

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2017 academic year. We had a happy opening to the year, there were no tears at all which proves just how well the pupils have settled at Richmond Primary. The little grade ones were all smiles as they walked past my office on the first morning. Some were dwarfed by the big bags they were carrying on their backs.

We started the year without two teachers as we are waiting for the Education Department to make a decision as to how to fill the posts. Melissa Malyon and Emlyn Serge filled the gaps admirably and ensured that education and teaching took place. However, we have employed Nalinee Kaiserynand and Mohamed Khan until full time teachers are posted here. Unfortunately, Mrs Jean Brown has been booked off on sick Leave until 24 March. We wish her a good rest and a speedy recovery. Nikita Reddy has been employed as a Locum teacher for Grade two for the time being. She spent her student teaching years at Richmond Primary so she has stepped in like a duck to water. The children know her well so the transition process has been quick and positive.

Out Boarding Establishment is functioning well and is close to capacity with 80 pupils at the moment. Due to our home from home approach the pupils are all well settled, well-mannered and they are given every opportunity to have fun and to make the most of what School, and the Boarding Establishment life has to offer.

Lessons are in full swing and our busy extra mural programme entails many practice sessions, inter school matches and many kilometres travelled in the school busses. The coaches and drivers give far more time than what is expected of them and results show we are competitive and sound coaching is taking place.

We will be having a Rainbow Fun Run/Walk on Sunday 26 March. The route goes through the streets of Richmond. Much fun is planned and the aim is to get the community to come together on the day. It is going to be a colourful affair as participants will be sprayed with various colours at the many refreshment stations. Please diarise the 24 March and join us on the day.

We are now looking forward to the second half of the term. It is sure to be as busy as the first. I hope that the end of the term reports will reflect that your children have worked hard and done well.

Should you have any queries, complaints, or you would like to meet specific members of staff, please contact me. I wish you well.

Thank you

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**Grade 1 information**

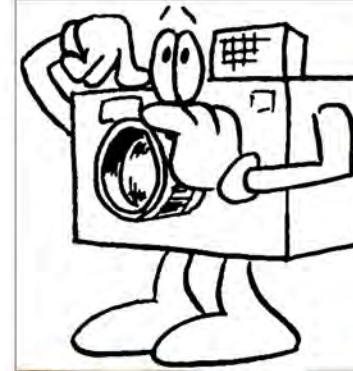
The Grade Ones have had an exciting start to the school year. They have learnt to read over 20 sight words already and can be very proud of themselves. These words are the words that appear frequently on the reading cards and in the books that are the next step in our reading programme. The children are also learning to correctly form each letter of the alphabet as well as the name of each letter and the sound that it makes. In Numeracy the children are adding and subtracting to 5. They have learnt about Polly Plus who likes to add things and Meany Minus who likes to take things away.

The children are learning how to float and use kicker broads during P.E lessons with Mrs. Boulter. These are very important skills that ensure that they are all water safe. During computer lessons they are playing Matific maths games and are learning to use Paint to create beautiful pictures with Mr Serge.

The children are encouraged to take part in after school sport. Sport helps to develop their motor skills and co-ordination which assists them in the classroom. It also allows for social skills to develop and many friendships to be made.

I look forward to a happy and successful year with these special children.

Nicky Mapstone



**Kodak Moments**



*We Welcome our two temporary teachers*

*Mr. Khan who is teaching Grade 5.*

*And*

*Mrs. Kaiserynand who is teaching*

*Grade 3.*

Please follow us on Instagram



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more updates.

**Upcoming events for weeks 7&8  
(18th February–3rd March)**

- 18th February-** Boarders Free weekend.
- 20th February-** Girls Open Tennis vs New Hanover.
- 21st February-** Mini Cricket at SCC  
- Mini Gala at LGS.
- 22nd February-** U9 Cricket vs Gert Maritz.
- 23rd February-** Mini Gala at Lynford.
- 25th February-** Cricket vs Epworth.
- 27th February-** Girls Open Tennis vs Cow-an House.
- 1st March-** Cricket vs Lynford.
- 2nd March-** Basketball vs Heritage.



**and on the Sports  
Fields...**

**Sports Results for weeks 2- 6 (18h January -17th February)**

20th January -Basketball vs Scottsville

Girls won 3, lost 1.

Boys won 2, lost 2.

25th January- Cricket vs Ixopo

U10- Lost.

U11- Won.

1st-Lost.

30th January- Tennis vs L.G.S- Lost.

31st January- Gala at Scottsville-5th Place.

1st February- Basketball Festival.

1st-Drew 2, lost 1.

2nd- Lost 2, drew 1.

2nd February- Basketball Festival.

U11- Lost all.

U10- Drew, lost.

3rd February- Basketball at St. Nicholas.

Open Boys- Won3, lost1.

4th February- Cricket vs Scottsville

1st- Lost by one run.

U11- Won.

U10- Lost

U9-Lost

8th February- Basketball vs L.G.S

1- Won.

2- Lost.

- Cricket vs Scottsville

U9- Lost.

U10-Lost.

11th February- Cricket vs Gert Maritz.

U10- Lost.

U11- Lost.

1st- Won.

14th February-Mini Cricket at Epworth.

Grade 1- Drew.

Grade 2- Won.

15th February- Cricket vs Lynford

1st- Won.

U11- Lost by 1 run.



VALUES:  
Care, Commitment, Community

VISION:  
Discovering Potential - Nurturing Leaders

MISSION STATEMENT:  
Building a Quality foundation for life



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We can't put all the pictures in the newsletter so please like our facebook page (Richmond Primary School) to see more of what we have been up to!

Please contact Rosheen Billet (072 469 2863) if you are interested in enrolling your child for piano lessons. Lessons are in school time, but independent of school fees.

PIANO

Please contact Ashleigh (072 603 0233) from Ashleigh Joubert Contemporary Dance Studio if you are interested in enrolling your child for dance lessons. Lessons are on a Friday after school and are independent of school fees.

DANCE



If you have any requests or suggestions,  
please contact Mrs Bruce on  
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