

RIDGEWAY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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**SPORTS DON'T BUILD
CHARACTER.....
THEY REVEAL THEM
- HEYWOOD BROUN**



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Dear Parents

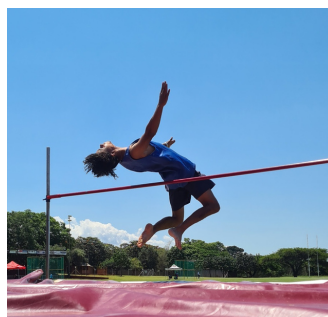
“The sun... the bright sun that brings back not only not light alone but new life and hope.” Charles Dickens

There is nothing sweeter than the sound of children laughing - even more so when those children are singing and dancing too. And it's been this vibrancy that has been missing from our school since we went into lockdown nearly a year ago.

Nothing felt the same after March last year. Our children went home into hard lockdown and even when they trickled back, they were tentative, afraid, sullen and anxious. Covid had invaded the corridors of their school and nothing was normal any longer. And so, as I sat working at home on Tuesday afternoon, it brought joy to my heart to hear our school houses dancing and cheering on the field outside as they prepared for inter-house athletics today. The energy was back. The spirit was back. The fun was back at last.

This morning we met for the first sporting event in 11 months as Fire, Water and Earth battled it out for first place. What a pleasure to see our children being normal again (despite the masks and distancing we still have to apply). As I write this, the day is far from over. I have left the staff and our pupils on the field to come back and type this letter so final results will only be published next week.

For now, I'm going to bask not only in the welcome sunshine but also in the sight and sound of my pupils being children again.



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INTER HOUSE



SNAKE TALK

Living where we do and having so much bushveld around our school, it is not surprising that we have the odd encounter with snakes – even more so in this wet weather as they seek somewhere dry. To be proactive, we invited “Jan Slang” to address our staff and hostel pupils (since they live here and are the most vulnerable.) He spent nearly two hours showing us 6 different snakes and teaching us how to identify the dangerous from the harmless and sharing snake behaviour with us.

A few were brave enough to hold them!



7 cool facts about snakes

- They have a very big family.
- They are “solar-powered” and rely fully on external heat or light sources.
- Not all snakes lay eggs. ...
- Snakes don't have eyelids. ...
- They smell with their tongues. ...
- Their table manners are different than ours.
- Snakes have 5 forms of locomotion.

music

TREASURE BLUE - MUSIC LESSONS

Treasure gives lessons in vocals, guitar (both electric and acoustic), drums, bass and piano/keyboard. He can also assist with song-writing, compositions and music production. He has a number of years working both as a professional musician as well as teaching ages 4 and up! Please see attached flyer.

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