

RIDGEWAY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

“Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity?” Cesar Chavez

Last Saturday, we held the Open Day and Entrance Examinations for prospective pupils for 2022. What a fantastic day it was! The new flag was flying, the grounds were immaculate and the entire staff was out in force. Thank you to the admin staff for all their hard work, to the grounds staff for making the school shine and to the academic staff who ran exciting lessons to inspire young minds as well as invigilating the exams. Thank you to the Council who assisted and to the choir and dance crew for their stunning performances. A final thanks to the 65 parents who listened to my address at the start of the day and who showed such enthusiasm for our school. There was an energy and spirit to the day that made me proud.

Our pupils are full of bright ideas this term. It is wonderful to hear them speak with passion about different causes they wish to support and to see genuine enthusiasm and engagement. This week alone we received a letter thanking us for our donation to Feed the Hungry, we had a talk about the Blood Drive we are hosting, a talk by past pupil Priti Thakor on how to manage stress, a presentation on World Environment Day (with spekboom plants handed out in recycled containers), a presentation and a visit from our local bookshop to celebrate World Book Day and an initiative for National Denim Day in support of raising awareness of victims of sexual assault. Most of these were arranged or presented by pupils. Apart from worthy causes, our pupils are learning leadership and organizational skills; they are learning about a sense of community; they are learning about global issues and fostering an awareness of such campaigns. This is what real education is about.

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YOURS IN EDUCATION

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Academic News

The Grade 8 and 9 learners were invited to take part in a holiday Origami Competition. They were encouraged to create a sculpture using the Japanese Art of Folding, Origami. Origami holds many benefits for children, including: developing problem-solving skills, improving diligence and accuracy, developing the skills to follow detailed instructions, sharpening the memory and imagination, improving spatial visualisation and fine motor skills, as well as channelling creativity. We have received some lovely entries and are incredibly proud of the effort these children have gone to to create these beautiful sculptures.

Sports News

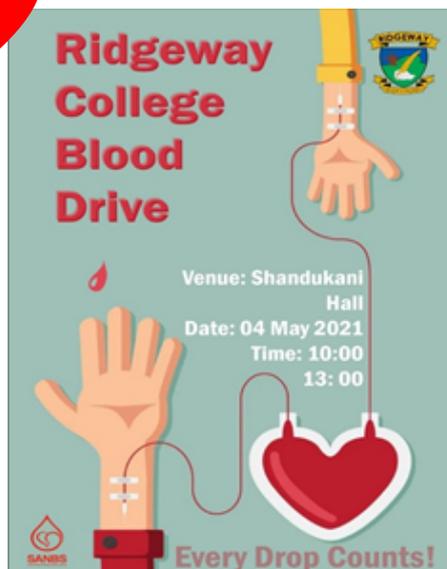
Our cyclist, Andani Raphaelalani, travelled to Cape Town last weekend to compete in the third round of the SA XCO Cup, which took place on the Bloemendal Wine Estate. He finished 16th out of a field of 41. He learnt a great deal in the process and is looking forward to the rest of the season. Our cricket team played their first match in over a year last Saturday, winning against Limpopo Dairy.



Community Initiatives

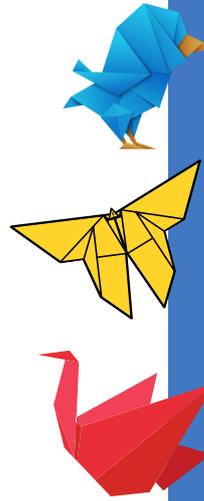


NTEBETI WITH PRITI THAKOR
(GUEST SPEAKER ON DEALING WITH STRESS)



OUR VISITORS FROM THE NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Origami



ZOHRA GR. 9 ENTRY



ATSHILAH GR.8 ENTRY



ANESU GR.9 ENTRY



MARILYN GR.8 ENTRY



VIDHI GR.9 ENTRY

World Book Day



**READ
LEAD
SUCCEED**

WITH BOOKS YOU CAN GO PLACES!



Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.



Other News

The matrics were delighted to finally receive their matric jackets, which look very smart and will keep them warm in the coming winter months.

