

Term 1 Week 2 <u>From the Head's Desk</u> 25 January 2024

Welcome back to Riverview Preparatory School. I trust that 2024 will be safe and happy year for all people in our extended community.

We started the year with our Inter House Athletics meeting held over several days. This was to facilitate the selection of a school team for the sub-district meeting that was held at Malelane yesterday and to avoid some children having to do up to 10 events had the meeting been held on one (perhaps hot) summer day. Our athletes performed exceptionally well, both at the inter house, where several records were broken, and at the sub-circuit meeting.

Good progress is being made on the hall renovations and it is hoped that by term end, we will have a lockable, secure and attractive venue for meetings and plays. The upgrade includes the development of two sports storerooms and a much-improved changing and lunch area for our ground staff.

The Junior Primary information evening was well attended and we look forward to another good turnout at the Preprimary and Senior Primary evening that will be held tonight.

Thank you to Andre Els and his team for their hard work over the holidays. Our solar system is now fully installed and besides a few minor adjustments to the computer system, that will enable us to receive the best benefit for the school, is operating well. All lights, computers and projectors can now operate during load shedding and we hope that in time, fans and maybe even an air-conditioner or two will be able to be left on.

Brain Teasers

The first child to provide me with the correct answers to the following questions will receive a small surprise:

What number do you get when you multiply all of the numbers on a telephone keypad?

A number is increased by 1 and then multiplied by 2. The result is 10. What is the original number? I encourage you to work with your children, but please do not just give them the answers. Have a lovely weekend.

Brendan Bailey

Week ahead:

Thursday 25 January - Pre-primary and Senior primary Parent's evening @ 17h30.

Saturday 27 January - Friendly Athletics @ Malelane Primary.

Tuesday 30 January - Circuit Athletics @ Malelane Primary.

Wednesday 31 January - Field Events @ Uplands.

Saturday 3 February - Independent Schools Athletics, track and field relays @ Penryn.

From the Sport's Desk

The sports calendar kicked off with the Inter-house Athletics.

All children had the opportunity to participate in their red and blues and show their talent in either the field, track or middle/long distance events to establish the athletic team for the season.

There was much excitement watching the parents and pre-schooler races.

Congratulations to the following children who broke records:

Hugo Vieira U/12B (70m Hurdles, 1200m & 150m Hurdles)

Micaela Fourie U/12G (1200m & long jump)

Nobuciko Mabunda U/12G (75m Hurdles, 150m Hurdles, 100m & 150m)

Sanele Timane U/11B (70m Hurdles)



On Wednesday the first trials for the Mpumalanga Athletics took place during the Sub-Circuit at Malelane Primary. Our children did very well and the following will go through to the next round which will take place next week Tuesday during the Circuit meeting. Congratulations to the following 21 athletes who qualified at the Sub-District to partake in the Districts round.

Liam Möhle Khutšo Molapo Soncoba Mziyako Reamohetse Mahlatsi

Hugo Vieira Micaela Fourie Worship Ndlala Nobuciko Mabunda

Sanele Timane
Nobuciko Mabunda
Sanele Timane
Rushda Patel
Vutomi Mthethwa
Ngcebo Shongwe
Andrew Granville
Nkosizwile Mabuza
Hermela Gebremedhin

Lwandile Mnguni Lwandle Mnguni Boitumelo Mabilane

The next athletics meeting will be a friendly meeting on Saturday at Malelane Primary against other local schools. We encourage parents to please come and support your children.































Grade 1

Twenty four eager and excited young hearts enrolled for Grade 1 with Mrs Wendy McKinnon. They were all welcomed to "big school" by ringing the bell and getting a firm hand shake from Mr Bailey after Assembly. The first day of school went very well! . Grade 1, 2 and 3 will be assisted by Mrs Karen Kaligan who has joined Riverview as a Grade 1-3 Small Group Teacher.

















Pre-Primary News

These cute Cubs smiled broadly as they joined Riverview Prep for the first time.



The Grade 000 class have taken great delight in the Colours of the Rainbow theme this week.





The Grade 00 class enjoyed learning all about their bodies and loved painting and drawing their "life-size" selves.









The Grade 0s thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Leo this week. He had much to say and helped them settle happily into their new classroom.

















"Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."