

RIDGEWAY PREPARATORY NEWSFLASH

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Dear Parents

Let me start today's newsletter with some positive feedback about Mr Jaya. We had a lengthy conversation with his Physician while Mrs Redfern and I visited him in the hospital last week. He is on the road to recovery and should be ready to return to school on 19 July (start of term 3). We continue to wish him a speedy recovery.

This past week made me realise just how vulnerable we really are in fighting this dreaded Covid virus. I fully understand the enormous pressure we have placed on you as parents and staff when the decision was made to close the school and to continue with online teaching until 25 June. However, one must see the positive as well, as we managed to successfully complete our senior phase exams on Friday 11 June before retreating into "lockdown".

We are currently working on finalising our term 3 calendar and extra-curricular timetable and will share this with you in due course. With the staff working remotely for the last 2 weeks, we are unable to print reports. In view of this, the report cards for both ECD and Prep for term 2 will be ready for distribution on Friday, 25 July.

Parents in the ECD have received an online questionnaire seeking your input with regard to our aftercare programme. Your valuable feedback will give us a better idea of how and where we can improve our services. This is a compulsory questionnaire. Please complete it as soon as possible so that we can work on any new developments for the start of term 3.

With the rising Covid cases and the upcoming holidays, I can do no more than caution everyone about the risk of travelling to areas where rates of infection are high. We hear every day of people we know and loved ones who have passed from Covid complications. In the cold light of day, now is a time to be more careful than ever. We cannot allow Covid fatigue to set in or for our guard to slip over the next few weeks. We are currently operating under alert level 3 and need to do all we can to ensure the safety of our children and families and to a large extent, the community.

I pray for the health and wellbeing of our students, parents and staff and ask that we do all we can to safe-guard one another. Thank you to all our parents for your understanding and support during these very real challenges that we face together every day.

To all our Dad's out there.... we salute you and wish each and every one of our superheroes a wonderful and happy Father's Day this Sunday. May your family spoil you extra special this day.

Jannie Le Roux

16 June 2021

'May the *Dreams* of our *Youth* be the *Reality* of their *Future*'

Happy Youth Day!

Sunday, 20 June 2021



No words can match the sacrifice and contribution made by a father for the future of their kids.