



Riverview Reporter

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Term 1 Week 9

From the Head's Desk

14 March 2024

With the holidays starting in a week's time, some parents may be considering how to keep their children busy. However, it is not a bad idea to allow them to be bored! Boredom plays an important part in a child's development.

Boredom Fosters Creativity

When kids have nothing to do, they often find ways to entertain themselves, leading to imaginative play, storytelling, and artistic expression.

Boredom develops Independent Thinking

Boredom forces children to think outside the box. Rather than constantly seeking external entertainment, children discover how to create their own fun and solve problems.

Boredom allows for Reflection and Self-Motivation

Boredom is a "creative state." It allows individuals, including children, to reflect, to daydream, and to explore their inner thoughts.

Boredom helps to Avoid Overstimulation

Overstimulation can hinder creativity. Without this downtime, some young people may resort to destructive behaviors when faced with idleness.

Children who experience boredom are provided with valuable opportunities to be creative, to think independently and to discover things about themselves. Do not feel guilty if your child has nothing to do at times during the holidays – IT IS GOOD FOR THEM!

Without any warning the new paved road has been opened! The traffic lights at the N4 intersection are not operational, there are no road markings and it appears construction and cleaning up operations are ongoing. Please take extra care when driving to and from school and PLEASE drive slowly!

We do have an agreement with TRAC to have the present gravel road that runs past the Pre-Primary tarred and once this is done and the drainage has been sorted out, we will construct a solid fence between this road and the Pre-Primary.

Alterations to the hall are progressing well and we are hoping all work will be completed in time for the School Play.

Have a great weekend.

Brendan Bailey

Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 18-20 March - Natural Science.

Friday 15 March - Cubs Outing.

Friday 15 March - Riverview Family Bring & Braai @ 16h30.

Saturday 16 March - Mpumalanga Athletics Championships in Secunda.

Tuesday 19 March - Grade 7's Malelane Dental Studio.

Wednesday 20 March - School closes 10h00.



Grade One

The Grade Ones have worked hard this term. They have lovely Time2Read workbooks. They can now write words and read sen-



A reminder of 2024 Term Dates

Second Term

School Opens for pupils: Tuesday 16 April
School Closes: Friday 21 June

Public Holidays: Wednesday 01 May Worker's Day
Wednesday 29 May General Elections
Monday 17 June (Sunday 16 June, Youth Day)

Third Term

School Opens for pupils: Tuesday 16 July
School Closes: Friday 20 September

Public Holidays: Friday 9 August National Women's Day

Fourth Term

School Opens for pupils: Tuesday 08 October
School Closes: Wednesday 04 December at 10h00

29 MAY 2024 (Wednesday)

South Africa goes to the polls on Wednesday 29 May 2024. As many of our children rely on public transport to get to and from school, **Riverview Prep School will be closed** on that day. It is important that we, as citizens of South Africa use our right to vote, and that we educate our children to use that hard earned right wisely when they become eligible to have their say.

It is believed that voting as we know it, became prevalent in Athens in the 5th century CBE when eligible male citizens participated in decision making. Women, slaves and foreigners were excluded from voting.

From 509 CBE to 29 CBE the romans relied on a mixed system of voting. Male citizens of high social standing and great wealth voted in one house while another forum allowed common people to vote by tribe. Again women, slaves and foreigners were excluded.

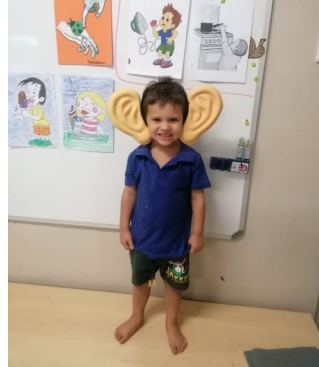
The **South Africa Act** of 1909 created a parliamentary government with a directly elected House of Assembly and an indirectly elected Senate. Voting was largely restricted to white men and Apartheid further limited the voting rights for Black South Africans. In 1994 South Africa held its first multiracial elections in which all South Africans were free to participate.

In a democratic country the people of that country have a say in who is elected to higher office. It is the office bearer's responsibility to ensure that they then represent the people who voted them into that position. It is vital that elected individuals are held to account and that extreme caution is exercised to ensure that those who may seek to erode the will of the people for person gain are not afforded the opportunity to do so. A politician is a servant of the people, elected to represent a constituency, and not an all powerful demigod.



Pre-Primary

This week the Cubs learnt all about their five senses. The sense of touch is spread throughout the whole body. They also learnt the dangers of touching hot things. Your tongue is only able to taste four separate flavours: salt, sour, sweet and bitter. Did you know your ears never sleep? They hear sounds around us, even when we are asleep.



This week the Grade 000's learnt why we celebrate Easter and made delicious hot cross buns together.



Do More Foundation

The Pre-primary teachers have enjoyed training a group of ladies from Early childhood development centres from the area.

Being part of the Do More Foundation has been a humbling experience for all of us and we look forward to working hand in hand with RCL with this cause for many years to come.



The Grade 00 class delighted in some fantasy play this week. The boxes were used as houses, tunnels, shields and a canvas for some artists!



The Grade 0s had a lovely morning when we visited Spar in Malelane on Thursday last week. We would like to thank Mr Le Roux and Mr Harris for arranging the visit and the "shopping experience" for all. We learnt about recycling done at Spar and the way all items are brought into the store by trucks and stored until placed on shelves. The children ended their visit by shopping for popcorn and an ice-cream or a slushy each. What a treat and special time we had.



"The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace."

Psalm 29:11 NIV



Moms in Touch would like to invite you to join us to pray for our children and our wonderful school. Tuesday mornings under the school trees. God works through praying Mothers. Covering your children in prayer, will help give you peace for every aspect of their lives!

If you would like to join or if you have any prayer requests you can contact Liziwe on 082 480 3138.

When we try, we fail. When we trust, He succeeds.

Corrie Ten Boom.