

Term 1 Week 7 <u>From the Head's Desk</u> 29 February 2024

Our newly reconstituted Parent Teachers Association is up and running and starting to gain momentum. The PTA's responsibility is primarily to help the school to develop community spirit and to ensure that all parents feel welcome and part of Riverview. They will be involved in furthering the interests of the school by:

Welcoming new parents and staff.

Organising and hosting social functions.

Fund Raising for specific school projects.

Work parties to enhance the school facilities.

Celebrating teacher's birthdays.

Hosting functions and teas for new parents.

The PTA does communicate with parents and with the school, but does not involve itself in sporting, academic and discipline issues. For these issues the channels of communication are as follows:

Approach the teacher or coach directly and discuss the issue.

If the issue is unresolved, meet with the HOD.

(PP – Mrs Stander, JP – Mrs McKinnon and SP – Mrs Thomson).

In the unlikely event that there is still a problem, the issue is escalated to the Head.

Our PTA is pursuing two initiatives, a 'bring and braai' on the 15 March and a Riverview supporter shirt, which will be launched in the next month or so. Please support these as any funds raised go directly to making the school a better place for the Riverview pupils.

Our bursar shared the following extract from Max Lucado with me:

After Albert Einstein's wife died, his sister moved in to help with the household. For fourteen years she cared for him, allowing his valuable research to continue. When she suffered a stroke and lapsed into a coma, Einstein spent two hours every afternoon reading aloud to her. She gave no sign of understanding, but he read anyway. If she understood anything, she understood that he believed she was worth his time. He did what love does – he showed up.

Do you believe in your kids? Then show up. At their games, their plays, their recitals. It may not be possible to make each one, but it's sure worth the effort. Show up. Whenever I speak at an area congregation, an elder in our church shows up. He does nothing, says nothing. He just smiles when we make eye contact. It means a lot to me. You want to bring out the best in someone? Then just show up.

"For the Son of Man came to seek..." Luke, Chapter 19, verse 10.

Have a great weekend.

Brendan Bailey



Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 04-08 March - English.

Thursday 29 February - B Team Relay Gala @ Flamboyant.

Friday 01 March - Pre-Primary Bake Sale.

Friday 01 March - u/10-Open 5s Netball & u/11-Open 7s Rugby @ Penryn.

Thursday 07 - March Grade 0 Outing.

Friday 08 March - Grade 00 Outing.

* Please note the Mpumalanga Athletics Championship has been postponed until the 16th of March 2024.

From the Sport's Desk

Best wishes to the following four athletes who will be giving their best for their provincial colours at the Mpumalanga Athletics Championship in Secunda on the 16th of March 2024.

Ntsika Masilela (75m hurdles) Hugo Vieira (long jump) Nobuciko Mabunda (150m & long jump) Vutomi Mthethwa (high jump)



MJ Zwane Independent Schools Athletics

The athletics season for this year has come to an end after the annual MJ Zwane Independent Schools Athletics took place at Uplands on Saturday 24 February 2024. The Independent schools that participated were Uplands, Penryn, Riverview, Curro Meridian Karino, Curro Nelspruit, Curro Academy, Summerhill, Flamboyant and St Peters.

Congratulations to Nobuciko Mabunda for setting a new 150m sprint record in a time of 21.71 (old record 22.03).





















Grade 5 Natural Science and Geography

Over the past two weeks the Grade 5pupils built skeletons in groups, of their favourite animals. They used old newspapers and magazines to make struts which served as the bones of the animals. They will present their projects next Monday. They also made globes in Geography and discovered landmarks of different continents. They had to present their landmarks to the class along with their knowledge of oceans surrounding each continent.













School Photographs

Please note that school photos will take place on:

Monday 11 March - Prep School & Sibling photos

Tuesday 12 March - Pre-Primary

Please ensure that the children are dressed in clean and correct school uniform with neat and tidy hair.



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Pre-Primary News

The Grade Os are getting to know more about their classmates as we share what they had to "show and tell" about their interests and names. They each made up a "box biography". A decorated shoebox containing items of interest and photos of themselves. We also learnt what their names mean.











The Grade 00 class enjoyed developing their listening and memory skills during this week. We played "Musical Squares" and worked on practicing their short-term memory with a picture memory game.









The Grade 000s have been singing "Triangles, triangles I see! Let's count the corners, count the sides, count the 1,2,3!" as they learn all about triangles.







This week Cubs learnt all about their bodies. We have two hands and ten little fingers. You can blink your eyes. It is very important to never put objects in your nose.

The only time when we think about our tummy is when we are hungry.















"He has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west"

Psalm 103:12 NLT



Moms in Touch would like to invite you to join us to pray for our children and our wonderful school.

Tuesday mornings under the school trees. God works through praying Mothers. Covering your children in prayer, will help give you peace for every aspect of their lives!

If you would like to join or if you have any prayer requests you can contact Liziwe on 082 480 3138.

When we try, we fail. When we trust, He succeeds.

Corrie Ten Boom.

