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## GOOD DAY PARENTS,

Reflecting on the term that has past reinforces the pride that I have for our amazing school. From our Grade RR to Grade 7 we have experienced growth, success and pride. From our weekly appearance in the local newspaper, Grandparents Day, Science Expo, formalised sport in the ECD, restructured homework focusing on literacy in the Foundation Phase, Spelling Bees, Edugro Sports Festival, weekly Chess matches, Mothers day and Father's Day Drive Thru's, extra sport practices on Saturdays and many fixtures, it is clear that Ridgeway Preparatory is becoming the school of choice in Louis Trichardt and soon, in the Limpopo Province.

## ACADEMIC ASPECTS

Our commitment to developing the academic aspects of our school remains a top priority, with our teachers attending many professional development sessions here at school, as well as in Polokwane. Their work behind the scenes is commendable as they remain committed to the concept that teachers are life-long learners. Our results this term reflect credibility as well as the highest academic standard, showcasing the ability of our learners to adapt to higher order questions which invoke critical thinking skills, a vital component of 21st century learning – a cornerstone of our school.



**HAPPY**  
*Father's*  
**DAY**



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## d6 school communicator

We have also adapted to D6 as our main communicator and whilst we had some teething issues, many within our community are on board. I am grateful for our staff, learners and parents who have transitioned seamlessly into my vision for our school which remains steadfast, unchanged and clear. The best school in Limpopo is what our community deserves and we will consistently evolve towards this vision. The successes we enjoyed this term in the classroom, and our other areas, should make us all collectively proud and I am humbled by the support I receive on a daily basis.

### FAREWELL

Sadly, we will be saying Goodbye to Ms Mapfumo who has been with us for the best part of a decade. She has not only nurtured scores of our learners who are now at the College, but also mentored many of our younger staff and inspired them along the way. Ms Mapfumo, you will always have a home here and I wish you well for the next part of our journey. Cephus will also be leaving us this term and he has been with Ridgeway Preparatory since 2014. You will be missed Sir, especially as you have added so much value during your time here. I know that you are Ms Goolam's "go-to" person in all emergency scenarios! I will fondly remember the air being pierced with your name as she calls out for you every morning and during loadshedding cycles as we switch on generators!

**THANK YOU!**



### WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON...



Naturally we start off with a bang, with our Open Day, which will be used as a community day with stalls, events, sport and a range of other activities showcasing our school. We also will be focused on the development of our ECD and Foundation Phase sport, not to mention our Standardised Benchmarking Tests for the IEB! A more comprehensive list will be sent out during the term.

### WELCOMING NEW STAFF

I am proud to announce that Mr Bezuidenhout will be "returning home" here at Ridgeway Preparatory in term 3. Mr Bezuidenhout, apart from the three decades of teaching experience, (a fair amount of which was spent here at our school) has years of experience as a Deputy Principal and is an extramural specialist. I look forward to working with him towards our vision.



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## HOLIDAY!

If you are travelling this holidays, please do so safely. We will see you back for the start of term 3 on 18 July 2023!



# HAPPY Holidays

