

Welcome back to school for an exciting and enriching Term 2!



“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Good News to Celebrate

Phuthuma Matlala, one of our Grade 7 athletes, competed at the South African Athletics Championships in Potchefstroom. Not only did he win a **gold medal in the U13 high jump**, but he **broke a 22-year-old record** which now stands at 1,75m. He was awarded the trophy for the Best Boy Field Athlete. We are immensely proud of him.

A Call for Parental Support

The frontal lobe of our brain is used for **“executive function”** skills, such as **problem-solving, thinking, planning, and organising**. Unfortunately, this part of our brain only fully matures around the age of 25. Our pupils, therefore, rely heavily upon the adults in their lives to help them with these skills until they are ready to perform them on their own. In other words, as a parent or guardian, **you are the frontal lobe in your child’s brain!**

Top Tips for Top Results!

1. Ensure that your child’s CADII is packed with the **correct folders for each school day**. Make sure that each folder contains the textbook, plastic sleeves with resources and exercise book. Colour coding helps to make packing and keeping items together easier. You do not have to pack the CADII daily; just show them how to do it and **hold them accountable** to the act every evening until they are able to do it on their own.
2. Stationery must be complete and in working condition. Pupils are **empowered** when they have the right tools in a suitable pencil bag.

3. **Breakfast**, being the most important meal of the day, must be provided. Additionally, a **healthy lunch** box literally energises them for a busy day of learning and play. **Water** is food for the brain. A dehydrated brain can't think.
4. We are faced with heavy traffic at the school intersection. Depart from home early enough to ensure that your child **arrives on time and in a peaceful state**. When a child is in a stressed state (due to arriving late and receiving penalties), learning becomes disabled.
5. Ensure that you are technologically connected. Join your child's teachers' **myHomework** classes to stay up to date. The app enables access to resources, schedules and assessment scopes. The teachers can be reached via **email** and you are privy to your child's day-to-day academic progress via **ADAM**.
6. **Talk to your children! Listen, ask and respond**. Hold them to high standards but offer the required support to help them achieve the best. You can be a formidable team.

The Next Two Weeks

7-8 April	Under 9 netball clinic at PEPPS
8 April	April Fools' civvies Final date for April Extra Credit submissions
9 April	Under 7-8 netball clinic at PEPPS Debating workshop at PEPPS
8-10 April	Boys football tour to Camp Discovery
11 April	Grade 4&7 Parents' Consultation*
12 April	Grade 5&6 Parents' Consultation* *Both take place in the Tladi Hall 17h00-19h00
13 April	School production "Shecules" at 18h00

The term ahead is filled with **tournaments of sporting and cultural** nature. It is also an **EXAM term** for Grade 4-7. Please remember that your child may request additional contact with his/her teacher via the **Contact Booking Sheet**. Parents have been made aware that school-based **extra lessons** are a necessity for some. Please ensure that your child attends on the designated afternoons.

We wish you and your family a successful Term Two.

Yours in excellent education



Amanda Korff

Head of PEPPS Preparatory School




We all need a hero...and sometimes they come in the most unusual of forms!

It is time to meet the amazing

Shecules!



13 April | 18h00 | MJ Tladi Hall

 **R5.00 per ticket**