

RIDGEWAY COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

*GOOGLE
CLASSROOM*

*AWAITING THE
OFFICIAL
PROCLAMATIONS
REGARDING THE
RE-OPENING OF
SCHOOLS*

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DAWN**

Dear Parents

As we await the Government Gazette today on the official proclamations regarding the re-opening of schools, I am hoping that as a private school, we will be allowed to return before 15 February. In the meanwhile, I am pleased to say that we have moved seamlessly online, with far better results than last time in terms of pupils not handing in work or being present. As promised, parents will be notified of missing work today. I am proud of the efforts of the staff in setting up packs of books and hard copy work for collection and I'm delighted to see the efforts made thus far by our learners to be online and to get the work done. Long may it last!

On a sad note for our school, I regret to share with you that one of our new grade 8 pupils lost her father on Tuesday this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Munaka Bopape and her family as they deal with their loss.

We are watching the development of Cyclone Eloise and the heavy rains that may hit us on Sunday and Monday. There may be disruptions to power which will impact on online learning so work for Monday will be posted in advance in case.

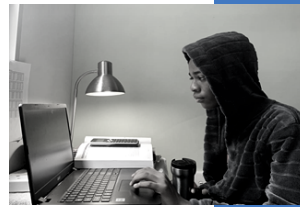
This is not an easy time for our world, our country or our school. In the face of so much uncertainty, we have to be strong and resolute; we have to have a unity of purpose; we have to embrace our circumstances with positivity. Thank you to all those parents who are once again seeing the value of what we offer and supporting our endeavours.

The election of Joe Biden on Wednesday was an historic event and a celebration of so much. Given the work we do in educating young minds, for me it was also a celebration of the wisdom of youth in the extraordinary words of the young poet who spoke at that inauguration, Amanda Gorman. Her words resonate not only for the metaphorical hills climbed by her country but by ours too. In the injustices of our past, in the darkness of the pandemic, there is always a new dawn. I include some lines below:

Written by Amanda Gorman

When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade.
We've braved the belly of the beast,
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace,
and the norms and notions
of what just is
isn't always just-ice.
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it.
Somehow we do it...
Let the globe, if
nothing else, say this is true,
that even as we grieved, we grew,
that even as we hurt, we hoped,
that even as we tired, we tried,
that we'll forever be tied together, victorious...

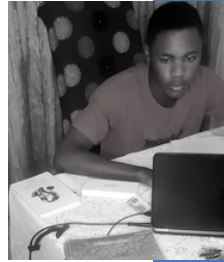
When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid,
the new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.



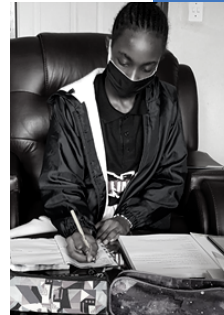
Nyandano Gr 12: Having school away from school has taught us a lot in terms of discipline and taking responsibility for our schoolwork. I hope we as a school can only grow from this experience



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With Ms. Guptar in my ear, a sense of nostalgia arises... it feels like I'm back in the classroom again. Wouldn't be coping without the support of my teachers. I'm so grateful for them



Jendani Muloiva



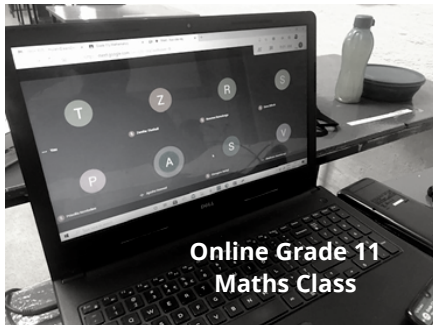
Marilyn Muryoka



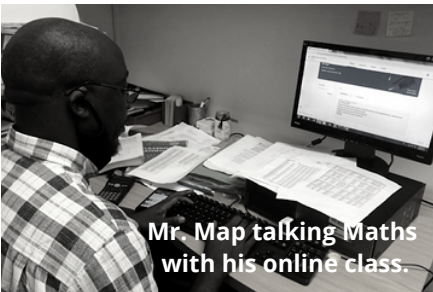
Cindy Tshidzumba



Mrs. Rasool walking to the WIFI with Mr. Gwaza



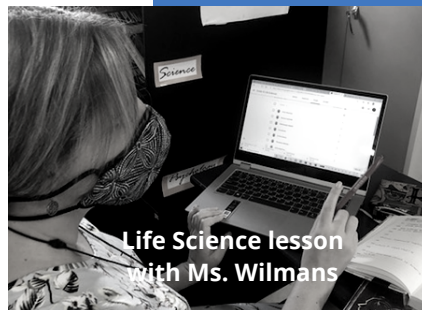
Online Grade 11 Maths Class



Mr. Map talking Maths with his online class.



Mr. Nhundu uploading lessons



Life Science lesson with Ms. Wilmans

Google Classroom

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