



Riverview Reporter

Champions Inspired by Values



Term 2 Week 6

From the Head's Desk:

21 May 2026

Dear Parents

I was privileged this week to attend the two day New Heads' Programme, held in Johannesburg, at the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa's head office. Delegates who attended were from all over South Africa and represented the Early Childhood Development, Primary and High school education sectors. There was considerable peer interaction over the two days and it made me realise just how important it is for us as an independent school to be a member of Isasa, and also to recognise the considerable network and the wealth of knowledge that exists within our profession. Prior to this in-person workshop, all delegates had attended online meetings with various keynote speakers and vastly experienced Head's who gave valuable insight into the role of a Head and the key stakeholders within a school, i.e. Parents, Pupils, Staff and Board.

On a personal note, parent engagement at Riverview Prep is vitally important, as it should be in any school. Engagement should be continuous, collaborative, trust-based, transparent and warm. Communication should always be twofold and I have always believed that strong and consistent communication is the key in any successful school or in any business. Our weekly school newsletters are important to highlight the important happenings within our school and to draw your attention to various important matters as parents, but parent meetings, forums and surveys are examples of engagement and feedback platforms used in many schools, some being more beneficial than others. I feel privileged to lead a school such as Riverview and to be part of our community and know that with a collective effort through our staff, parent body and Board, our vision for the long-term future of our school will become a reality, if our parent-teacher relationship is aligned. My encouragement to you as parents, is to get more involved in everything that happens here at Riverview, as this will make a significant and lasting impression on your child while they are a pupil at our school.

While I have been away this week, our netball teams have continued to perform well and today we host Skukuza Primary, in both netball and soccer fixtures. Then on the weekend, we travel to White River for mini netball and tag rugby at White River Primary and we will also be participating in a netball and rugby festival at Uplands, this being for selected teams only.

Finally, a big thank you to our RPS PA who kindly assisted financially to a newly paved area outside our Junior Primary classrooms. It has totally transformed this space and has made a positive difference to our children and to our beautiful campus. Your continued support of our school is truly appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend everyone and see you on the side of the sports field on Saturday.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." - Helen Keller

Murray Johnson

Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test 25-29 May: Natural Science.

Thursday 21 May - U9-Open Netball & U11-Open Soccer v Skukuza @ RPS.

Saturday 23 May - U7/8 Netball & Tag Rugby @ White River Primary.

Saturday 23 May - U13 Rugby and U12 Netball @ Uplands.

Tuesday 26 May - Interhouse Netball and Rugby.

Friday 29 May - Slipper Day (R20).



Slipper Day 2026

reach for a dream

Next Friday, 29 May 2026, is Reach for a Dream Slipper Day, organised by the Reach For A Dream Foundation.

We encourage all our Riverview children to support this very special cause by wearing their slippers to school and purchasing a R20 sticker next Friday.

All proceeds go towards supporting children battling life-threatening illnesses. Thank you for helping us make a difference and bring hope to these brave children.



Sport

Last week's sport:

On Thursday we had a lovely trip to Komatipoort, where the boys and girls played some tough matches. They stayed determined and showed great sportsmanship on both the court and the field. On Friday, 15 May, the Grade 1 and 2 pupils travelled to Curro Nelspruit for a fun day of sport. The under-7 tag team is still unbeaten, while the under-8 tag team played their hearts out and won one of their three matches. The under-7 and under-8 netball teams have also not lost a match this season. We are very proud of the excellent netball they are playing and the great teamwork they continue to show.

This week's sport:

The netball teams travelled to Uplands to play their final league matches. Although we lost some matches, the girls enjoyed the afternoon and played with great spirit.

Today we will be playing against Skukuza Primary School in our final netball matches of the season. We are proud of the girls for their hard work, teamwork, and dedication throughout the season.

We will now be changing over to hockey and soccer season. Information regarding uniform will be sent out tomorrow.



Grade 6 Social Science

The Grade 6 class moulded rhinos out of clay to represent the famous Golden Rhino that was found in Mapungubwe. As part of their History syllabus, the children have been exploring the fascinating Kingdom of Mapungubwe and discovering its importance as one of Southern Africa's earliest advanced kingdoms. The creative activity gave the class an opportunity to combine art and history while learning about the rich cultural heritage of Mapungubwe.



Junior Primary Junior Jives

Parents were invited to attend the Junior Jives demo morning, a wonderful opportunity to see what the children have been learning. These musical and rhythm activities support important developmental and learning skills in a fun, engaging way.



Celebrating Our Stars of the Week

Every child shines in their own special way, and we celebrate these pupils who have shown kindness, courage, hard work, and a positive attitude in their classrooms:

Akwande, Grade 1: She has worked hard in Mathematics, and her work has improved.

Olivia, Grade 2: She is a hardworking pupil and a talented netball player. She takes her time in Mathematics to avoid mistakes.

Jivanni, Grade 3: She is a very creative girl with a great imagination. She enjoys creating beautiful things from everyday materials.

Keep reaching for the stars, little champions — champions inspired by values.





Pre-School News

The Preschoolers had a wonderful day celebrating precious bees. Leandri kindly did a presentation on these amazing insects that provide so much for us. The children were fascinated by the honeycomb she brought for us and learnt many new and interesting facts about bees. Everyone had a taste of pure honey which was kindly donated by a parent.



You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living being.

Psalm 145:16 NIV