

Term 1 Week 8 From the Head's Desk 7 March 2024

Why Do Schools Arrange Excursions?

Riverview Prep School offers a holistic education, which means as far as is possible, we focus on the academic, spiritual, physical and personal development of each child. In order to achieve this goal, we offer sports, clubs, excursions, divinity lessons, plays and market days. In short, as varied a programme as possible. The aim is for pupils to experience as many learning opportunities as possible and to hopefully be aided in finding their passion, the activity that truly motivates and inspires them.

School excursions are a vital component of our programme and offer an enormous number of benefits to our pupils:

Enhanced Learning Experience:

By being exposed to new environments, with different instructors, students are energized and excited. This makes the learning experience more engaging.

Diverse Learning Styles:

Excursions allow for varied learning styles, students engage in hands-on activities, encounter experts in specific fields and gain insights that go beyond textbooks. By being exposed to real-world scenarios, understanding and retention of information is enhanced.

New Experiences:

Pupils are exposed to novel experiences, broadening their horizons and fostering curiosity and wonder.

Social Skills Development:

Excursions encourage social interaction. Students spend time with peers in a less structured environment, collaborating, chatting, and learning together. Small group dynamics allow them to build relationships and develop social skills outside the classroom.

Confidence and Independence:

Pupils learn to work in unfamiliar surroundings, to make decisions, and to adapt to new situations. These experiences contribute to their personal growth and resilience.

Personally, I believe we often see the 'true' character of a pupil on an excursion. It is on these trips that we witness determination, grit and empathy. We see those who have the ability to lead, to inspire and to see a task through to the end. They are a very valuable part of our holistic education.

Have a great weekend.

Brendan Bailey

Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 11-15 March - Mathematics.

Thursday 07 - March Grade 0 Outing.

Friday 08 March - Grade 00 Outing.

Monday 11 March - Prep School photo day.

Monday 11 March - Curro visit to Grade 6&7 @08h00.

Tuesday 12 March - Pre-Primary photo day.

Wednesday 13 March - Grade 000 Outing.

Friday 15 March - Cubs Outing.

Friday 15 March - Riverview Family Bring & Braai @ 16h30.

Saturday 16 March - Mpumalanga Athletics Championships In Secunda.

School Photographs

Please note that school photos will take place next week 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.



From the Sport's Desk

On Wednesday 6 March, three of our netball coaches had the privilege to attend an advanced netball coaching course at Whiteriver Primary presented by the newly appointment Proteas netball coach, Jenny van Dyk. Mrs. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Megan Swart and Mrs. Lize-Marie Dreyer are excited to bring their newly taught skills and strategies they learnt to the netball season next term. Mrs. Dreyer was fortunate to help Jenny demonstrate a netball skill.



Riverview PTA

The PTA will be hosting an early evening Bring & Braai and an Easter egg hunt for the children with the aim to get to know new parents and to socialize with existing parents.

The invitation is open to all parents and children and you are more than welcome to bring along extended family members.

The school will provide burning fires and tables, please bring everything else that you will need to enjoy the evening.

The PTA looks forward seeing you there!





Pre-Primary News

From the Pre-primary staff we would like to thank all parents who baked and contributed to our Bake Sale last week Friday. It was a huge success and we raised an amount of R4505,00!! This will be used to buy some new Balancing Bikes for the children to further develop their balancing skills and core muscles.





This week the Cubs learnt all about my home and the different rooms in the house. With a great deal of excitement the children also acted out the story of the three bears. They gave their doll house a good clean and keeping cool while doing so.











This week the Grade 00 class learnt all about number lines this week. They created a big number line for the classroom's wall and practiced their numeracy skills with what comes "before" and what comes "after" each number.





The Grade 000s have enjoyed the story of The Three Little Pigs this term as well as the accompanying activities.











Grade 0s having fun learning about shapes. Sorting, recognizing, creating shapes and naming them.







"It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear"

Isaiah 65:24 NKJV



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.