



# Riverview Reporter

*Champions Inspired by Values*



Term 3 Week 10

From the Head's Desk

19 September 2024

As I prepare for my departure from Riverview and the Lowveld and contemplate my return to KNZ, I have realized that there are many things I will miss a great deal.

The children at Riverview are delightful. They are enthusiastic, friendly, engaging and charmingly naïve. The staff at Riverview are kind, committed and hardworking. The parents are, by and large, supportive of the school and grateful for what it does for their children. The Kruger National Park and the mountain biking opportunities are amazing. Living in the Lowveld, certainly means that your home becomes an attractive and regular destination for family and friends. The butcheries in the area are great and I have certainly eaten a great deal of red meat! The heat, however, is something I have not become accustomed to!

Riverview is a special school. It is a warm and welcoming environment and historically, children from Riverview have gone on to achieve a great deal at their chosen high schools. It is an English, independent school with a strong Christian ethos. It is vital that the school, while adapting to new technology and advances, remains true to the principles it was founded on. That being, to develop capable and adaptable children who demonstrate respect and integrity in all that they do.

Riverview is a small, not-for-profit, independent school that is totally reliant on school fees for running costs and improvements. Being only 27 years old there have been no legacy donations made to the school to date. With this in mind, it cannot be forgotten, that funds are limited. In spite of this the school has excellent facilities that are continually being upgraded. In Gauteng, top private schools can charge a day scholar annual fees of R 161 700 and levies of close to R 13 000 per year. In KZN parents pay in the region of R 143 000 per year and R 5 000 incidentals. At R 67 100 (between R 107 600 and R 80 000 less per annum) I do believe that Riverview offers exceptional value. To be compared to these big city schools, often attached to high schools, being over 100 years and with old boys/girls who have left money to the school, is unrealistic. Being situated in a small rural community with a limited market (with limited disposable income), I am firmly of the view that Riverview is an exceptional school. While things can always be improved and we have to continually strive to be better - Riverview truly is, A GREAT SCHOOL!

Enjoy the holidays!

*Brendan Bailey*

**All parents are invited to attend the final assembly of Term 3 on Friday at 09h00 in the school hall as we bid Mr. Brendan Bailey farewell.**

**End of Term:**

Thursday 19 September - Argentum Corona.

Friday 20 September - End of Term Assembly 09h00.

Friday 20 September - **School closes 10h00.**

School re-opens for the fourth term on Tuesday, 08 October 2024.

**Frist week of next term:**

**Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 08-11 October: English.**

Tuesday 08 October - School opens for the Third Term.

Thursday 10 October - Individual Gala @ White River Primary.

Friday 11 October - Walton's 2025 stationery lists to be handed in.

**Interim Head - Mr. Derek Reynish**

We welcome Mr. Derek Reynish to Riverview from next term who will be standing in as Interim Head. We wish him all the best for the time he will be spending with us.

Mr. Reynish will be teaching Grade 5 & 6 Social Science and Grade 7 EMS.



**Grade 5 Mathematics**

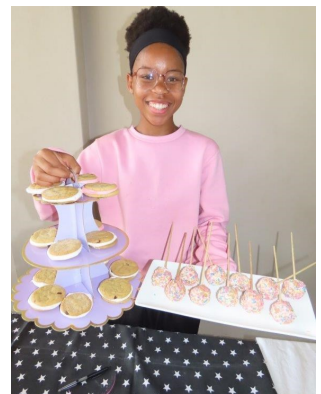
Developing geometric thinking in the early grades is reliant on play and playing with resources. The activities in the NumberSense Workbook series are deliberately structured to move children through the levels of geometric thinking by paying attention to the activities. Last week the Grade 5s were exploring space and shape by using cubes to build objects, record how many cubes they've used and to draw different views of the objects.

Understanding what happens when shapes move, or combine with other shapes, helps develop wider mathematical thinking.



**Economic Management Science**

The Grade 7s had an Entrepreneurs Day as part of their EMS project for this term. Selling and business skills were put to the test on Friday to earn as much profit for their own pockets. A variety of delicious homemade and store bought eats were for sale, pot plants for Moms and the popular bubble ice tea. Raffle tickets for gift hampers were for sale and prizes could be won for fun games.



## Kruger National Park Field Trip

The Grade Four class went on a fun outing to the Kruger National Park on Tuesday. The outing forms part of "Wilbur Week" when we celebrate our literature book, Charlotte's Web. Wilbur, the delightful pig escapes the farm and finds himself in the Kruger National Park where he meets many new wild friends. After a lovely game drive and seeing many of Wilbur's wild cousins, we made a hearty breakfast at Afsaal Picnic site.



## Argentum Corona

This morning the Grade 2s hosted the Argentum Corona. The ladies and gents were entertained by the children who performed their Eisteddfod items.

Delicious scones, tea and juices were enjoyed.



### Grade 3 visit to LEE Estates Farm

We have been learning about insects, which is part of the Arthropods. Dane told us about good and harmful insects for the farmer. We witnessed a spraying machine spraying for thrip, which is not good for the crops. The Grade 3s learnt about pollination and how bees go about walking all over the flower, and cross pollinating the citrus trees as well as the mango trees on the farm.

Fiona had lovely craft activities and games which were thoroughly enjoyed by them all.



### From the Sport's Desk

#### **Wrapping Up the Term and Looking Ahead**

As we finish up this week of sports and prepare for the holiday break, we would like to wish the best of luck to our U11 and U12 hockey players who will be participating in the Ehlanzeni region hockey trials. We're proud of your hard work and dedication—go out there and make us proud!

Looking ahead, we are excited for next term's sports practices and fixtures, where we will continue building on our success and striving for excellence.

Have a wonderful holiday, and remember: **#MakeItHappen!**

### School uniforms

We ask all parents to please make sure that your child's school uniform, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly marked.

### From the Bursar's Office

This is a reminder that a FULL term's written notice is required if you wish to withdraw your child from the school, fees in lieu of notice will be charged if we do not receive such notification.

### Waltons Back To School

The Waltons 2025 stationery order forms and booklets have been sent home.

Please ensure you order exactly what the class teachers have listed in the order booklet enclosed.

Parents, please sign the back page of the order booklet.

These order booklets need to be returned to school by no later than Friday, 11th October.

Waltons will deliver the ordered stationery packs on Tuesday 19 November from 09h00-13h00.

Waltons will bring bank card machines for you to make payment on collection.

Parents are welcome to purchase their children's stationery themselves. Please ensure you purchase the exact items if you take this route.

The Waltons system is easy and convenient.

Should you have any queries, please contact Melinda from Waltons on 079 238 1029.



# Pre-Primary News

This week, the Pre-Primary celebrated "International Dot Day" where the flow of creativity and courage was stimulated through a variety of fun-filled activities.



We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks, for Your name is near.

Psalm 75:1 NIV