



# Riverview Reporter

*Champions Inspired by Values*



Term 3 Week 7

From the Head's Desk

29 August 2024

While it is true that every child will be gifted with different talents and character traits, what is undeniable is that innate ability will only get your child so far. To be the best that they can be, to lead a successful life and to make a valuable contribution to society – it is imperative that they have a good work ethic.

**A Good Work Ethic** includes, being dependable and fulfilling responsibilities and commitments; being punctual (in all areas of your life); completing every task one does thoroughly and accurately; taking ownership and being accountable; seeking opportunities to contribute and not waiting to be instructed; being positive and respecting others; being open to change; always acting honestly and ethically; working to support others and continuously practicing self-reflection in order to improve.

For children to develop a good work ethic, they certainly require input from their parents. It is not something that any school can teach pupils if the parents of the child are not fully committed and contribute consistently by doing the following:-

**Modelling Hard Work** - children learn by observing and copying their parents. Parents need to be diligent and committed in their own lives.

**Age Appropriate Chores** - give them responsibilities to help them understand the value of contributing to the household.

**Clear expectations** – be consistent in what you expect in terms of behaviour, homework, chores and other responsibilities.

**Praise effort not results** - hard work and persistence is more important than outcome.

**Time Management** - help to set deadlines and schedules to teach your child how to manage their times.

**Problem-Solving** - never solve problems for your child, guide them so they work find the solution themselves.

**Future Goals** - discuss their aspirations and motivate them to work hard towards achieving them

**Celebrate Achievements** - recognize success regardless of how small it may be.

**Volunteer as a Family** - this teaches the value of hard work and the importance of helping others.

**Extra Work** - offer additional tasks that can be done for a reward (not necessarily money). Going the extra mile is beneficial!

As South Africans we are faced with many social and political issues. We have a huge surplus of human capital, but as a nation we tend to demonstrate (by the above definition) a very poor work ethic. No one can be expected to solve our issues – it is up to us! By working hard, displaying honesty and integrity, willingly looking to help others and taking ownership for our problems rather than apportioning blame – we can become a very successful nation. If all parents invest time and effort into their children and teach them the value of a good work ethic, South Africa could be a world leader in one generation.

*Brendan Bailey*

Week ahead:

**Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 2-6 September: Mathematics.**

Thursday 29 August - U7/8/9 Hockey @ Penryn.

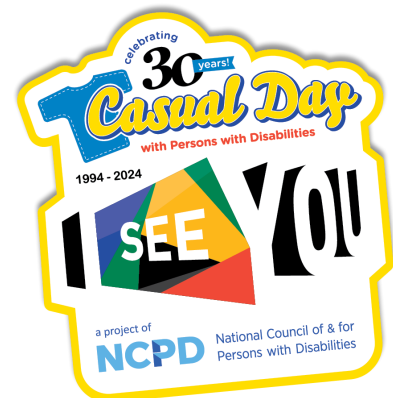
Thursday 29 August - U13 Cricket v Summerhill @ RPS.

Tuesday 03 September - JP Interhouse Hockey @ 12.50.

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Thursday 05 September - Grade 2-7 Outing to Mpumalanga Show.

Friday 06 September - Casual Day. R20.



**Casual Day Friday 6 September**





## Women's Health & Wellness Morning

A gathering of just over a hundred beautiful ladies dressed in a touch of pink, set the scene for a fabulous morning held at the Women's Morning on Saturday. Guests received a gift pack at the gate as they were welcomed to enjoy a fun event in celebration of women's month. After Kierryn Harris, Chairperson of the PTA welcomed everybody, Natasha Cope from Whiteriver opened the morning with a unique Secret Sunrise aerobics session where ladies got to wear headsets as a unique experience. Mariet Loock presented Pilates classes and a rebound class. Crazy Store was thrilled with all their sales they made from ladies purchasing gym mats the week running up to the event! The morning offered shopping from local vendors which ranged from local raw honey, coffee, home baked cakes and clothing to delicious wraps cappuccinos. Lounge pockets and a mobile bar for juice sales were sponsored by Create Events.

Congratulations to the winner, Ermen van Veyeren, who won the raffle 1<sup>st</sup> prize, a one night stay for two at the Kam-baku River Lodge. The 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle prize for the style and colour consultation by Lizelle Greaves went to Christal De Castro. The beauty hamper raffle winner was Charleen Van Der Westhuizen.

Some great spot prizes were also handed out for lucky draws and longest planking during the Pilates classes.

We would like to thank all sponsors and ladies who supported the event, and also a special thank you to the River-view PTA members for a successful and well organized event.





## Grade 1 Numeracy

The Grade 1s doing a practical activity to learn all about capacity.



## Grade 2 Life Skills

Grade 2 students got hands-on with healthy living by making their own delicious fruit salads, learning about the importance of fresh fruits in their diets and food protection.



YOU HAVE TWO HOMES:  
EARTH AND YOUR BODY  
TAKE CARE OF THEM



## Ecopilots

The school had a lovely visit from Ecopilots all the way from Gauteng, who brought along their small special friends as part of their Eco awareness program. Kenneth from Ecopilots was an encyclopedia of knowledge while introducing each animal in an entertaining and engaging way. The children were filled with excitement and amazement while getting the opportunity to touch and see all the animals.

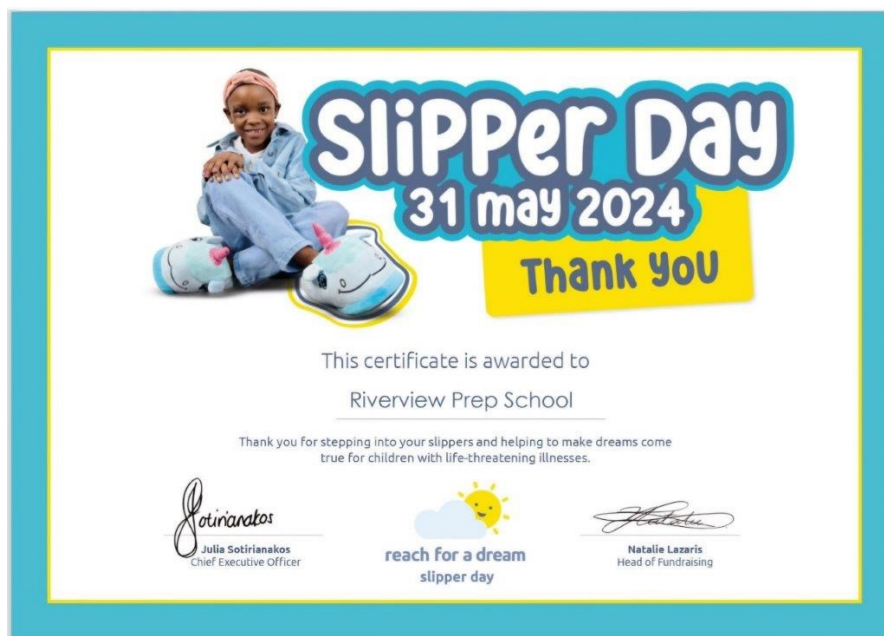


## Slipper Day

Thank you Riverview for being part of Slipper Day 2024!

Your support and generosity helped to raise over R 7.5 million, making a significant impact to the Foundation.

All funds raised will go towards fulfilling dreams for children battling life-threatening illnesses, bringing hope and inspiration to their lives.







## Pre-Primary News

This week the Cubs learnt all about giraffes. Well known for their long necks, these gentle giants are the world's tallest living land animal. Although they have long necks, they also have long legs which makes reaching to the ground almost impossible. Have you ever seen a giraffe drinking water? It's pretty funny to watch! Not only do they have long necks and legs, they have a super long tongue that helps them scoop up brunches and leaves way up high on top of trees. Their horns are called ossicones, they will butt each other with these little horns! You have to admit, it's not very scary.



The Grade 00s had fun cutting out magazine pictures of wild animals and presenting their posters to the class, along with all the interesting things they could remember about wild animals. It was a delightful morning full of interpretations of how giraffes drink, lions roar and cheetahs sprint.



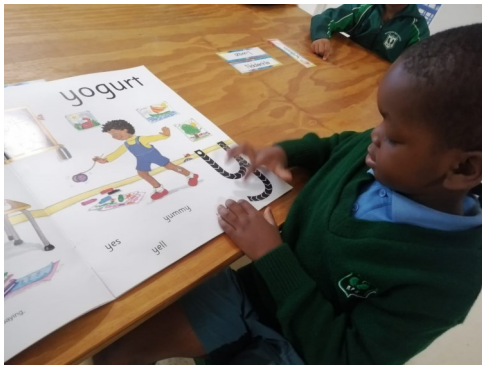
The Grade 00 class practiced their fine motor skills by cutting, pasting and creating our own paper snakes!

“Children are not things to be moulded but people to be unfolded” – Jess Lair





Time 2 Read activities make learning to sound and blend loads of fun for the Grade 0s.



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.*

When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT