

Term 1 Week 3

From the Interim-Head's Desk:

30 January 2025

Welcome to the third week of the term!

We have had five athletics events already this term, with events as far afield as Nelspruit and Skukuza. Our swimmers will take part in the Uplands League Relay Gala this afternoon; best wishes go to them. 'Kudos' go to our athletes for all their efforts to date.

I would like to remind all our children to please remember their manners while they are at school. Polite greetings and a friendly smile go a long way to showing visitors, teachers and staff that we have children with the right attitude towards adults at Riverview.

A message to <u>parents of Grade 7 pupils</u>; please remember to make a start in deciding which High School to send your child in 2026. The sooner you do this, the better your chance is of selecting the High School of choice for your child.

Enjoy a good and peaceful weekend. Take care if you are travelling.

Derek Reynish

Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 3-7 February: English.

Thursday 30 January - Uplands League Relay Gala.

Saturday 01 February - Athletics @ Penryn (Track & Field).

Tuesday 04 February - Spoed & Aflos @ White River Primary. Sub-District Athletics @ Malelane Primary.

Wed 05 February - Uplands talk to Grade 6 & 7.

Thursday 06 February - White River Primary League Relay Gala.

Please note

School will close at 12h00 on Tuesday the 4th of February, for all pupils, both the Junior Primary and the Senior Primary. This is due to the involvement of staff and athletes at the Sub-District Athletics and the White River Primary Relay Meetings. Kindly collect or arrange collection of children promptly.

Thank you.



From the Sport's Desk

As we are leading up to the biggest athletics event of the year, our athletes are training and competing hard in preparation for the MJ Zwane hosted by Penryn this year. The past week we have Skukuza Athletics where two of our athletes broke existing records: Vutomi Mthethwa (HJ at 1.36m) and Bonelelwe Mabuza for U8 60m. Our athletes also performed very well at the Circuit meeting, where 12 of our athletes will be competing for a spot in the Nkomazi team. The U7 to U11 sprinters showed of their talents at Curro Nelspruit's Sprints and Hurdles event, where they returned with six medals. The swimming will be making waves this afternoon in the pool and we are looking forward to their results. Upcoming events:

- 1 February 2025 Independent Schools Athletics @ Penryn
- 4 February 2025 Sprints and Relays @ WRP
- 4 February 2025 Sub-Districts @ Malelane Laerskool
- 6 February 2025 WRP League Relay Gala @ WRP
- 12 February 2025 Field Events @ Flamboyant
- 15 February 2025 MJ Zwane Independent Schools @ Penryn

Riverview Parents' Association

Riverview's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) will from now on be known as the PA (Parents' Association).

The PA for 2025 invite all interested parents to contact Kierryn Harris on 079 337 0914 if they would like to be part of the PA this year. The PA strives to raise funds for the school and foster a sense of community and school spirit. Any suggestions on events and spirit building are welcome.

The PA has formed a sub-committee for the upgrade of the gardens. Anyone who is interested in joining to source plants, share ideas or plan beds are welcome to contact Kierryn. Once capital funds are available, the gardens in the parking area will be upgraded.

New Boys' Toilets

The boys' changing room/toilets were officially opened today by Mr. Reynish and the Grade 7 boys. The existing toilet facility at the gate was extended with a changing room for boys and an entrance door moved to the veranda.

Please note that these are boys' changing rooms. Adults are to make use of the toilets at the office or opposite the tuck shop.







Pre-Primary News

This week the Cubs learnt all about their hair. Our hair can be straight, wavy or curly. Hair can grow on almost every part of the body except the lips, palms of hands and the bottom of the feet. Always keep your hair healthy by washing regularly and cutting it neatly.







The Grade 000 class enjoyed their time this week doing art and constructing interesting contraptions with Ms. Skinner.







The Grade 00 class enjoyed some quiet time in reading and looking at books this week. They have learnt how to take care of books and treat them with respect.

"It's always a good day to read a book" - Pippi Post







The Grade 0s had great fun making one another laugh with the jewelry creations they made and modelled at an outdoor tray during playtime.







"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is he will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV



OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 1 MARCH 2025 AT 09:00

- The OPEN DAY is an opportunity to explore Uplands College
 Information sessions and school tours will be undertaken during the morning
 Meet the pupils, teachers and executives of our world-class day and boarding school

Prospective GRADE 8 (2026) pupils who have completed the application process will write an Entrance Assessment on Friday 28 February 2025 at 14:00.

OVERNIGHT BOARDING EXPERIENCE

An overnight Boarding Experience will be available to prospective GRADE 8 (2026) pupils interested in boarding at Uplands College, on the evening of Friday 28 February 2025 from 16:00. All interested families will then join their children for the Open Day on the morning of Saturday 1 March 2025 at 09:00.





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