



Riverview Reporter

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Term 2 Week 4

From the Head's Desk:

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Dear Parents

This term is certainly becoming increasingly busy and while the recent public holidays have been enjoyed by all, it doesn't always help with regards to productivity, but we have been able to navigate this space fairly well.

I had the privilege of going on the Grade 3 outing to Siyalima Farm on Tuesday. This was a wonderful learning experience for our pupils as this particular farm had a variety of crops, including citrus, macadamias, vegetables as well as flowers. The main highlight was certainly for the children to see the production process in the factory and packhouse itself, as this particular farm supply to the export as well as the local market. We will continue to expose our children to various outings here at Riverview, often specifically related to academic content covered in class.

This week was also a milestone in the history of our school, as we hosted Uplands and Penryn, over two consecutive days here at Riverview, for rugby matches involving our U9, U11 and U13 teams. The weather played its part too and we were treated to some excellent rugby matches over the past two days. It was special to see our parents, grandparents and friends of Riverview enjoying the rugby and being here to support. We are slowly building the rugby culture at Riverview and I am excited about the future of rugby at our school. Our netball girls are also having the opportunity to play as many matches as possible, including festivals, and this bodes well for the future of netball at our school. We also recently hosted a netball clinic for a number of schools and many of our girls and coaches received valuable coaching lessons and tactical tips from a very experienced coach who came down to Malelane to run the clinic.

If you walked on our campus over the past week, you would have seen a big change to the area outside the Junior Primary area of our school. This has now been re-paved and neatened up and it will become a wonderful "outdoor classroom" and break time area for this phase of our school. A big thanks must go to Ivan Giuricich and to the team he brought in to complete this project.

Details of the Nelspruit Eisteddfod for 2026 have gone out and it is our hope that many of our pupils take advantage of this great opportunity to showcase their talents later in the year. On the academic front, our senior primary continue to write their standardised tests and the scope of work for the June examinations will be distributed shortly by the respective subject teachers.

This weekend, many of our pupils, parents and staff will be participating in the annual Selati Race. There is a great sense of community around this event and our PA and staff will be running a coffee station at the start of the race once again.

Finally, I would like to wish all our Riverview Moms a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday. Thank you for the crucial role you play within your families and I do hope you have a wonderful weekend and are celebrated.

"Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're holding the family together." Susan Gale

Enjoy the weekend and see you at the Selati Race.

Murray Johnson



Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test 11-15 May: Afrikaans.

Thursday 07 May - U/9-Open League Netball @ Clivia.

Friday 08 May - JP and Preschool Mother's Morning.

Friday 08 May - U7/8 Netball and Tag Rugby @ Uplands.

Saturday 09 May - Selati Marathon @ Malelane Rugby Club.

Wednesday 13 May - U9-Open League Netball @ Ls Malelane.

Wednesday 13 May - U9-Open Rugby @ Curro Meridian.

Thursday 14 May - U9-Open Rugby @ Komatipoort Akademie.

Friday 15 May - U7/8 Netball and Tag Rugby @ Curro Nelspruit.

Sport:

Netball:

On Saturday 25 April, Riverview hosted a netball clinic at the Spar Courts. Marlie Nel and her assistant coach presented the clinic and showcased drills for defense and attacking skills. It was a beautiful day and the girls enjoyed their Saturday playing netball.

On Tuesday 5 May, the netball girls travelled to play their league match against Ls Numbi. Yesterday, the girls played against Penryn. It was a tough afternoon for our girls. We lost some of our matches, but the girls held their heads up high! The netball girls will be travelling to Clivia today to play their second league match. We are really looking forward to the results.



Rugby:

On Thursday, 23 April, the rugby boys travelled to Ls Malelane. What a cold, exhilarating afternoon! The under-9 team drew with Malelane, while the under-11 team lost. The afternoon concluded with the under-13 team losing by only one try! We celebrate the development and growth of the teams. Reflecting on the year before, our rugby is growing and improving! Well done, boys! On Tuesday, the under 11 boys won by 17 points and the under 13 boys concluded the afternoon with a tie! Yesterday, we played against Penryn on home soil and lost all our games. Reflecting on an afternoon like that, losing a game builds determination and perseverance! We have an important week lying ahead of us!



In other Sport News:

Mabuthonke Mdhlovu and Lwandle Mnguni participated in the annual In Die Bos Indoor Hockey tournament. Lwandle represented the Elephants under-12 girls' team, and Mabutho represented the Leopards under-12 boys' team. Both their teams came in first place in the tournament finals, obtaining gold medals. Mabutho received the Man of the Match award in one of the matches and the Umpire's Award for the whole tournament. We are so proud of them and wish them well as they prepare to represent Nelspruit in Durban in October at the PSi tournament.

Hlelo Maseko participated in the Witbank Snakepit Indoor Hockey tournament and scored the second most goals for the day. It brings such joy to know that our pupils are also excelling in their extracurricular activities.



Selati Fun Run Saturday 9th May at Malelane Golf Club.

The 21.1km race starts at 07h00. The 10km race and Fun Run will start shortly after.

Please ensure you give yourself enough time to get to the club, park, and walk to the event.

All Riverview children **must** wear their Riverview greens.

Please secure the race number on the front of t-shirt/sports top with safety pins in all four corners.

Please enter name and emergency cell number at home on the race numbers before Saturday morning.

These numbers must be worn by all fun run participants on the front of their t-shirt on event day, in order to be able to participate and receive goody bags and medals. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!



Grade 3 Outing to Siyalima Farms

The Grade 3 children discovered the five main food groups during their Life Skills lessons, as well as the importance of healthy food and the vitamins we need. Every child has made a healthy food snack recipe in front of the class. Siyalima is a wonderful citrus, macadamia, peppers and flower farm. We got to experience the whole process of citrus fruit from the tree in the orchards, through the packaging process to the packed boxes on the pallets ready for their long trip to the harbour, then on the ships to the Far East.





Pre-School News

This week our Cubs explored the fascinating world of spiders! We discovered that spiders are clever hunters who spin silky webs to catch their food. Their webs act like sticky traps for butterflies, flies, and other insects. The Cubs were amazed to learn how patient spiders are waiting quietly until their next meal gets caught. It was a fun way to see how nature works.



This week, our Grade 000 class explored patterns! They got creative with different coloured blocks to build their own unique designs while practicing an important early Mathematics skill.



Painting builds fine motor skills, while encouraging creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving. Art and being creative also helps children process emotions, develop confidence, and explore colours, shapes, and patterns that form the basis for early Literacy and Mathematics.





Grade 0 hands lovingly making a card for their mothers.



She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.

Proverbs 31:25,28