

Term 2 Week 7 From the Head's Desk 30 May 2024

On Wednesday 29 May 2024, South Africans went to the polls. While there were a few issues in terms of organization, by and large the day went off without incident and those who chose to do so, were able to exercise their "democratic right".

The actual meaning of the word **democracy** comes from two ancient Greek words: **demos** which means "people" and **kratos** which means "rule". We often hear parties talking about 'governing for the people and by the people.' That is not really the case in South Africa as we elect representatives to govern on our behalf. Our political system moves even further in that political parties select a list of candidates and then 'win' seats in parliament based on the number of votes the party has received. In other words, while the "people" can select a party – the party selects the representatives.

In ancient Greece, all adult citizens were expected to take an active part in governing. If they did not do so they were fined or in some cases marked with red paint. However, only free men were actually allowed to vote as slaves and women were excluded – so in effect the ancient Greeks were represented by a few wealthy men.

I am sure we all hope, regardless of the results, that those who end up representing our people in parliament realize that they have been chosen to serve us. They are required to spend our hard-earned money, gifted to them through our taxes, wisely. They are not important or above the masses, they are merely people entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that our will is carried out. They really ought to be examples of true servant leaders!

Have a great weekend.

Brendan Bailey

Week ahead:

Grade 4-7 Standardised Test: 03-07 June: Social Science.

Thursday 30 May - Grade 000,00,0 Outing.

Friday 31 May - Slipper Day R20.

Friday 31 May - Mini Soccer @ Penryn.

Friday 7 June - Preschool Fruit & Veg Market from 07h00 at the school pedestrian gate.

Friday 7 June - Mini boys soccer @ Uplands.

Friday 7 June - U10-Open Soccer Derby @ Penryn.

Tomorrow is Reach for a Dream Slipper Day!!!

Please send R20 with your child to buy your stickers to support The Reach For A Dream Foundation and to wear your slippers to school!





Riverview Prep Sports Update

As we approach the end of the term, we have a series of exciting fixtures and events lined up for our students and community. Here are the upcoming highlights:

June 7th: Mini Soccer at Uplands College. Our young athletes are eager to showcase their skills and have a great time.

June 8th: Football match against Penryn College at Penryn. Let's cheer on our team as they compete with determination and sportsmanship.

June 11th: Junior Interhouse netball and soccer matches will take place, providing a platform for our younger students to demonstrate their talents and teamwork.

June 15th: A day of fun and friendly competition awaits as the Dads take on the Lads in football, while the Moms face off against the Daughters in netball. These matches promise to be highly entertaining and filled with community spirit.

June 18th: Senior Interhouse netball and soccer matches will be held, offering our senior students a chance to shine on the field and court.

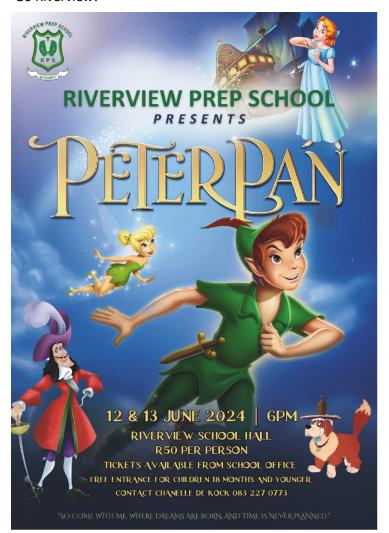
June 31st: Mini Soccer at Penryn College. Another exciting opportunity for our young soccer enthusiasts to play and enjoy.

Additionally, hockey and cricket practice will commence on **June 5th**, marking the beginning of preparations for the upcoming seasons.

While our sports activities wind down for this term, we are gearing up for next term's sports. Stay tuned for the date of our Cricket Clinic, which will be held at Riverview Prep.

We look forward to the start of the hockey and cricket seasons and the continued success of our athletes.

Go Riverview!



Please purchase your tickets from the school office.



Pre-Primary News

Pre-Primary visit to the farm

A special time was had at Lee Estate Farm this morning when the preprimary visited. Dane and Fiona Ralfe were wonderful hosts preparing a ride through the farm in trailers and stop-offs to learn about the fruit and pollination. We had a lovely picnic and played "pin the stinger on the bee" game before heading over to the pack house to fill our bags with grapefruit. Riverview pre-primary staff and children would like to sincerely thank the Ralfe for beautiful leaning experience. One enthusiastic child asked if we could please visit every Thursday?!

















Africa Day is celebrated every year on the 25th of May. The day celebrates African unity and all the wonderful cultures that this amazing continent is home to. The Cubs joined in by dressing up in African prints and painting the









