

# RIVERWOOD chronicle

## SPRIT *Team*



WE'VE PACKED THIS EDITION WITH GREAT READS, AWESOME LEARNER HIGHLIGHTS, AND UPDATES WE THINK YOU'LL REALLY ENJOY!

IN THE CLASSROOM

PRIMARY SCHOOL PREFECTS 2025

FUNK PRODUCTION @ ST ANNE'S



# Campus News



## Our Beautiful RC Campus

WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS THAT WE GET TO CALL HOME. SET ON LUSH GROUNDS, WITH THE GENTLE DORPSPRUIT FLOWING THROUGH THE HEART OF OUR CAMPUS, OUR SCHOOL IS SURROUNDED BY NATURAL BEAUTY THAT INSPIRES LEARNING, PLAY, AND PEACE EVERY SINGLE DAY. EVERY CORNER OF OUR CAMPUS OFFERS SOMETHING SPECIAL—FROM TOWERING TREES THAT PROVIDE SHADE AND SERENITY, TO WELL-KEPT SPORTS FIELDS, AND PEACEFUL OPEN SPACES. THE SCENIC SURROUNDINGS ARE MORE THAN JUST A BACKDROP; THEY ARE PART OF OUR IDENTITY AND DAILY EXPERIENCE.

BEHIND THIS BEAUTY IS A HARDWORKING AND PASSIONATE TEAM LED BY MR. NEILL VAN ROOYEN AND MR. XABISO BIKA. THEIR TEAM IS CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE—MOWING EXPANSIVE FIELDS, TRIMMING TREES, TENDING TO FLOWER BEDS, MAINTAINING THE SWIMMING POOL, AND ENSURING THAT OUR BUILDINGS STAY CLEAN AND WELCOMING.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND THE PRIDE THEY TAKE IN KEEPING OUR GROUNDS IN TOP CONDITION, NO MATTER THE WEATHER OR SEASON. THEIR EFFORTS DO NOT GO UNNOTICED, AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO GREET THEM WITH A SMILE, A WAVE, OR A FRIENDLY "HELLO" WHEN YOU SEE THEM AT WORK AROUND THE CAMPUS.

LET'S CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF OUR SCHOOL—AND THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE.



# Primary School News



prefekte!

Op 20 Mei 2025 is die finale Graad 7 Prefekte vir Riverwood College Laerskool met trots aangewys.

Hierdie spesiale oomblik is die hoogtepunt van 'n vyf-maande lange leierskapontwikkelingsprogram, wat gefokus is op karaktervorming, verantwoordelikheid en aanspreeklikheid. Elke Graad 7-leerder het die geleentheid gehad om as monitor op te tree, die skool se Gedragskode te internaliseer, en as 'n rolmodel vir jonger leerders te dien.

Gedurende hierdie tydperk het ons jong leiers hul toewyding, persoonlike groei en integriteit duidelik getoon. Hulle het bewys dat ware leierskap nie net oor posisies gaan nie, maar oor diens, voorbeeld en empatie.

Ons is baie trots om die groep aan te kondig wat, deur die stem van hul portuurgroep, gekies is as die finale Prefekte vir 2025. Baie geluk aan elkeen van julle – ons vertrou dat julle hierdie rol met trots, verantwoordelikheid en waardigheid sal vervul.

"Leierskap gaan nie daaroor om die beste te wees nie, maar om almal rondom jou beter te maak."



WORLD



BOOK



DAY



# REDENAARS



## VARS NUUS:

Junior is gekies om deur te dring na die finaal op 5 & 6 Augustus by ATKV Goudini Spa! Baie geluk - ons is trots op jou!



JUNIOR BOSIU SKITTER BY ATKV-REDENAARSKOMPETISIE JUNIOR BOSIU HET OP VRYDAG, 16 MEI, DEELGENEEM AAN DIE SEMI-FINALE UITDUNRONDE VAN DIE ATKV-REDENAARSKOMPETISIE BY KUSWAG SKOOL IN AMANZIMTOTTI. HY HET ONS SKOOL MET TROTS VERTEENWOORDIG IN DIE GRAAD 4 EN 5 AFRIKAANS ADDISIONELE TAAL-KATEGORIE. SY ONDERWERP, "FAMILIE IS DIE KERSIE OP DIE KOEK AS DIT KOM BY NAGEREG," IS MET INSIG, KREATIWITEIT EN SELFVERTRoue AANGEBIED - 'N WARE BEWYS VAN SY TOEWYDING EN TALENT. ONS IS ONGELOOFLIK TROTS OP JOU, JUNIOR! JY HET REEDS VER GEKOM EN ONS HOU DUIMVAS DAT JY GEKIES SAL WORD VIR DIE FINALE RONDE LATER VANJAAR. STERKTE!

## ONS TOP PRESTEERDERS GR 4-7

Graad 4



Graad 5



Graad 7



BAIE GELUK AAN ONS TOP AKADEMIESE PRESTEERDERS!

Graad 6



BAIE GELUK AAN AL ONS LEERDERS MET JULLE HARDE WERK, DEURSETTINGSVERMOË EN TOEWYDING GEDURENDE DIE 1STE AKADEMIESE TERMYN. JULLE HET GEWYS DAT HARDE WERK WERKLIK VRUGTE AFWERP! HIER IS ONS AKADEMIESE TOPPRESTEERDERS - RC IS ONGELOOFLIK TROTS OP ELKEEN VAN JULLE. JULLE IS 'N INSPIRASIE VIR ONS ALMAL EN 'N BEWYS VAN WAT MOONTLIK IS MET FOKUS EN VASBERADENHEID. HOU AAN SKITTER!

# High School News *Funk*

## RC ROCKED FUNK 2025

A RAW AND EXPLOSIVE JOURNEY INTO THE UNRAVELING...

IT HAPPENED — AND EVERY SINGLE SHOW WAS SOLD OUT!

RIVERWOOD COLLEGE'S POWERHOUSE FUNK GROUP LIT UP THE STAGE WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE PERFORMANCE FILLED WITH ENERGY, INTENSITY, AND EMOTION. THE BEGINNING OF THE END WAS MORE THAN JUST A PERFORMANCE — IT WAS A FIERCE, FEARLESS STORY TOLD THROUGH MOVEMENT.

TO EVERYONE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE SEEN IT: YOU KNOW YOU WITNESSED SOMETHING SPECIAL.

TO THE CAST AND CREW: WE ARE IN AWE OF YOUR TALENT AND DEDICATION.

IT WAS A MOMENT. IT WAS A MOVEMENT.

IT WAS RIVERWOOD COLLEGE FUNK AT ITS FINEST.

BEHIND THIS EXTRAORDINARY PRODUCTION STOOD A PASSIONATE TEAM THAT BROUGHT THE VISION TO LIFE. SPECIAL THANKS GO TO MS ESAU AND MRS ZAAYMAN, WHOSE LEADERSHIP, CREATIVITY, AND COMMITMENT SHAPED EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS. THEIR GUIDANCE HELPED DELIVER A PERFORMANCE THAT WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR YEARS TO COME.

A HUGE THANK-YOU ALSO GOES TO MRS CHEMALY, WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO ST ANNE'S DIOCESAN COLLEGE FOR HOSTING US AND CREATING A SPACE WHERE CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN SCHOOLS COULD THRIVE.



LASTLY, A WARM THANK-YOU TO ALL RIVERWOOD COLLEGE STAFF INVOLVED IN FUNK — FROM THOSE HELPING BEHIND THE SCENES WITH LOGISTICS, COSTUMES, AND TECH, TO THOSE WHO SHOWED UP SIMPLY TO SUPPORT. YOUR EFFORTS WERE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PRODUCTION.



### RIVERWOOD COLLEGE THE BEGINNING OF THE END

A raw and explosive journey into a world unraveling — where chaos rises, humanity fractures, and survival turns savage. In the shadow of nuclear war, trust dies and only hatred remains. This is not just the end... this is how it all began.



# THE GREAT SCHOOL BAKE OFF



RIVERWOOD COLLEGE'S CONSUMER STUDIES LEARNERS PROUDLY SECURED 3RD PLACE AT THE GREAT SCHOOLS' BAKE-OFF WITH THEIR STUNNING CAKE, "MZANSI THRIVES".

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MRS ZAAYMAN AND MRS WERNER, THE TEAM IMPRESSED THE JUDGES WITH THEIR CREATIVITY, SKILL, AND TEAMWORK. COMPETING AGAINST SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS THE REGION, THEY ROSE TO THE OCCASION AND DELIVERED AN EYE-CATCHING, MEANINGFUL ENTRY.



WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT AND GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS ON SUCH A PLATFORM. WELL DONE, TEAM — YOU'VE MADE RIVERWOOD PROUD!



## COOK OFF *Flavours of the World*



"If you're not passionate about food, it's never going to work as a chef. You've got to love it, every single day." Jamie Oliver



# WINNER ART Competition

THE CORTEX CLUB IS AN EDUCATIONAL FORUM DEDICATED TO INSPIRING AND INFORMING ALL THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN NEUROSCIENCE. THEIR MISSION IS TO CREATE A PLATFORM WHERE CREATIVE IDEAS ABOUT THE BRAIN CAN BE SHARED AND EXPLORED IN AN OPEN, RELAXED, AND INFORMAL ENVIRONMENT.

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT ONE OF RIVERWOOD COLLEGE'S GRADE 11 LEARNERS, STACEY, PARTICIPATED IN A NATIONAL COMPETITION HOSTED BY THE CORTEX CLUB—AND ACHIEVED FIRST PLACE!

THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION WAS "DRAW YOUR BRAIN WHEN IT IS STRESSED COMPARED TO WHEN IT IS CALM." STACEY'S THOUGHTFUL AND VISUALLY POWERFUL ARTWORK CAPTURED THE EMOTIONAL AND COGNITIVE SHIFTS OF THE HUMAN BRAIN IN A WAY THAT DEEPLY IMPRESSED THE JUDGES.



WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF STACEY FOR THIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT. HER SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS NOT ONLY HER ARTISTIC TALENT BUT ALSO HER INSIGHT INTO MENTAL WELLNESS AND NEUROSCIENCE—QUALITIES THAT REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE WE ENCOURAGE AT RIVERWOOD. CONGRATULATIONS, STACEY! YOUR ACHIEVEMENT IS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL.

# In die Klaskamer

## Graad 5A se Jong Joernaliste Skryf Hul Eerste Berigte!

DIE GRAAD 5A-KLAS HET HIERDIE KWARTAAL HULSELF VERDIEP IN DIE WÊRELD VAN NUUS EN JOERNALISTIEK. AS DEEL VAN HUL TAALONDERRIG HET LEEDERS GELEER HOE OM KOERANTBERIGTE TE STRUKTUREER, FEITE TE ONDERSOEK EN BOEIENDE OPSKRIFTE TE SKRYF.

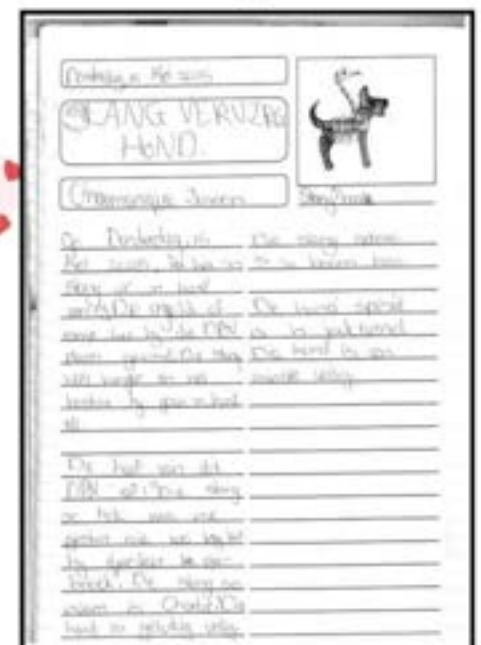
WAT VERAL UITGESTAAN HET, IS DIE VERBEELDING EN KREATIWITEIT WAARMEE ELKE LEERDER HUL EIE UNIEKE NUUSBERIG GESKRYF HET. VAN SPORT- EN GEMEENSKAPSNUUS TOT INTERESSANTE "WAT AS?"-STORIES – HIERDIE JONG JOERNALISTE HET GEWYS DAT DIE TOEKOMS VAN MEDIA IN GOEIE HANDE IS!

ONS SIEN UIT DAARNA OM NOG BAIE VAN HUL WERK TE LEES!

## "Spoke toe al die tyd Koninglike Pikkewyne" deur Lienke Cronje.



## "Slang Verwurg Hond" deur Charmonique Jansen.



# In the Classroom

## GRADE 12 LIFE SCIENCE'S PRAC



## GRADE 12 LIFE ORIENTATION - PRAC ZUMBA CLASS



# Sports News



## PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT



### CAPPING CEREMONY

We recently celebrated our Primary School Hockey, Netball, and Rugby First Teams in a special ceremony. Players were recognised for their dedication and enjoyed a relaxed evening with coaches and families around the fire. Thank you to everyone who supported our teams this season—we're proud of our athletes and excited for what's ahead!



### CHESS



# NETBALL/NETBAL

## Riverwood College Hosts U13 KZN District Netball Qualifiers

RIVERWOOD COLLEGE PROUDLY HOSTED THE U13 KZN DISTRICT NETBALL QUALIFIERS, WELCOMING 16 SCHOOLS FOR A DAY OF EXCITING COMPETITION AND OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP.

THE EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, SHOWCASING YOUNG TALENT AND THE POWER OF SCHOOL SPORT TO BUILD COMMUNITY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PELHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHO WON THE TOURNAMENT AND WILL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT THE PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS, WITH A CHANCE TO ADVANCE TO THE ALL AGES NETBALL TOURNAMENT.

WE'RE HONOURED TO HAVE HOSTED SUCH A KEY EVENT, AND WE COMMEND ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, UMPIRES, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION. RIVERWOOD COLLEGE REMAINS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING SCHOOL SPORT AND NURTURING FUTURE ATHLETES.



Well Done Pelham!

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## RUGBY



OUR PLAYERS ARE SHOWING GREAT TEAMWORK AND DETERMINATION THIS SEASON. WIN OR LOSE, WE'RE PROUD OF THEIR EFFORT AND SPIRIT ON THE FIELD!

## HOCKEY

OUR HOCKEY TEAMS ARE GIVING IT THEIR ALL WITH SKILL, TEAMWORK, AND TRUE RIVERWOOD SPIRIT. WE'RE PROUD OF EVERY PLAYER ON THE FIELD!





PHOTOS BY SADDIQ - SMC  
RC VS HILLCREST



PHOTOS BY SADDIQ - SMC  
FORWARD VORENTOE PHAMBILI

## SPORTS UPDATE: HARD WORK, TEAM SPIRIT, AND GREAT RESULTS!

OUR SPORTING TEAMS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD, AND THEIR DEDICATION IS TRULY PAYING OFF! WITH THE PSG ADDING TO THE EXCITEMENT, THERE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE BUZZ AROUND SCHOOL SPORTS THIS TERM.

WHETHER PLAYING AT HOME OR AWAY, OUR TEAMS HAVE MADE US PROUD – NOT ONLY BY SECURING SOME FANTASTIC WINS BUT ALSO BY SHOWING EXCELLENT SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGHOUT. THE SPIRIT, COMMITMENT, AND TEAMWORK DISPLAYED HAVE BEEN INSPIRING TO WATCH.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU GOES OUT TO EVERY COACH, STAFF MEMBER, AND OUTSIDE REFEREE FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO OUR LEARNERS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT, PASSION, AND FOR REPRESENTING OUR SCHOOL WITH PRIDE. YOU'VE SHOWN WHAT TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP LOOKS LIKE.

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE INVOLVED – WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL!



# Results

SPORT VS HILLCREST (RC MENTIONED 1ST)



## RUGBY:

U/14 26-0 (WON)

U/15 5-5 (DRAW)

U/16 7-0 (WON)

2ND 19-0 (WON)

1ST 14-5 (WON)

## NETBALL:

U/14 14-4 (WON)

U/15 3-19 (LOST)

U/16 5-10 (LOST)

2ND 8-24 (LOST)

1ST 19-42 (LOST)

## HOCKEY:

U/15 BOYS 1-1 DRAW

1ST BOYS 1-0 (WON)

U/14 GIRLS 1-2 (LOST)

U/16 GIRLS 0-5 (LOST)

2ND GIRLS 1-2 (LOST)

1ST GIRLS 2-1 (WON)

SPORT VS KINGSWAY: (RC MENTIONED 1ST)

## RUGBY

U/14 41-0 (WON)

U/15 19-0 (WON)

U/16 27-13 (WON)

2ND 51-12 (WON) UNBEATEN IN THE PSG LEAGUE AND WILL PLAY IN THE FINAL.

1ST 60-12 (WON)

## NETBALL

U/14 8-10 (LOST)

U/15 11-15 (LOST)

U/16 5-8 (LOST)

2ND 8-2 (WON)

1ST 19-16 (WON)

## HOCKEY:

U/15 BOYS 2-0 (WON)

1ST BOYS 1-0 (WON) UNBEATEN IN THE PSG LEAGUE AND WILL PLAY IN THE FINAL.

U/14 GIRLS 4-0 (WON)

U/16 GIRLS 1-2 (LOST)

1ST GIRLS 8-0 (WON) UNBEATEN IN THE PSG LEAGUE AND WILL PLAY IN THE FINAL.

## SKITTEREND GESKIET – ZELDA GROVE MAAK GESKIEDENIS!

ONS IS ONGELOOFLIK TROTS OM ZELDA GROVE, 'N BAANBREKER-LEERLING VAN RIVERWOOD COLLEGE, TE VIER NADAT SY ONLANGS AAN DIE GESOGTE TOP 80-KOMPETISIE DEELGENEEM HET – EN 'N UITSONDERLIKE VERTONING GELEWER HET. BARE GELUK MET HIERDIE ONGELOOFLIKE PRESTASIE – ONS SIEN UIT OM JOU OP DIE INTERNASIONALE VERHOOG TE SIEN UITBLINK!



## JOTHANY SHINES AT NATIONALS WITH PERSONAL BESTS AND PODIUM FINISH.

JOTHANY DELIVERED A STANDOUT PERFORMANCE AT THE RECENT NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, RECORDING PERSONAL BESTS IN SEVERAL EVENTS. SHE PLACED 7TH IN THE COUNTRY IN THE 100M FREESTYLE AND CONTRIBUTED TO HER TEAM'S SUCCESS IN THE RELAYS—EARNING A SILVER MEDAL IN THE 4X50M FREESTYLE RELAY AND A COMMENDABLE 5TH PLACE IN THE 4X100M MEDLEY RELAY.

# Staff News

## Mrs S Nzimande

Riverwood Community Celebrates Mrs. Swazi Nzimande's Remarkable Achievement!

The Riverwood community is incredibly proud of Mrs. Swazi Nzimande for successfully completing her Masters Degree in Adult Education. This remarkable milestone is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

We join her family in celebrating this achievement and extend our warmest congratulations. Mrs. Nzimande's accomplishment is an inspiration to us all.



## Mr W Mnyandu

We are proud to congratulate Mr Wiseman Mnyandu on receiving his Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

This is a significant achievement, and we celebrate his dedication to personal and professional growth.

The Riverwood College community is incredibly proud of him, and we look forward to the continued impact he will make in the lives of our learners.

Well done, Mr Mnyandu!



MOTHER'S DAY  
@ RIVERWOOD  
COLLEGE



## Happy birthday Mr Immelman

Sometimes we wonder what it really takes  
To be a leader that hardly shakes or breaks.  
A leader that has a passion for us all  
No matter our challenges, big or small.

Riverwood College, a new-old school as we merged  
A challenging task, all forces converged.  
But to you Mr Immelman, this was a task at heart  
And with your strong team made history, a brand new start

Mnr Immelman, vir ons kleintjies is jy die sterkste man  
Baas van die plaas, meneer in beheer, man met n plan  
Ons weet mnr werk baie hard, selfs met vakansies daarby  
En gaan skool wanneer almal anders rus om nuwe energie te kry

We might not see you that often, but we know you're always there.  
With a heart so big, showing everyone love and care  
You are brave, you are kind, you are principal vir maroon, white and blue  
Happy birthday Mr Immelman, happy birthday to you.  
May God bless your new year with his protection and grace  
May He guide you and strengthen you for the remainder of life's race

Dankie vir die toekomsdrome wat mnr saam met ons kan bou  
Riverwood is vevoorreg met n Skoolhoof so getrou.  
Baie geluk mnr, omdat jy verjaar.

Mag die Here Mnr vir nog oerjare spaar.



'N GROOT DANKIE AAN ONS WONDERLIKE LAERSKOOI VIR DIE OULIKE, HARTROERENDE GEDIGGIE WAT JULLE VIR MNR. IMMELMAN GESKRYF EN VOORGELEES HET OP SY VERJAARSDAG, 10 MEI!

DIE GLIMLAG OP SY GESIG HET ALLES GESÊ – DIT WAS REGTIG 'N SPESIALE OOMBLIK VOL LIEFDE, HUMOR EN KINDERLIKE OPWINDING. JULLE HET SY DAG BESONDERS GEMAAK EN ONS ALMAL SE HARTE WARM LAAT KLOP. DANKIE VIR DIE MOEITE, DIE KREATIWITEIT EN DIE LIEFDE WAARMEE JULLE DIT GEDOEN HET! (DIE GEDIG IS GEPLAAS SOOS ONTVANG)