

113th Annual Speech Day & Prize Distribution 2016-17

Principal's Report 2016-17

A detailed analysis of the all the events that happened from May 29, 2016 to April 21, 2017

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Salutation and Introduction of the Annual Report.

Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished guests Dr. Ranjini Krishnaswamy, Mrs. Lakshmi Karhadkar, Mrs. Amita Dagade Patil, members of the Managing Committee, Staff, Parents, Well-wishers, Alumni and my dear Students, a very Good Morning to you all.

It is indeed for me an undiluted pleasure to welcome all of you to our 113th Annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution this morning and to present to you the Annual Report of the School for the Academic Year 2016-17. My tenure at St. Peter's has not been very long thus far; but ever since I walked in, there has been nothing but excitement and challenge. St. Peter's continues to tread the path of rich traditions that has been handed down over the years. Staff members and Principals may come and go, but the heritage of this glorious institution will carry on forever.

The New Hierarchy.

To help us continue St. Peter's traditions, the Management has promoted **Mr. Sunil Mane** and **Ms. Priya Pais** to the office of Supervisor – Secondary and Primary Section respectively. (Please give them a loud round of applause)

Student Council Members:

Election for School Officials: Emphasizing on the importance of democratically electing leaders, the Principal and Supervisors with the help of other staff members conducted the Elections as it happens in democratic India on **June 8, 2016**. Polling Booths, ballot boxes and polling paper with indelible ink being smeared on the finger was created for the purpose. Students were explained earlier at the assembly the importance of electing good leaders and the concept of secret ballot.

Investiture Ceremony: The newly elected Student Council Members were invested with their tie, badge and sash in a glittering ceremony that was held on **June 11, 2016** during the morning assembly. The students took the oath of office as the Principal and other senior members of the staff invested them on stage.

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Orientation for school officials: Resource personnel from Tipping Point were invited to train our newly invested Student Council Members – Captains, Vice Captains and Leaders in Leadership abilities, to be able to perform their duties better and effectively. Emphasis was laid on, “being of service to the institution through effective leadership”. This was organized on **June 14, 2016**.

Let me begin with academics and then move on to the activities.

Academics

ICSE Results for the academic year 2015-16, I begin with the results of 2015-16.

The school had 55 students who appeared for the March 2016 Examination. All 53 of them passed giving us a 100% result. The highlight being 44 students passed with a distinction, and the remaining 9 students secured a 1st Class. The School Average was 76.6% a benchmark that they had set for the batch of 2016-17 to better. Mast. Husain Unwalla was the top scorer with 94.7%. Mast. Ali Asger stood 2nd with 93.0% and Mast. Utkarsh Agrawal was a close 3rd with 93.7%. The Society of St. Peter’s in appreciation of his efforts calls upon Mast Husain Unwalla to come up on stage to receive his award, a Pure Silver Medallion created at the mint of the Reserve Bank of India and the Nirenski Study Cup, I would request that his parents accompany him here on stage. I request Dr. Ranjini Krishnaswamy to present the Medallion and the cup.

ICSE Results for the academic year 2016-17, were declared on the 29th of May 2017.

The school had 35 students who appeared for the March 2017 Examination. I am happy to announce that all 35 of them passed giving us a 100% result once again. But what is more commendable about the performance is that 32 students passed with a distinction, and the remaining 3 students secured a 1st Class. The School Average was 80.6% thus surpassing the previous benchmark and setting a new one for the next batch of students to better. Mast. Shubham Kakade was the top scorer with 92.8% Mast. Yash Saraf stood 2nd with 92.3% and Mast. Naman Joshi was a close 3rd with 92.2%. The Society of St. Peter’s in appreciation of his efforts calls upon Mast Shubham Kakade to come up on stage to receive his award. I would request that his parents too, accompany him here on stage. I request Mrs. Lakshmi Karhadkar to present the silver medallion and the Nirenski Study Cup.

We as staff are proud of this batch as, in spite of the odds they had to face during the academic year they came out winners, I congratulate them for their efforts, the teachers who guided them and stood by them during their time of adversity and their parents who supported them all along.

New Milestones Reached:

There were two new records created at this examination, scoring of a full 100 marks in a paper. Mast. Shubham Kakade for scoring a 100/100 in Commercial Applications and Mast. Naman Joshi for scoring 100/100 in Mathematics. I request Mrs. Amita Dagade Patil to make a presentation to both Shubham and Naman.

Felicitation for dedicated service of 25 years

Mrs. Rajrani Singh, matron of Flora House, after putting in dedicated service of 25 years is now planning to enjoy a retired life with her family. She has been a mother to many of our students here at St. Peter's, looked after them as her own. The management wishes to recognize her dedicated service to the institution by presenting her with an ex-gratia amount of Rs.25,000/- as a token of appreciation. I request Sr. Rebecca Eleson to escort Mrs. Rajrani Singh on stage to receive the gift.

Admission. Student and Staff Strength

Student Strength: We began the academic year with a total of **215** students of which **149** were boarders and **66** were day scholars. 6 out of the 7 dormitories on campus were functional throughout the academic year. During the year we had **77** new admissions and **6** withdrawals taking the year end tally to **203** boarders and **83** day scholars.

Obituary: It is with great sadness that we learnt of the passing away of Mast. Devendra Raghuvanshi – student of Class 9 in a tragic road accident at his home town in Indore on **April 6, 2017** while he was enjoying his summer vacation. We at St. Peter's who have known him closely are still trying to come to terms with this sad, tragic and untimely demise. We have known Devendra for five years from the time he joined us in **Class 5** his classmates and friends were devastated to learn of his passing. Devendra was a strong boy, athletic and full of life, always very focused and determined. Devendra was passionate about football and cricket as a sport and he was a great companion to his friends.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his parents and family members. Rest in peace Devendra. We will miss you.

Staff Strength: At the end of the academic year 2015-16 some Staff Members left us and at the beginning of the academic year 2016-17 some Staff Members joined us:

Staff who left us in (16-17)

1. Mr. Brian Robbins (Principal)
2. Ms. Jillian O'Connor
3. Ms. Harsha T. R.
4. Mr. Vikas Hagawne
5. Mr. Jonathan Yardi
6. Ms. Chhaya Kasurde
7. Mr. Duncan Van Mannen

Staff who joined us in (16-17)

1. Ms. Shashikala Sankpal
2. Mr. Suraj Kalambe
3. Ms. Krutika Chache
4. Mr. Melvyn Hastings
5. Mr. Jason Kennedy
6. Mr. Richard D'Rosario
7. Mr. Deryck Hastings
8. Mr. Jaywant More
9. Ms. Jumana Dholkawala

To those who left a sincere thanks for the service rendered and for those who joined a warm welcome.

Games & Sports

Sports does not build character, sports reveals it" – John Wooden.

One should remember that Sports and Academics resemble the two sides of the same coin. If sports education is carried out accompanied with the academic curriculum, the overall personality of the student is increased to quite an extent. The qualities of leadership, sharing, team spirit and tolerance are learnt from sports.

Sports education not only teaches the students to maintain the physical stamina, but also the habit of obedience, discipline, the determination to win, willpower, etc. The power of reasoning, mental development, vocational specialization comes from the academic education of the students.

Keeping this in mind, at St. Peter's we have devised a curriculum that incorporates both academics and sports as a healthy mix to give the students the much needed exercise for the mind and body. Apart from the various sports and games, such as Football, Cricket, Basket Ball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Athletics the latest inclusion has been Horse Riding which the students are enjoying and developing in confidence day-by-day.

Some of the sporting and literary events our students participated during the year were as follows:

Inter-House Events (Sporting)

Inter-House Carom Tournament - Seniors / Juniors, June 21, 2016

A chess player risks everything to protect his king, but a carom player is always afraid of losing his queen. It was a wonderful tournament. Ashlin house played exceptionally well to win the Senior's tournament and bagged the cup for their house. In the Junior tournament for Doubles Ashlin and Rowan emerged victorious, whereas in the Singles it was Vatsal Rangoonwala who swept through the tournament and was the winner.

Inter-House Badminton was held from the 4th to the 6th of July, 2016.

The tournament was won by Ashlin House with Rowan House emerging as runners-up. There were some individual awards as well.

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| I. | Junior Championship: | Atharva Sonje. |
| II. | Middle Championship: | Arnav Lokhande |
| III. | Seniors Championship: | Naman Joshi |

Inter-House Chess Tournament, 5th & 6th August, 2016

The Inter-House Chess Tournament was held on 5th & 6th of August, 2016 in the School Assembly Hall. It was conducted in 3 categories: Juniors, Middles & Senior's respectively. The fixtures were drawn on league basis.

The Grand Master for the year 2016-17 in the Junior group was Mast. Vrushank Gandhi of Rowan House, for the Middle's group Mast. Vedant Kothari of Ashlin House and for the Senior group Mast. Shubham Kakade of Rowan House.

The result for the tournament is as follows: Rowan House stood 1st, Ashlin House stood 2nd and the 3rd Place was shared by Cornwill House and Drury House.

Inter-House Football, 9th and 10th September, 2016.

The Inter-House Football Tournament was held on 9th and 10th of September, 2016. The students were classified into 4 groups namely under 10 years of age, under 12 years of age, above 12 years of age and above 15 years of age. The football tournament cup was swept off by Ashlin House with Cornwill House emerging as runners up. Drury and Rowan House shared the third place.

Inter-House Marathon, 1st October, 2016

The final Inter-House Marathon was on 1st of October, 2016 was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students. Every person on campus was in some way connected to the event. The icing on the cake was when the teachers ran a lap to conclude the marathon. Do you want to know who the winner at the marathon was? **"St. Peter's"**.

112th Inter House Annual Athletic Meet, 10th December, 2016.

Our sports day celebration provides a great platform to the students to show case the spirit of sportsmanship. The inauguration of our 112th Annual Athletic Meet commenced at 9.00 a.m. on the 10th of December. Our esteemed chief guest Mr. Cyrus Bharucha, an ex-student of the 1958 batch hoisted the flag and the sports meet was declared open by releasing pigeons as well as colorful helium balloons in the sky.

Ashlin house was in the lead and eventually emerged victorious. The events were finished off with the most energetic and cheered tug of war between the various houses and a special round with the visiting old boys of 81' who also graced the event.

Winners of the REX CUP:

Novices: Mast. Arav Agarwal
Midgets: Mast. Sanskar Kasurde
Junior: Mast. Purshottam Pol
Middles: Mast. Kaushik Ghosekar
Seniors: Late. Mast. Devendra Raghuvanshi & Mast. Priyanshu Mittal

Inter-House Basket Ball Tournament, 13th March, 2017

On the 13th of March we had our basketball tournament which was on a league-cum-knockout basis, on the basketball court. All the houses played very well. There was a tie between Rowan House and Drury House. The fight between Cornwill and Ashlin was very tough and interesting. In the dying moments of the game, Cornwill still had some hopes and battled hard but was ultimately defeated by Ashlin House. The Basket Ball cup was ultimately lifted by Ashlin House. The standings were as follows:

1st position - Ashlin House
2nd position - Cornwill House
3rd position - Rowan & Drury House

Inter-House Events (Literary)

Inter- House Quiz Competition, September, 2016

A quiz competition at the school level sharpens your intellect to learn, store and retrieve information not only of the curriculum that is taught but also that of general knowledge, life skills, general awareness, environment awareness and value education, on one platform.

Inter- House Junior Quiz Competition, 7th September, 2016

A Junior Quiz Competition was organized and headed by Mr. Kelkar who was assisted by Ms. Pais and Ms. Yadav. It comprised students of classes 5, 6 and 7. There were 6 very interesting rounds. All the participants tried their level best to score points for their respective houses.

Rowan House emerged victorious. Drury House bagged the second place and Ashlin stood third.

Inter-House Senior Quiz Competition, 9th September, 2016

Mr. Mane with his team consisting of Mr. Mandhare, Mr. Shelke, and Mr. Kusane showcased a very innovative, interesting and well organized inter- house senior quiz competition. The competition comprised students of classes 8, 9 and 10. The participants answered the questions with great enthusiasm. Tremendous team effort was seen from among the students participating and from staff in conducting the rounds.

Drury house won the competition. Rowan House stood second while Cornwill house came third.

Inter-House Debate Competition, 20th June, 2016, 6th July, 2016

The Debate Competition was well organized by the English Department headed by Ms. Pisal. Arnav Lokhande & Rohan Shetty. There was a lot of enthusiasm in the air. It was well conducted and equally well contested.

Inter-House Dramatics Competition, 24th September, 2016

This is one event that brings everyone together and the belongingness to the House is at its Zenith.

There were a series of interesting and hilarious plays lined up for the audience.

Ashlin House was first and bagged the Dramatics cup. Cornwill House stood second. There was a tie between Drury and Rowan House for the third position.

Inter House Junior / Senior Spell Bee Competition 21st October, 2016 and 14th February, 2017

"Spelling is important because it aids in reading. It helps cement the connection that is shared between sounds and letters."

Spellings are important because if you can spell, you will have greater self – confidence, enjoy writing, write fluently, become a better writer and achieve good grades. The competition was well contested and enjoyed by the audience too.

Inter-School Tournaments.

The Inter-School table tennis tournament 18th & 19th of July, 2016 at New Era High School, Panchgani.

This event was sponsored by Mapro. Nine of our students participated.

- Swayam. A (6A), Atharva. S (6A) and Harshad. M (7A) for under the 14 category.
- Vaikunth. V (9A), Hatim. J (9B), Agastya. S (9A), Kawut. R (9A), Naman. J (10A) and Sherwin .M (10A) for the under 17 category.

Football tournament conducted by Barnes School, Devlali in 2016-17.

The invitational football tournament hosted by Barnes School Devlali Camp, Nashik was organised for the 2nd time for U-14 and U-17 boys. Our school teams participated for the tournament. The U-17 boys lost in penalties with Wisdom School, Nashik. Were U-14 boys played and won their first match, they lost in their second match against St. Xavier's School, Nashik.

International School Sports Association, 19 January, 2017

On 19th of January there was a big event at MIT Gurukul, Pune. There were six main events in this meet. Twelve of the most renowned international board schools of the country participated in this tournament. We participated in athletics, football, basketball, badminton, table tennis and swimming. 9 of our teams reached the semifinals. In athletics, we bagged the gold medals in the Under-14 relay (Abhi Singh, Ansh Patel, Jayden Fernandes and Dhawal Sondekar) and a bronze in Under-17 relay (Karan Darji, Aayush Kedia, Kaushik Ghosekar and Jai Dosh).

Intra-Class Competitions

Intra-Class General Knowledge Competition Was conducted and certificates given to the winning students.

Intra- Class Creative Writing Competition brought out the author hidden in each child and the creative expression was worth reading.

Inter Class Painting Competition our budding artists really created colourful compositions, based on the themes given to them.

English Intra-Class Junior Story Telling Competition 2016-17 listening to stories from grandmothers is one thing but listening to stories from kids..... It's heavenly. You should make it a point to be present to experience it. Classes 2 to 6 participated in the Junior Story Telling Competition.

Cake Tournament, 31st March, 2017 as usual was played with a lot of enthusiasm and fanfare. The outcome was unimportant as everybody enjoyed the game.

Cleanest Class for the year, last year I had mentioned that we would be initiating a new award for the Class that manages to keep the Classroom clean throughout the terms. Many Classes made a conscious effort when the directive was given at the beginning but slowly it fizzled out and though the Classrooms were not as untidy as they used to be they were not as clean as they should have been. Only

one Class consistently kept the spirit of cleanliness alive and for that I appreciate the Class Teacher's effort and the student's diligence in adhering to the Cleanliness of the Classroom. Any guesses as to which that Classroom is and the teacher? Yes.....you got it right students of Class 6A and their Class Teacher Ms. Priya Pais. CONGRATULATIONS. Our town of Panchgani too received a very prestigious awards of being the cleanest town in Maharashtra, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Lakshmi Karhadkar and her team, they were presented with a Cheque of Rs.2.5 crores; I call upon Mrs. Karhadkar to present the Cleanest Classroom award for the year 2016-17 to students of Class 6A of the last academic year. Requesting the Class teacher and the monitor and asst. monitor to come up and receive the award.

Celebrations.

Feast of St. Peter's was celebrated on 29th June, 2016 with a solemn service in the Church of St. Peter's. Rev Daniel Raj spoke on the occasion and gave students good advice.

Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August, 2016. There were speeches in English and Hindi and singing of Patriotic songs.

Teachers Day Celebration, 6th September, 2016

Swami Vivekananda once said that "Every student is unique, it is the job of the teacher to help them discover it". Students put up a wonderful show in appreciation of all that the teachers do for them, throughout the year.

Hindi Divas, 14th September 2016.

The Hindi day Celebration was held on 14th September, 2016. The entire school participated in this programme. An **Inter House Poetry Recitation Competition** was also held on this day. **Mr. Amit Dwivedi**, a Radio Jockey and Journalist, was the **Chief Guest**. **Mr. Tejas Suma Shyam**, an Educationist from IIT Mumbai, and **Mr. Narayanrao Pawar**, API of Panchgani, were the **Special Guests** of the programme. Various types of programmes were presented by the staff as well as the students. The **Hindi Day Celebration** was a grand success. It was a wonderful and enthusiastically organized programme put up by the **Hindi Department**.

Children's Day Celebration, 12th and 14th Nov, 2016

St. Peter's School always strives to emerge out with something new for its students and children's day being a day especially for them the staff thought of a different way of celebrating this special day on two occasions. The school planned a trip to Imagica, an amusement park on 12th November and a special programme in school on 14th Nov, 2016.

Constitution Day, 26th November, 2016.

On 26th November, 2016 we celebrated the Constitution Day with a great zeal. After the celebration we took the students of our school in a procession in the town with placards having slogans '26th November, Constitution Day' 'Dr. Babasahebancha Jai Aso' and 'Bharatiya Sanvidhan Chirayu Ho'.

Christmas Celebration – Bonfire, 8th December, 2016.

The night was cold but the hearts were warm, warm with the gratitude of another calendar year gone by with no hiccups, students gathered around on the grounds of Lawrence villa to celebrate the bonfire night. A nativity play laced with Christmas Carols was put up by students from various dorms. Our narrator Ms. Priya Pais and Sr. Rebecca who was directing the show. The boys mesmerized the crowd with their brilliant acting and expressions and took the audience way back to the time when Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. The choir also sang to their hearts content with vigor as they belted out ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’ and ‘Mary’s Boy Child’ and many other Christmas Carols. The teachers too joined the singing as they sang along with the school band and choir. The cheerful environment was supplemented with refreshments provided by Mapro. Thanks to Mr. Mayur Vora an ex-Peterite for his generous contribution of the hot chocolate and cakes that were indeed delicious and filling and much needed on a cold night. Parents who were present and witnessed the event, I’m sure will cherish it for a long time.

Republic Day Celebration, 26th January, 2017

We had the traditional flag hoisting and speeches which emphasized the role of every Indian in making the country what it needs to be. A mention was made to strengthen the hands of our political leaders, who are trying their best to give the country a new direction, by appreciating and not criticizing their every move. Later our boys took part in the Parade that happens in the Town Square.

Founders Day, 6th February, 2017

Founders Day provides us the opportunity to reflect on our school, its illustrious history, while highlighting its important accomplishments. It allows us to look at the past, the present and take a glimpse into the future.

The entire School joined together to participate in the formal service which was held in the morning in the School Assembly Hall. The service was conducted by Rev. Daniel Raj. He shared an excellent message to focus on the Positive Attitude, Behaviour, Conduct (The ABC of life) that our Founding fathers believed in instilling in the students at St. Peter’s.

Community Events

Taluka Level Chess tournament, 3rd August, 2016

After a long period of time our school participated in the chess tournament. The tournament was held on 3rd August 2016. The tournament was on knock out basis. There were around forty – eight students in each group. The groups were allotted according to the age criteria such as under 14 years, under 17 years and under 19 years category. A. Badge, A. Gandhi, V. Kothari and S. Kakade represented our school in this tournament. The tournament was exciting and three boys from the following succeeded in qualifying for district level but one of them couldn’t make it.

Taluka Level Badminton Tournament Hosted by St. Peter's August 8, 2016

Badminton is a wonderful sport which helps us to focus our mind and also maintain physical fitness. An Inter-School Badminton Tournament at the Taluka Level was organized and hosted by our school for two days, in which 5 schools from Panchgani participated viz. St. Xavier's School, Wisdom School, Vidya Niketan (SSC), Vidya Niketan (CBSE), S. M. Batha School and St. Peter's School. The students participated under 14 years, 17 years and 19 years category.

On day 1 Arnav Lokhande and Parth Kelkar of the under 14 category while Naman Joshi and Yash Saraf of the under 17 category qualified for the finals (District Level) from St. Peter's School. For under 19 years category St. Xavier's won both doubles and singles against Vidya Niketan (CBSE).

These matches enhanced friendship and mutual understanding among the schools. It was a healthy competition.

The St. Peter's Rolling Trophy Inter-School Football Tournament, August 16 to August 22, 2016.

This was the first edition of the Inter School Rolling Football Tournament and was a grand success. As the tournament was organized by our school and we were the hosts, we were all enthusiastic, excited and full of determination from the beginning. There was no chance that we would go away without our hands on the trophy and so we started our journey by enrooting the first team that came on our way. In the inaugural match we beat Vidya Niketan SSC 3-1 and later in the day we beat Krishna School, Karad by 2-0. We were in great form but the club from Panchgani did make us a bit nervous but we held on to our nerves and went on to thrash Panchgani united 5-1.

The next game was the top of the table clash between us and Vidya Niketan CBSE School. Our boys showed their capability and hammered the rivals 6-0. They did not lose confidence and played against Mahatma Phule School in the quarters and we beat them 5-1. We were all set to get our hands on the most longed for trophy but the journey was not over. We again faced Panchgani United and beat them by 3-0, now we were a step away from the trophy. We faced Vidya Niketan (SSC) once again in the finals but had an easy victory with a 4-0 win against them. It was a dream come true for the team. In the earlier tournaments we had lost in the semis, final's and sometimes even knocked out but not this time. Our hard work paid off.

Some of the players were awarded with individuals trophies such as:

Best Defender	:	Mast. Ansh Singh and Late. Mast. Devendra Raghuvanshi
Best Goalkeeper	:	Mast. Prashant Shettyar
Best Mid-fielder	:	Mast. Milan Thakur
Highest Goal scorer	:	Mast. Priyanshu Mittal
Best Player of the Tournament	:	Mast. Gaurav Chugani

Panchi – Marathon, 28th January, 2017.

Every year, St. Peter's School, Panchgani organizes many community events. Panchi Marathon is one of the major events in which many State and National runners participate whole heartedly. The fourth Panchi Marathon which was conducted last year by St. Peter's School was a phenomenal success. It was a joint and enthusiastic participation and co-operation of all schools. This year the 5th edition of the Panchi – Marathon, was organized on Saturday, 28th January, 2017. Almost 50 schools were invited to participate in this marathon. There were five categories for the Panchi Marathon viz. Under – 12 years, Under – 14 years, Under – 17 years and Open category and the Physically challenged. Overall, The New English School of Mandhardevi and children of Eklavya Institute of Wai proved their mettle along with Sainik School, Satara and Karad Participants. Year after year Panchi Marathon is attaining good response. The Fifth edition of Panchi –Marathon has indeed been successful and has created good memories among all the participants, parents and organizers.

Junior Sports Day, 9th and 10th February, 2017.

On the 9th and 10th of February our school organized the Junior Sports Day on the Lower Field. In this event primary school children from 13 schools participated, including the Junior K. G. kids. To conclude the show there was a march past by all the schools who marched on the rhythmic beat of the band played by Nachiketas High School. The two rolling trophies were given for the best march past and the champions. Both the trophies were bagged by Nachiketas High School. This event is gaining popularity, more and more schools are participating in this event each year.

Special Events

"The Musical Journey-A Legend", 4th February, 2017.

"The Musical Journey"- A Legend.....a musical-cum-act based programmea new concept introduced at St. Peter's was a super hit. The preparations for the great and extraordinary program took almost a month, with staff and students putting their best foot forward and working hard to make it a grand success. It was a one of a kind event to be showcased in Panchgani, where Every single student in school took part and was put on stage those who witnessed it will bear testimony to the fact, that never before in the history of St. Peter's or for that matter in Panchgani there was a show as grand as this.

The script was unique and original co-written by our music master Mr. Jonathan Yardi, Ms. Jumana Dholkawala and Ms. Priya Pais – using the base story of the sound of music and adding two more characters from the very famous alumni of St. Peter's, viz. Freddie Mercury and Sultan Dharani a dramatical twist was given to the story. The play was divided into three scenes consisting of 4 group dances one duet and songs galore. The casting was done very methodically and every character portrayed their image with precision. For the first time it looked as though St. Peter's was a co-ed institution. Boys who acted as girls could not be recognized and put up an excellent act, which I am sure they will cherish for a lifetime.

St. Peter's created history that evening.

Class 10 Farewell, 28th February, 2017.

The students of Class 9 and Teachers of Class 9 & 10 organized a farewell function for the students of Class 10 in the School hall on **February 28, 2017**. All students of Class 9, Class 10 and the entire staff attended this function. The event was a mixture of a lot of fun and some emotional moments.

Annual Dinner, 2nd March, 2017.

Annual Dinner - this evening is a much awaited evening for the students of class 9 and 10 as it a formal event of handing over the flags and responsibilities by Captains of Class 10 to Class 9 Vice-Captains. This event is also organized to bid farewell in a formal way to our dear Class 10 students, who after spending five to eight years in the school, are waiting anxiously, to leave the portals of this institution and step into a new world. The function was hosted by Ms. Kasurde and Ms. Pais. This function was also attended by students and teachers from The Netherlands. A sumptuous meal followed by speeches by the outgoing School Captain and the Principal was the hallmark of the evening. The function ended with an inspirational quote by Albert Einstein –

“Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value”. All the staff members showered their blessings on the students, wishing them a bright future.

Bangalore / Sri Lanka Tour Report, 1st December, 2016

Two tours were conducted one inland and the other foreign. The Inland tour covered Bangalore, Mysore, Coorg and Mangalore. The foreign tour was to our neighbouring country Sri Lanka. Students who enlisted for the tour came back thoroughly satisfied. You will find a very detailed report in the Phoenix of 2016-17

School Health.

“A healthy body equals a healthy MIND, and a healthy mind takes care of SUCCESS”. - Richard Branson

The overall health of the school was by and large good. Thanks to our qualified team of Dr. Abhay Deshpande, Sr. Rebecca Eleson and the attendants at the hospital, who are available 24/7. Injuries and sickness were attended to and remedied instantly. The Meningococcal Vaccine was administered to students whose parents consented for the same as a preventive measure against the dreaded bacterial and viral infection meningitis.

The annual health check-up in school was conducted as usual. The ‘School Health Check-up’ program undertakes detailed health check-ups of school children:

Physical examination, Dental examination, Eye examination, Audiometry test, Lung function test by qualified experts

- Their health records are stored electronically on Personal Health Record (PHR) accounts.
- Individual records are accessible to the child and/or parents.
- Parents are guided on how to update their children’s out-of-school medical data here.
- Schools receive an administrative account so that they can access any student’s health record instantly in case of emergency.

International Dimension.

Students Exchange Program (Youth Summit 2016), October 2016

"Being an exchange student is awesome."

"I had the best time of my life."

"I learned so much about myself."

That is what students told me when they returned from Holland after the Student Exchange Programme. They told me about how wonderful it was, and how the exchange experiences have changed them forever. I was truly inspired by their energy, and the passion they had, while at Eindhoven.

It was my first trip out of the country. I was looking forward to the day I would step out on foreign soil. So if that was my state, I can imagine what it must have been for the children who were not only going abroad for the first time but also travelling by an airplane for the first time.

Mr. Mathew Skariah and I accompanied the students. Mr. Huub the Holland coordinator arranged for our stay and interaction with students from Stedelijk College – Eindhoven. We had the good fortune of meeting up with the Founder Members of EUMIND – Mr. Ludo Mateusen, Mrs. Annemie Mateusen-de Wolf and Ms. Jeanne Corsten. It's been a decade since EUMIND has been organizing these exchange programmes for school students and our students I'm sure have really benefitted from these visits. I would encourage you parents to allow your children to participate in such exchange programmes, it opens up newer avenues and gives the children the much needed perspective to move ahead in life and reach for the stars.

The students from the Netherlands were back once again for the exchange programme from February 26, 2017 to March 4, 2017. It was a really mutually satisfying trip for the visitors as well as for our students.

Felicitations & Farewell for Staff.

Farewell to Mr. Brian Robbins, 17th June, 2016

A fond farewell for Mr. Brian Robbins, our outgoing Principal, was organised by the management and staff of St. Peter's 17th of June, 2016 in the School Hall followed by a farewell dinner. The farewell function was graced by the presence of Mr. Lazarus, various dignitaries including Principal's and Directors of neighbouring Schools, the entire staff of our school and the School choir. The waving of hands with the chant GOODLUCK.....THANK YOU.....FAREWELL the next morning by students lined up alongside the road from Rhodesia Hall to the Main Gate as Mr. Robbins drove out of Lawrence Villa in his car for the last time was the icing on the cake to a grand farewell. Emotions were at its zenith.

Farewell to Ms. Chhaya Kasurde and Mr. Jonathan Yardi, March 31, 2017

A warm farewell was given to Ms. Kasurde and Mr. Yardi on 31st March, 2017 at the morning assembly, in the Assembly Hall. Both these teachers were indeed very deserving of the kind of farewell accorded to them, their leaving this institution is indeed a great loss to all of us.

New Initiatives at St. Peter's

1. Creation of Water Body work undertaken. Garden Seating renovated – next to School Hall.
2. Junior Library enhanced with books and décor, Junior Computer Centre established.
3. New CCTV's installed (35 new + 44 old), Two-way PA system installed in 20 class rooms.
4. Seven Short Throw Interactive Projectors installed in Classes 8 to 10.
5. Paver Blocks laid from Main Gate to Basket Ball Court and from Rhodesia Gate to Hospital.
6. New School Main Gate installed with new Columns to the left and right with School Crest and Signage. Frontal area of Main School Building and School Hall lighted up.
7. Roof Top painting / Painting of Class room lockers completed. School Fence painted.

Acknowledgements:

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." - John F. Kennedy

Ladies and Gentlemen, before I end, I would like to express my gratitude to all, who make serving this institution enjoyable and meaningful. I thank God who in his goodness and mercy gave me the most precious gift, "the gift of life" to work for his greater glory.

I thank the management for their constant support and guidance, especially Mr. Lazarus who is always willing to guide and give advice, especially when the going gets tough and in trying times.

To Dr. Ranjini Krishnaswamy, Mrs. Lakshmi Karhadkar and Mrs. Amita Dagade Patil for consenting to grace this occasion.

To my entire Staff – Teaching and Non-Teaching for their teamwork and instant availability to support any new venture that is undertaken.

To my Supervisors – Mr. Sunil Mane and Ms. Priya Pais who in my absence during the last week have put things together to ensure the smooth running of this event.

To Mr. Prasanna Kelkar and Mr. Mathew Skariah for putting together the images you saw that went along with the report. To Mr. Mulay, Mr. Balu Kamble and the entire maintenance team that has made this hall presentable for this morning's function.

A sincere thanks to you my dear parents for being there whenever needed and for believing that any disciplinary action taken was for the good of your child so that together we can create a wonderful cadre of citizens who will change the outlook of this nation.

Dear boys I wish you an enjoyable exeat, as you go with your parents, do remember that when you come back, you come back with renewed vigour to take on the challenge of the First Terminal Examination and have for yourself a benchmark that is higher than what you achieved last year and for which you are going to receive your awards a little while from now.

We have reached a milestone, but I have this to say:

The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep. Ladies and Gentlemen, May the good Lord bless you all. Thank you.

Dr. Wilfred Noronha (Principal)