

NEWSLETTER

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RIDGEWAY COLLEGE

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2023



Dear Parents

Considering the announcement of our Leader Council for 2023/2024 that took place yesterday, I share an extract from the message delivered at their induction.



SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Servant Leadership is a timeless concept, the phrase “servant leadership” was coined by Robert K. Greenleaf in ‘The Servant as Leader’, an essay that he first published in 1970. In that essay, Greenleaf said: “The servant-leader is a servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first”.

In ‘Wired Differently’, Vern Dosch writes that, “In a servant leadership culture we learn by choice or example that if we want to be great, we have to serve others respectfully.” Conscious choice then, brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is leader first, perhaps because of the need to ease an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions...

The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people’s highest priority needs are being served. A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. While traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power by one at the “top of the pyramid,” servant leadership is different. The servant-leader shares power puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

Under a servant leader, people come together for a common purpose. They can create a feeling of belonging to something bigger than each individual, and foster team spirit and a sense of community. Servant leaders also deeply care for this community that they create.

To the Grade 11 body, every last one of you, will be in a position of Servant Leadership next year, as the seniors of the school, those below you on the ladder look up to you for guidance, support and an example of kindness, respect and diligence – use your year in office to leave the ‘right’ mark at Ridgeway, be remembered for the ‘right’ reasons and continue to serve the school and the community.



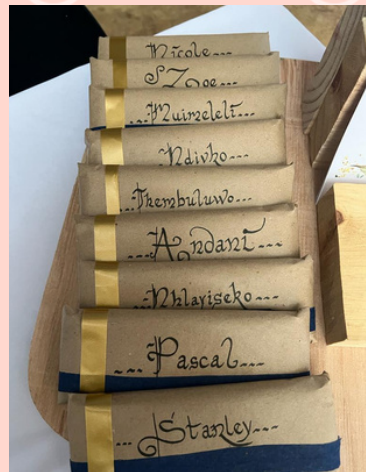
Congratulations to the following pupils, elected to the Leader Council:

- Nduvho Mulaudzi
- Mokgadi Thosago
- Khudani Muedi
- Charity Mashige
- Zohra Osman
- Tshilidzi Nndwammbi
- Lufuno Magada
- Husnaa Abdulla
- Dziphathu Mabilo
- Makungu Manhengeni
- Cleopas Thosago
- Lavhelani Fambe
- Tinashe Gumbo



SPRING

May you lead with integrity and pride.



*A special word to our outgoing Leader Council –
“Thank you. You made us proud, and your legacy will remain”.*



Outward – Bound Hike

Our 13 hikers received their Certificate of Completion yesterday. These nature-lovers completed a 12km hike, accompanied and guided by Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Pretorius. Surrounded by nature, de-stressing and enjoying a magnificent view of the setting sun – our pupils disconnected from their cellphones and got away from the noise of the town to make new friends. We look forward to adding new faces to our hiking group on our next expedition.





Good Luck

Preliminary Examinations

All the very best to our Grade 12 pupils who commence their Preliminary Examinations on Monday - prepare thoroughly, read carefully and enjoy demonstrating your mastery of the knowledge and skills covered.

Good luck!



The Miracle
by Annie Stone

*I had waited all the winter for a sign
Something wondrous, a miracle divine;
Today it came, a very lovely thing,
A crocus in the close a-blossoming.
Blue wings a-gleam, a song bird's sweetest strain,
In gladness for spring's miracle again.*





Ridgeway

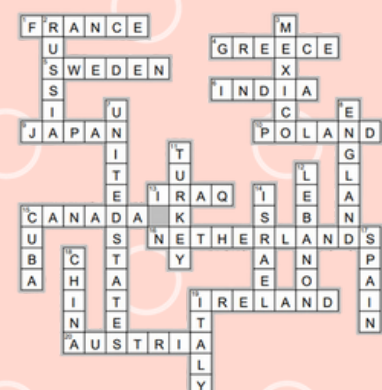
Fun!



Sudoku fun!

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Solution to 25 Aug crossword



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