouse Girls **P3 W1 L2**

Chess **Half-Colours awarded to Prince Sithole and Tadiwanashe Kondo.**

Quiz Inter-Schools Quiz

Hosted by the Heritage School on Wed the 6th of March.

Juniors: Peterhouse As came 4/25.
Peterhouse Bs came 9/25.
Seniors: Peterhouse came 4/25.

3. SPORTING ACTIVITIES

3.1 Results

Archery Paulo Marucchi and Xuan Zahong took part in latest Interschool's Archery competition and were part of the senior team that finished second.

Athletics

Interhouse		
1 st	Paget	344 Points
2 nd	Ellis	336 Points
3 rd	Snell	333 Points
4 th	Malvern	309 Points
5 th	Founders	301 Points
6 th	Grinham	266 Points

Congratulations to the following boys for getting the most points in their respective age groups;

Best U14	Kupakwashe Jani	(17 points)
Best U15	Kudzaiishe Shamu	(24 points)
Best U16	Sheunesu Tawengwa	(26 points)
Best U17	Hunter Chiutsi	(21 points)
Best U18	Andrew Rinomhota	(23 points)
Victor Ludorum	Ronald Chibowora	(23 points)

Peterhouse Invitational Relays

1 st	Prince Edward	258
2 nd	Peterhouse Boys	244
3 rd	St Georges	195
4 th	St Johns	181
4 th	Falcon	181
6 th	Churchill	90
7 th	BMC	77

Outstanding performances from U18 achieving 6 first positions and 3 second positions and also by U20 with 3 first positions and 3 second positions

Cricket The following players have been selected into the Zimbabwe Cricket squads for their respective age groups:

U14
Nicholas Anderson, Sean Bennett, Kohl Eksteen, Dhaneel Goven, Tendai Mutwira, Ryan Tabengwa and Tapiwa Zhanda.

U15

Campbell Macmillan, Tadiwa Mandimutsira and Simbarashe Mudimu.

U17

Brian Bennett, David Bennett, Brendan Hildebrand, Tendekai Mataranyika and Steven Saul.

Karate

The following boys graded and achieved the following belts;

Mufaro Mukonoweshuro Orange Stripe

Tyler Van Rooyen Yellow Stripe

Kgosi Andries Yellow Belt

Rowing

South African Rowing Championships 2019

Sculls

David Rogers came 7th in the Open Semi-Final.

Cullen Shoemith came 37th out of 73 in his heat.

James Weller came 6th in the U16 Semi-Final.

Zvikomborero Charera came 31st out of 62 in his heat.

Reagan Evans came 4th in the U15 Semi-Final.

Emmanuel Nyamupingidza came 8th in the U15 Semi-Final.

Noah Madziva came 28th out of 57 in his heat.

Thomas Gray came 31st out of 57 in his heat.

Joel Royston came 40th out of 57 in his heat.

Joshua Eggersglusz came 42nd out of 57 in his heat.

Doubles

David Rogers and Cullen Shoemith came 7th in the Open Final.

James Weller and Zvikomborero Charera came 7th in the U16 Final.

Reagan Evans and Emmanuel Nyamupingidza came 3rd in the U15 Final (Bronze).

Thomas Gray and Joel Royston came 8th in the U14 Final.

Joshua Eggersglusz and Noah Madziva came 2nd in their heat.

Quads

Joshua Eggersglusz, Thomas Gray, Joel Royston, Noah Madziva and Mikael Royston (Cox) came 17th out of 43rd in their heat.

Squash

In the Zimbabwe Junior Squash Championships held over half term:

Rukudzo Midzi came 1st in the U14 category.

Timothy Elton made Zim U19.

Muzuva Gutu made Zim U17.

All the teams will be participating in the South African Championships in June.

Swimming

Two of our swimmers Brandon Rouse and Paul Retzlaff took part at CANA zone 4 swimming championships held in Namibia and did extremely well. Although they did not win any medals they managed very good personal best times in most of their races.

Triathlon

Our triathletes took part in the Troutbeck Triathlon ITU African Cup sprint distance held in Nyanga and the results were as follows:

Marcel Paulser 4th
Matthew Palmer 5th
David Evans 7th
Nico Dobropoulos 8th

In the men's super-sprint distance - Keith Elliott won gold and George Ascott won bronze.

**The following boys were selected for Zimbabwe Triathlon:
Marcel Paulser, Keith Elliott, George Ascott and Mathew Palmer.**

We also provided the water safety team comprising of Mr. Andrew Shoesmith, Angus Ferguson, Timothy Elton and Tinashe Timba.



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