

Term 2 Week 8 27 June 2025

Welcome to the final newsletter of the term! The eight weeks of the term have flashed by and we are all looking forward to a breather, as are you, the parents!

As regards the school holiday period, please will you see that your child is 'gainfully employed' during this time. Plenty of **outdoor activities** would be great, rather than sitting around the house staring at a screen. Playing in the garden, playing sport and taking part in other games and outdoor activities would also be of great benefit.

Another important area to occupy the children is **reading**; many of our children would improve their wellbeing from doses of daily reading; this should include reading to a parent as well. Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis, which will benefit him or her immeasurably in the classroom.

Three 'Riverview Babies' have been born this year! Proud parents include Ms Swart and Mr Charl Marais (Left), Mr and Mrs Nieuwenhuizen (middle) and Mr and Mrs Els (right) have all been blessed with new offspring! Mr and Mrs Dreyer are expecting their baby later in the year! Our best wishes go to these families.







Departure

I shall be finishing my stint as Head on Friday

the 27th of June. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Riverview and look forward to hearing of further successes at the school. I shall be returning to Nelspruit.

Arrival

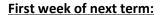
The new Head at Riverview is Mr Murray Johnson; he will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs Cally Johnson and their family. They are due to arrive in Malelane next week; we wish them a fulfilling stay at Riverview.

In conclusion, I wish you all of the best for the forthcoming school holidays; stay safe and enjoy your time with your children!

Derek Reynish

Farewell Mr Derek Reynish

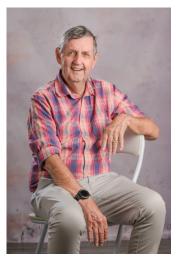
We sadly say goodbye to dear Mr Derek Reynish this term who stepped into his role with dedication and a considerate heart. Mr Reynish faced many challenges over the last 9 months and we would like to thank him for his commitment and success in completing many improvement projects around the school. We have enjoyed his dry sense of humour and we will surely miss him.



Tuesday 22 July - School opens @ 07h00 for 07h20 start.

Wednesday 23 July - U/11 & Open Hockey League v Malelane @ RPS.

Friday 25 July - Induction Service @ 07h30. Parents are welcome to attend.



Welcome

We look forward to welcoming our new Headmaster, Mr Murray Johnson and his family from Makhanda, Eastern Cape, to Riverview in the third term. Mr Murray is married to Cally and together they have 19 year old twin daughters, Erin & Caitlin. Shannon their youngest daughter will attend Riverview in Grade 6. We are excited to also have Mrs Johnson joining the Riverview staff in the third term.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet and welcome Mr Johnson on Tuesday morning at the school gate over a cup of hot chocolate when school re-opens for the third term.



From the Sport's Desk

Our term has come to an end. Looking back, we have so much to be grateful for. Our pupils have excelled on the rugby field, netball court and swimming pool.

15 of our pupils swam in the level 1 category with NSAD achieving a bronze certificate for the season. Level 1 swimmers are no longer in the learn-to-swim program but have started to participate in competitions. We also had two pupils who swam in the level 2 category with NSAD achieving a silver certificate for the season. These swimmers competed with qualifying times at the SA Regional Level 2 Championships for 2025 where 756 swimmers took part in the competition. At the SA Level 2 Regional Championships Micaela Fourie and Nobuciko Mabunda received certificates for best event of the year, Micaela for her 200m Breaststroke and Nobuciko for her 50m Freestyle. Okuhle Dladla and Relebogele Tsomele were awarded trophies for the best junior female and male swimmers.

The netball team ended 4th overall in the Onderberg section. We are so proud of the girls. The Interhouse netball was a success, where the Hornbills took the trophy away! On Friday, 20 June 2025, we ended the junior term with a morning of round robin soccer.

Lots of fun was had at the Interhouse Netball - thanks to all the parents who also participated!

We are looking forward to next term where we will play hockey!

Wishing all a safe and restful holiday.

Lize-Marie Dreyer













Information Technology

Grade 4-7 pupils were tasked to design, code, and debug a PAINT APP using our in-house digital platform. The following pupils excelled despite the task's level of difficulty and completed it.

Congratulations to our top 8 digital leaders for Term 2.



Cyber Security, Social Media & Awareness and Safety Talk

It was wonderful having Nicole dos Santos come and give a talk on the positive and negative uses of technology to the pupils. She then gave a parent talk afterwards. We are often forgetful and can be unaware of the social, emotional and legal impact of the use of cellphones. It was very good to be reminded that we as adults actually own the phones and set the rules for the use of these phones by our children.

BE PHONE SAVVY!





A big thank you to the PA committee who funded the new pathway and green pencil picket

Thank You

fence to the Junior Prep classrooms from the gate. The access is much easier and quicker.



Farewell Mrs Bradnick

Thank you to Mrs Bev Bradnick who has taught the Grade Two class while Miss Swart has been on maternity leave. She has been an amazing, kind and caring teacher. The children have been privileged to have had such an experienced and kind teacher.





Pre-Primary News

To mark the end of a successful term, the Cubs enjoyed a delightful day filled with fun and laughter! The children were treated to delicious doughnuts and crunchy popcorn. The excitement continued as they played with bubbles and balls, soaking up every moment of joy under the winter sun. Enjoy the winter holidays and be safe.







Grade 000 enjoying some fine motor activities and loving the challenges of playing and building with Six Bricks. Six Bricks are special blocks that help us learn and have fun at the same time! We can use them to build, create, and solve problems.





In early childhood, art is so much more than paint and paper. When young children create art, they explore ideas, make choices and solve problems in imaginative ways. Art encourages confidence and develops fine motor skills in the process – not just the end result.









Gr Os love learning all about sounds, letter symbols and making 3 letter words using the Time 2 Read method.



"Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you".

1 Peter 5:6-7 NKJV

