

# Riverview Reporter

*Champions Inspired by Values*



Term 1 Week 7

**From the Interim-Head's Desk:**

27 February 2025

Good Afternoon Parents and Friends

We welcome, onto the Staff, Mrs Bev Bradnick, who will be taking over Grade 2 while Ms Swart is on maternity leave. We wish Ms. Swart everything of the best on her leave and look forward to her return in the third term.

We are in the midst of having photographs taken at School; the Pre-School had their photos taken today, Thursday, whilst the Prep School children will have their photos done tomorrow, Friday. **Please note that** the cost of the photos will be included in parents' accounts. We shall not accept cash for payment; thank you for your support on this issue.

Grateful thanks go to Mr and Mrs Giuricich for their assistance in sorting out the new fence for the Pre-School. This is a welcome feature, adding pleasing colour to the Pre-School playground!



**Kids' friendships** are treasured and beautiful, but they are also difficult. With the following tips, we can help our kids navigate friendships well.

"It was my favourite day ever: my 8th birthday. The sun glistened through the trees as I sat on our chain-link fence, staring down the street anxiously waiting for my friends to arrive at my party. I won't lie. There was a moment when I wondered if anyone would come. But, one by one they pulled into the driveway, and I was surrounded by people who had come just to celebrate with me.

I've had many birthdays since that one, but it's the one I hold most dear, probably because friendship at that point in my life was so simple. Since then I've learned that friends can be ugly. Friends can abandon you. Friends can move away. Friends can even betray you. The truth is friendship is hard, and we only have a few short years before we learn that reality, which is why we need to be intentional about having our kids navigate friendships well."

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Derek Reynish*

## **Hand Foot and Mouth Disease**

**Please see attached letter sent out to parents on the 7th of February 2025.**

## **Week ahead:**

**Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 3-7 March: Social Science.**

Thursday 27 February - Preschool Photo Day.

Friday 28 February - Prep School Photo Day  
& Sibling Photos.

Wednesday 5 March - Fast 5 Netball and  
7s Rugby @ Penryn.



## From the Sport's Desk

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, seven of our athletes competed at the Districts hosted by Nelspruit Laerskool. Three of our athletes (Nobuciko Mabunda, Vutomi Mthethwa and Lwandle Mnguni) were selected as part of the Ehlanzeni team and will compete on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 at the Mpumalanga Athletics Championships in Secunda. We are extremely proud of our athletes and wish them all the best!

Our swimmers performed very well in the relay gala hosted at Penryn on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. The Learn-To-Swim program in the Junior Phase, as well as the Stroke Correction program in the Senior Phase, is really making a difference and we can see the evidence in the pool. Our netball and rugby is off to an exciting start. Our first fixtures will be held at Penryn on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, when we play in their Fast 5's and fast 7's Festival. We are looking forward to a lovely day with cool weather!

## Upcoming Events:

05 March 2025 – Fast 5s Netball and 7s Rugby @ Penryn.

13 March 2025 – U7- Open Netball and Rugby against Komatiport @ Komatiport Akademie.

*Photo Credit HH Photography*



## Robotics

The Grade 00, 0 and Grade 1 classes are building a foundation in Robotics. Robotics help children to identify structural challenges and develop problem-solving abilities.

Our Grade 5s could not resist joining in on the fun!







## Pre-Primary News

This week the Cubs learnt all about night animals. These animals sleep during the daytime and become active at night. Owls have ultra-sensitive hearing and excellent night vision. Sleeping upside down is the most natural and comfortable position for bats. How cool is that!



Grade 000s learning about their 5 senses. They made two little eyes to look around.





The Grade 00 class having fun and learning about numbers and taking turns playing “Snakes and ladders”.  
“Children learn as they play. Most importantly in play, children learn how to learn.” – O. Fred Donaldson



It was loads of fun acting out the Kolobok story during Story Grammar time this week. A few Grade 0s are definitely in line for an Oscar award!



"Your own soul is nourished when you are kind, but you destroy yourself when you are cruel"

Proverbs 11:17 NLT