



22 July 2022



Dear Parents

It is always a pleasure to greet our returning pupils at the start of a new term. Term 3 promises to be another exciting, busy term for our staff and pupils.

During our whole-school staff meeting on Monday morning, I shared a video clip by Dewitt Jones – ‘Celebrate What’s Right with the World!’ Dewitt works for National Geographic and through his photography he takes us on a journey of celebration by challenging us to ‘adjust our lens’ and look at all the positive in our world.

We are all affected to a greater or lesser degree by the daily challenges around us; whether we are talking about the challenges of education, the unemployment statistics in our country or access to basic services but Dewitt encourages us to find the things we have to celebrate and to home in on those.

There is so much to celebrate at Ridgeway on a daily basis and while we are acutely aware of the challenges we face and the areas where we can be doing better – I would like to continue to encourage our pupils, parents and staff to take a moment to acknowledge the many things we are getting right. If we ‘adjust our lens’ it is amazing how we begin to see more and more really positive reasons to be part of the Ridgeway family.

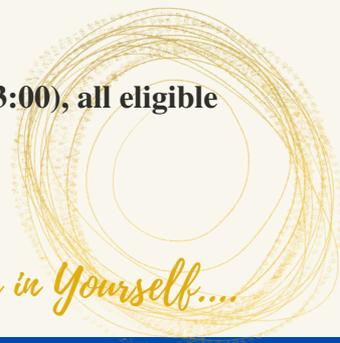
OPEN DAY

We have another Open Day on Saturday 23 July (08:00-12:00) for prospective students and parents. If you have friends or family that should be joining the Ridgeway family, please share this information.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive takes place in the Shandukani Hall on Tuesday 26 July (10:00-13:00), all eligible parents are welcome to donate.

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Consultations are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday 27 July [Grade 8 & 9]
- Thursday 28 July [Grade 10, 11 & 12]

Teachers will be available from 15:30 – 18:30.

Parents are encouraged to contact Reception to book time slots with the teachers that they would like to see. These bookings should prevent parents from having to wait in queues to see teachers.

Teachers will be communicating directly with parents who we need to meet to discuss their child's progress. As always, if you are unavailable on the days indicated above, please contact Reception so that we can make alternate arrangements for you.

WOMAN'S DAY 9 AUGUST 2022

I must apologise for the error in the communication issued at the end of last term regarding Woman's Day, please be advised that Tuesday 9 August is Woman's Day and school will be closed and not Monday as previously indicated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our Annual Photos will be taken on Thursday 11 August.

Pupils must wear correct Winter School Uniform and Sport Uniform (if applicable).

Information related to photo pack costs will be circulated in due course.

MOVIE NIGHT - RIDGEWAY PARENTS AND PUPILS

Movie Night for the whole school (parents and pupils) will take place on Friday 12 August. More information will be shared in the lead-up to the night but please diarise the date – this promises to be a lovely evening.

TERM 3 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

The assessment timetable for Term 3 has been issued to our pupils.

Please find an electronic copy for your convenience.

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY EXAM TIMETABLE

The Grade 12 Preliminary Exam Timetable has been finalised and issued to our pupils.

Please find an electronic copy for your convenience.

FINAL EXAM TIMETABLE - GRADE 12

The Final Exam Timetable has also been issued to our Grade 12 pupils.

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Perfect practice makes perfect

During the first assembly of the term, I was able to remind our Grade 12 pupils of the importance of the next few months in preparation for their Preliminary and Final Examinations and spoke to one of my favourite phrases – ‘Perfect Practice Makes Perfect’. The basic tenet suggests that we need to not only be practicing in preparation for our assessments, tests and examinations but rather to be making use of ‘perfect practice’ – literally practicing solving the question correctly, over and over again – the idea of practicing perfection.

I wish all of our pupils, staff and parents a truly exceptional term.

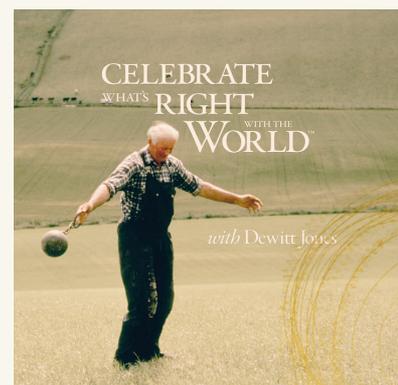
Pause.....

Take a moment
once in a while
pause to breathe
reflect and smile.
Think happy thoughts
and look around.
Feel the sun on your face,
your feet on the ground.
Count the stars.
Examine the sky.
Catch the rain.
Watch birds fly.
Make meaning from silence.
Let words lift your soul.
Explore every facet
of your wonderful whole.
Take a moment
to count your wins.
Smell the coffee.
Drink it in.

KIND REGARDS

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMS8GczExKQ>