



23 September 2022

Dear Parents

BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all our pupils and parents who donated blood on Tuesday. The SANBS collected 19 units with 5 first-time donors joining the blood drive.

HERITAGE DAY AND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Our children really got behind the spirit of Heritage Day on Thursday this week. The array of traditional and contemporary cultural attire was breath-taking. They enthusiastically participated in the African Olympics, traditional dance displays and spirited praise poetry. It was an amazing day – much thanks to the staff and pupils involved in the preparations.



MARKET DAY

There is great excitement on campus this morning, the entire complement of Ridgeway College has descended on the high school campus to enjoy the fun activities and the treats on sale. Days like this remind us in a very visible way that we are 'one' school. Many thanks to the parents involved behind the scenes with the preparation for their Gr 9 & 10 child's Market Day.



TERM 3 REPORTS

We have had some challenges with delivery of electronic reports at the end of each term. Our technical support will endeavour to 'fix' the issues before the next run but to ensure that parents receive reports today, we will be issuing a hard copy to each child as well as an electronic copy directly to the parent. Please ensure that your child hands over their report today when they return home.

Please be reminded that our Gr 12 pupils will receive their Statement of Results at the Valediction.

VALEDICTION

The Valediction Invitation has been circulated to our Grade 12 pupils and parents. This is one of the most significant events of the year for our Grade 12 children, as the staff gather to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and to bid them farewell as they commence their final examinations. Pupils are reminded to attend in full school uniform, pupils are asked to be present at 17:30, the ceremony will commence at 18:00 sharp. The Valediction is a formal event, and it is expected that all Grade 12 pupils and parents will attend.

TERM 4

Pupils return for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 11 October.

UPCOMING DATES

- 23 September Market Day
- 23 September Reports Issued (school closes at 11:30)
- 11 October Term 4 starts for pupils
- 13 October Grade 12 Valediction @ 18:00
- 14 October Grade 12 Final Assembly



Africa's Tree of Life

At the heart of the African plain
Stands a tree both old and sage:
A survivor of sunshine and rain
Silent witness to many an age

But this is no ordinary tree
For her trunk is hollow inside
And faithfully she keeps unseen
The secret of her native tribe

For her cave's a place of birth
A haven safe from danger
This womb of Mother Earth
Is Africa's child manger

The Baobab stands proud and strong
She serves her people as midwife
It's been thus generations long
She's Africa's great Tree of Life

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