



Riverview Reporter

Champions Inspired by Values



Term 3 Week 5

From the Head's Desk:

20 August 2026

Dear Parents

This past week has been another eventful one, both on and off our campus. Last weekend our U9 and U10 hockey players participated in the annual Laerskool Laeveld hockey festival. It was not only a very worthwhile festival in terms of the opposition we played against, but all our teams each played four matches and that in itself is important, when one travels for sports fixtures on a Saturday. Thank you to our coaches for their continuous input on the hockey field as well as our parents who supported their children and the Riverview teams. On this note, when travelling for away sports fixtures, the communication and transport arrangements are finalised well in advance by our Sports Department and the onus is on you as parents to ensure your child arrives on time for the bus and also gets collected timeously on our return to school. It is unfair on our staff and coaches to be waiting for parents for the morning bus departure from school or for the collection of children after sport.

As we continue to navigate through another exciting term, I am once again reminded of what makes our school unique and a special place for all. Every day, our teachers continue to create opportunities to learn, discover, challenge themselves and most importantly grow as individuals. This growth includes academic, but also socially, emotionally and spiritually. We want to develop the whole child who grow up to be confident, compassionate, respectful and who will go out into the world to make a positive contribution. Our school motto, Champions Inspired by Values, captures this beautifully. Being a champion is not simply about winning a race, achieving the highest mark or standing on the podium. It is about showing integrity, perseverance, courage, kindness and respect and often having to overcome adversity.

These qualities are shown regularly by our pupils, whether on the sports field, in the classroom, on a stage or simply in the way our children support one another. Just last week I was complimented by a visitor to our school about the good manners of our children. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff as teaching is a profession that requires commitment, caring and patience and they give their very best to our children every day. To you our parents, thank you for your continued partnership and support. A strong school community is built when parents, teachers and pupils work together with a shared purpose.

I am pleased to report that construction has started on our new double garage and this will be completed by the end of this term. We are excited to see the weekly progress and we thank all those involved in making a real difference to our school.



With regards to staffing, sadly Amore Stander, our Gr 00 teacher and HOD of our Pre-School, has tendered her resignation and she will be leaving us at the end of the year. We thank her for her significant contribution that she has made to our school over a number of years and particularly in this important phase of our school. Her position has already been advertised.

Enjoy the weekend everyone.

"Being grateful attracts more things to be grateful about. It's a major key to a happy and fulfilling life".

Murray Johnson

Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test 24-28 August: Social Science.

Thursday 20 August - Open Cricket League @ Ls Sabie.

Friday 21 August - **Springbok Supporters Day!**

Children may wear their Springbok supporters shirts with their green Riverview sport shorts.

Friday 21 August - U7/8 Mini Hockey Festival @ Penryn.

Saturday 22 August - U9 Midi Hockey Festival @Komatipoort.

Monday 24 August - U9 Cricket League v Ls Laeveld @ RPS.

Tuesday 25 August - U10/11 Cricket League @ Ls Laeveld.

Wednesday 26 August - U11-13 Hockey league @ Barberton.

Thursday 27 August - Open Cricket League v Ls Laeveld @ RPS.

Saturday 29 August - Ehlanzeni Hockey Trials.



Sport:

Cricket

Last Thursday, the Under-13 cricket match was cancelled due to rain. We look forward to this week's match at Laerskool Sabie.

On Friday, our juniors took part in our annual Mini Cricket Festival.

We were delighted to welcome schools from near and far and would like to thank Wimpy Malelane for sponsoring lunch for the day.



On Monday, the Under-9 boys played against Penryn. They narrowly lost by just 1 run after an exceptional game.

On Tuesday, the Under-11 boys played against Laerskool Sabie and unfortunately lost by 6 wickets.

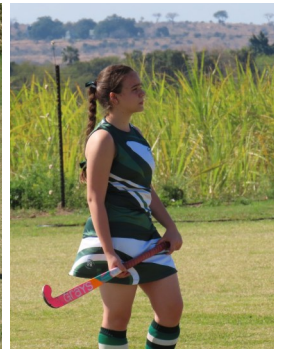


Hockey

On Saturday, our Under-9 and Under-10 boys and girls travelled to Laerskool Laeveld for their annual Midi-Hockey Festival. The teams played exceptionally well and celebrated some fantastic wins!



Yesterday, our under-13 boys and girls played against Laerskool Nelspruit in a very successful afternoon of hockey. The girls won 3–1, while the boys secured an impressive 3–0 victory. We are incredibly proud of our players and look forward to another exciting week of hockey.



This Friday and Saturday, our Under-7 to Under-9 boys and girls will travel to Penryn and Komatipoort respectively to participate in mini-hockey festivals. We wish all our players the very best!

Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer

We are incredibly proud of Mabuthonke Mdhlovu and Simtholile Zulu, who were invited by the Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Schools to attend the Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Schools World Cup 2026.

The boys proudly represented Riverview at the Championship on Friday, 7 August 2026, at the University of Pretoria.

Congratulations, Mabuthonke and Simtholile! We are so proud of your achievement and wish you continued success on your football journey.



Grade 1 Bush Explorer Adventure

Our Grade 1 children enjoyed a wonderful visit to Marloth Park this week. We took a walk along the Crocodile River and used our senses to explore and observe nature around us.

Our guide, Kim, reminded us that nature always has a story to tell. The children discovered a hole under the fence and, by looking at the footprints, realised that a warthog had dug it to reach the river for a drink.

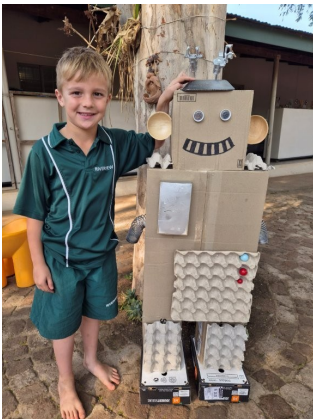
We saw a wonderful variety of animals and listened to the many different bird calls. Back at Bush Explorer House, the children learnt fascinating facts about hippos before painting their own clay hippos.

It was a fun, hands-on and meaningful learning experience that brought their classroom learning to life!



Young Inventor in Action!

Well done to Tom Rhodes in Grade 1 for building this amazing robot entirely from recyclable materials for his Rhino Challenge! We are so proud of his creativity, imagination and fantastic effort. What an incredible creation, Tom!



Praise and Worship - A Special Visit from George Muller

George Muller visited our school this morning and shared inspiring testimonies from his travels to Brazil, Burundi, Thailand and America.

It was a great honour and privilege to have him with us and to hear about his experiences and journey of faith. His message encouraged us to be living examples of God's love and grace and to share that love with the world.

We are grateful for this meaningful and inspiring visit.



Community outreach

Riverview Preparatory School is proud to give back to our community.

We were honoured to donate sanitary towels to Uthandiwe Children's Home, supporting the girls with an essential need while helping them feel confident, cared for and valued. This initiative is a reminder of the importance of compassion, kindness and service. We are proud to teach our learners that even small acts of giving can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Together, we can empower young girls and help build a community where everyone feels supported and cared for.





Pre-School News

This week, our Cubs ventured into the fascinating world of crocodiles! They discovered how mother crocodiles gently carry their babies in their mouths, how their powerful tails help them glide through the water, and how they love basking in the warm sunshine.

What a wild and wonderful creature to discover on our Cubs adventure!



This week Grade 000 learned all about sport. Our little champions enjoyed hands-on activities and had so much fun playing mini hockey and tennis. We practiced teamwork, coordination, and lots of cheering. A week full of movement and fun!



This week, our Grade 00s discovered the wonderful world of birds! From building their own nests to pretending to soar like eagles, it was a week filled with chirps, creative crafts and curious little wings.



Our Grade 0s have had a wonderful three weeks with our visiting student teacher, Mrs Sithole! They especially enjoyed learning about our beautiful country and its rich heritage as they prepare for Heritage Day in September. We will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Sithole on Monday, but we are so grateful that she chose Riverview for her practical teaching experience. It has been a pleasure having her in our preschool, and she will certainly be missed! The children even created the sweetest drawings of Mrs Sithole in their News Books. Thank you, Mrs Sithole, for sharing your time, knowledge and kindness with our little ones. We wish you all the very best for the future!



Blessed is the man whom You discipline, O Lord, and whom You teach out of Your law.

Psalm 94:12 ESV