

RIDGEWAY PREPARATORY NEWSFLASH

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From the Principal's desk

Dear parents and students

Happiness is.. to see the smiley faces and excitement all around when we hosted our inter-house athletics days' the past week. We were extremely lucky to host our ECD and foundation phase races on a warm day with no interruptions from the rain. However, our senior phase was less fortunate and we had to take cover until it became favourable to go out on the track again.

Our PSG did a sterling job in making sure that our pre-ordered food packs were sorted and delivered on time. Thank you ladies! We appreciate you giving up your personal time to look after our students.

Mr Jaya, our sport's co-ordinator is in the process of organising the hurdle races which we could not finish last week. Once we have completed those races, the house points can be finalised. Medals will be handed out in one of our Monday assemblies...watch this space!

Last week we announced the appointment of two new assistant teachers starting at our ECD and foundation phase this week. We wish both Ms Leoni de Bruyn and Ms Megan Rheeder all of the best during their time here at Ridgeway.

Our teachers were treated to a most interesting snake identification talk as part of staff development. Snakes may not be the number one topic to discuss in any household; however, they do play a very important role in nature. Our town and the Limpopo province as a whole, provides excellent territory for different snakes to make it their home.

The information shared with the teachers during the talk will be relayed back into the classrooms, educating our students about snakes and their habits, what actions to take or not to take when we are confronted by a snake and so forth. Two of our groundsman will also attend a snake removal course to upskill themselves and guide other workers, should they come across snakes on the school grounds whilst performing their duties.

The Foundation phase is collecting tinned and bags of dog and/or cat food, blankets for the upcoming wintery nights as well as old newspapers for their SPCA fun drive. Parents please show your support in donating these items for this worthy cause. The LTT SPCA will be visiting our campus on the 12th March to receive your kind donations.

A friendly reminder to all our students that your teachers are busy entering marks onto our school system. Students must continue to give of their best during the academic day, complete and submit projects on time and prepare themselves properly for their tests so that they obtain a good report for term 1 – students, you CAN do it! Make your teachers and parents proud.

We are indeed grateful for the drop in Covid infections as well as moving down from Level 3 to Level 1. However, we will continue to implement and abide by our Covid regulations such as sanitising all classrooms, screening all students every day, continue wearing masks at all times and keeping to our social distancing. Thank you to all our parents for their understanding and continued support.

Have a great week...

Jannie Le Roux



Gr 1 Butterflies



Gr 1 Teddy Bears



Gr 2 Kittens

Foundation Phase Merit awards for this week



Gr 2 Fish



Gr 3 Ladybirds

REMINDER!!! Foundation Phase SPCA Fun Drive... All contributions welcome



Gr 3 Bees

Inter-house Athletics



STAFF DEVELOPMENT - "LET'S TALK SNAKES" AT COLLEGE



EARTH



WATER



FIRE