

REIGNING EKURHULENI SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

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OUR VISION

To create a balanced, educational environment in which our learners have the opportunity to realise their potential – academically, spiritually, socially and physically, in a school offering top class facilities and which inspires learners to lead a life of significance.

SCHOOL ETHOS: <u>T-PLAN</u>

Truth Peace Love Accountability Non-Violence

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"Create your own sunshine with positive vibes."

/ e have enjoyed a lot of sunshine, both literally and figuratively at RPS this term. Our first term has been a short and an intense one and we must applaud our staff and learners for going above and beyond.

We are enormously proud of how our athletes and swimmers who have participated with enormous heart, spirit and determination. We could not have asked for more. Our 'A' team swimmers are once again the Ekurhuleni Champs – 7th year in a row – a fantastic achievement. Three of our swimmers, Harm Beens, Giovanni Cocci and Ava Bosch, are swimming at SA Junior Nationals as I am writing and I applaud them for their excellence. Our athletes have excelled through all the levels, culminating in one athlete, Chelsea van Dyk, running at SA Champs – BRAVO!

To all our wonderful learners, for their hard work and commitment to RPS, thank you. Thank you for filling our first term with sunshine. To our special Staff, your dedication never goes unnoticed, thank you for always going the extra mile.

Parents, for all your support, for paying School Fees and supporting our Term 1 fundraisers, our heartfelt thanks. You make a difference.

Wishing everyone a joyful and relaxing holiday. For those families who celebrate Easter, may it be blessed and filled with hope.



Mrs L. Cuthbertson Principal



NEW RPS STAFF



Mrs A Green Grade 3 Educator

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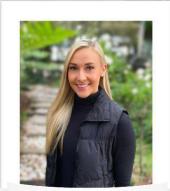
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Ms D O'Donoghue Grade 4 Educator



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Mrs N du Preez Grade 7 Educator



Mr S Kuhn

Learnership

RANCE - SUCCESS



Ms H Rodwell



Mr J Chaplin Learnership

ACADEMICS

CLASS CAPTAINS

TERM 1: Grades 1 – 6

Grade 1A Brooklyn Hall Luke Walsh

Grade 1B Taylor Tindell Declan Barnes

Grade 1C Tatum Crosbie Tristan Mupeti

Grade 1D Casey Hook Busa Mgwenya

Grade 1E Peyton Venn Jaxon Husband

Grade 4A Ava Gordon Drayke Strickler

Grade 4B Peace ILunga Joshua Janse van Vuuren

> Grade 4C Cailah Masuku Maximus McColgan

Grade 4D Atlegang Matlala Vishakh Kunjupilla Grade 2A Sloane McColgan Nicholas Moutafis

Grade 2B Rochelle Holzapfel Angelo Vuma

Grade 2C Frieda Kungoane Tayne Noake

Grade 2D Luthando Mohoa Royce Rothballer

Grade 2E Yamihle Henama Nkosinathi Dladla

Grade 5A Mattae Morel Phillip Mudau

Grade 5B Emma Siepman Alexi Demosthenous

> Grade 5C Hailey Palm Lethabo Nhlapo

Grade 5D Unathi Ngubane-Ngwenya Cristiano Louro Grade 3A Maya de Almeida Logan Schoombie

Grade 3B Lindokuhle Mashele Sloan Diederiks

> **Grade 3C** Teagan Morritt Tatum Mohai

Grade 3D Alexia Visser Blaine Fisher

Grade 3E Oratile Ramoshaba Benjamin Holmes

Grade 6A Jenna Williams Omphile Kekana

Grade 6B Nikiwe Magadla Miguel Govender

Grade 6C Ntsumi Nkuna Tshiamo Mohapi

Grade 6D Kgomotso Morotolo Téamo Chueu

TOP 20 ACADEMIC LEARNERS

GRADE 5

Henro Beyers Mijoné Beyers Mia de Groot Alexi Demosthenous Luchenke Engelbrecht Giovanna Korfias Cristiano Louro Tristan Mayson Olivia Meyburgh Michel Ilunga

GRADE 6

Boipelo Bila Ava Bosch Josiah Butterworth Téamo Chueu Kyla Erasmus Miguel Govender Muhammad Haffejee Hannah Harrison Thomas Holmes Simunikiwe Magadla

GRADE 7

Harm Beens Kutlwano Bila Joshua Bruce Gabriella de Agrela Miguel de Almeida Cole Donegan Nathan Engelbrecht Makayla Gouveia Ridhima Hingorani Connor Kelly Linathi Mazibuko Sarvesh Moopanar Didintle Mopaka Goitseone Mphuthi Nokulunga Nhlapo Lincoln Reddy Aditya Sahadeo Chelsea van Dyk Amber Van Rooyen Abigail Wittstock

Ariana Manickum Samuel Masuku Cydan Nel Khanyisile Nkosi Hlatshwayo Aden Odendaal Otlotlilwe Ramorula Emilé Ren Nathan Sauls Jayden Visser Jenna Williams

Mattae Morel

Tanaka Mushonga Unathi Ngubane-Ngwenya

Lethabo Nhlapo

Abigail Paice

Chelsea Poggenpoel

Yajna Sahadeo

Emma Siepman

Emily White

Rebecca Wittstock

Alara Yilmaz

PERCEPTUAL SKILLS

A t Rynfield Primary School we incorporate Perceptual motor into Physical Education and is offered as a special class for the Foundation Phase during the school day. This plays a crucial role in children's learning across various disciplines including sports and academic learning. Perceptual education involves elements like perceptual, gross and fine motor skills, and health, safety, and nutrition. The aim is to enhance children's fitness, co-ordination, balance, and self-confidence, while fostering an understanding of spatial concepts. This well-rounded development contributes to their overall growth and learning.

Additionally, the program aims to cultivate an understanding of spatial orientation, lateral movement, rhythm, co-ordination, balance, crossing midline and body-awareness. This holistic approach contributes to children's overall physical and cognitive development.

Perceptual-motor programs aim to also promote gross motor development using equipment like jump ropes, balance beams, basic co-ordination skills, obstacle courses and dynamic stretching. Physical activity enhances brain neural pathways, aiding learning skills. These programs also strengthen bilateral coordination, crucial for tasks like writing.





WATERCOLOUR FUN

F rom watercolour painting, a child will learn how to co-ordinate the small movements of their fingers to produce a work of art. This will assist in their long term ability to write, manipulate tools and objects and perform other small movement-based tasks essential to everyday life.

Art, in general, engages children's senses in open-ended activities and supports the development of cognitive, social-emotional and multisensory skills. As children progress art continues to provide opportunities for brain development, mastery, self-esteem and creativity.

Our learners painted pictures of flip flops which were divided into all different shapes and sizes. They had the creative freedom to brighten their artwork with any colours they chose. They were also presented with challenges as watercolours can mix, if they had to paint over the lines, into another colour. This exercised patience and developing a reflective understanding of art materials and the world around them.





TIME FOR PLAYDOUGH

Playdough supports development and learning in many areas. When children use playdough, they explore ideas through symbolic thinking. It also exercises their fine motor skills, creativity and enhances their sensory knowledge.

Making animals using playdough is most certainly a great way to allow the learners to have some creative time in the classroom. The children had to create an animal of their choice, however, were challenged to ensure that the features and details of their animal were realistic.

This exercise challenged their creative and critical thinking. Finding and implementing solutions when challenges arose was also a crucial skill that was applied during this task.

What an incredible learning opportunity which promoted creativity, growth and fun.





WORLD OF HABITATS

A habitat is the natural home of an animal or plant. The learners were given the challenge to create their own habitat, using a shoebox or any other shell-like structure.

The project had to depict the exact natural elements found in their chosen habitat, such as the plants and animals which live in the environment as well as the food those animals and plants need to survive.

Learning about habitats is an important component in the curriculum, because it is a great way to introduce them to the environment around them and create awareness that certain animals need certain conditions to survive.

The entire process of planning, collecting and building their habitat provides a wide range of benefits from critical and creative thinking to problem solving and reflection.

By providing children the opportunity to explore and apply real-world knowledge, we afford them the richest knowledge that we can gift them.



STARCH EXPERIMENT

n the Science Lab all weird and wonderful things take place.

Science inspires curiosity and an attitude of discovery. This curiosity helps learners understand and formulate questions on the information they have collected.

Science aims to build knowledge about the natural world which allows learners to better understand the environment they live in.

Our learners tested food items to check if they contain starch by dropping some iodine solution onto food samples. After careful observation they noticed that part of the food with iodine solution turned to a blue-black colour. They learned that this finding indicates the presence of starch.





HYDRAULIC PROJECTS

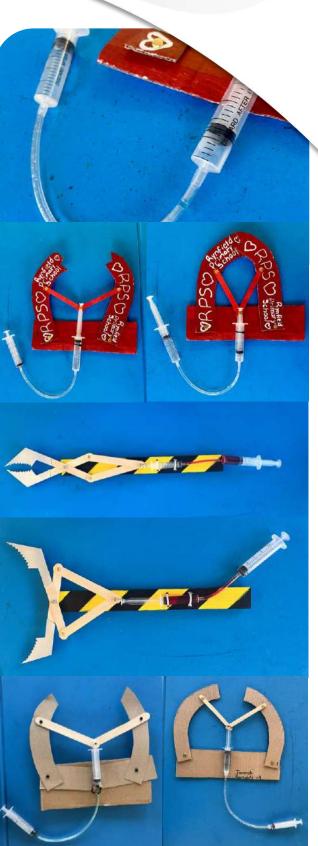
Hydraulics is a technology and applied science involving the mechanical properties and use of liquids. At a very basic level, hydraulics perform tasks through using a fluid that is pressurized.

Being challenged to collect the materials and tools and make your own hydraulic system model is one thing, but to build a model that successfully functions is another.

The learners had to use syringes filled with water and when pushed, moved the water through the pip into the other syringe. This created the jaws to open and close, resulting in a successful pressure to manouvre the model.

Experiments nurture a child's curiosity and supports the development of other skills and attributes such as collaboration, analytical, reasoning and problem-solving skills.





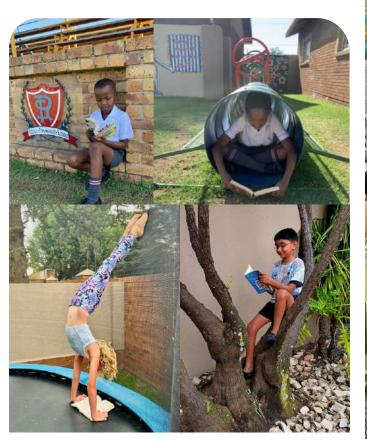
WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

World Read Aloud Day motivates children, teens, and adults to celebrate the power of words.

This global literacy movement is about taking action to show the world that the right to read and write belongs to all people.

RPS thoroughly enjoyed celebrating this wonderful movement in the classroom as well as out and about in nature, on the playground and even upside down.

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." – Garrison Keillor





MATH WEEK

R PS celebrated Maths Day on Thursday, 14 March. Every year, around the world, Math is given a dedicated day in which schools celebrate the subject. This is to encourage students to sharpen their skills in arithmetic and problem solving, as well as develop and foster a love and appreciation for the subject.

Our learners were encouraged to come to school decorated with any items to display their love of MATHS.

Making learning fun is important to stimulate the learners' focus and willingness to take in and store important information.





SPART



school sport Awards

E kurhuleni North District and GDE Head Office hold annual awards for School sports, youth and culture. The purpose of the awards is to honour Schools, learners and educators for their meritorious achievements during the academic year.

In 2023 our School was a finalist for the District awards in the Primary School of the year section. On 11 March, Mrs K Smit (Head of Sport) attended the Awards Ceremony at the East Rand School of Arts. Our school placed 3rd to Laerskool van Riebeek Park and Laerskool Impala. Once again, Rynfield Primary was the only English medium School on the East Rand who placed in the top 3 Schools in our district.

Heartfelt congratulations to our sport staff, educators, learners and parents. Without the collective spirit at RPS, receiving an award such as this would not be possible. We will continue to strive and be the best that we can be. We are incredibly proud of this achievement.



SPORT CAPTAINS

ATHLETICS CAPTAINS



ATHLETICS CAPTAINS Cole Donegan (L) and Chelsea van Dyk (R)



ATHLETICS VICE CAPTAINS Naledi Seema (L) and Tyler Holzapfel (R)

SWIMMING CAPTAINS





SWIMMING CAPTAINS Harm Beens (L) and Mia Moustakis (R)



INTER-PRIMARY ATHLETICS

The RPS athletes always impress us with their outstanding performances. It has been exciting to watch our athletes perform in their various events. Our athletes acquitted themselves exceptionally well throughout the season showing true RPS heart, spirit and determination. Each discipline displayed many hours of training, dedication and skill that took place while preparing to compete.

It is with great satisfaction that once again Rynfield Primary was triumphant in the Inter-Primary group stage, securing victory effortlessly against Ashbury College and Gekombineerde Skool Noorderlig.

Our athletes have built up a proud tradition of excelling at all the subsequent events after Inter-Primary namely Greater Benoni, D-17, Gauteng Championships and now South African Championships.

The determination to always uphold heart, spirit and perseverance is commendable.

Congratulations to all our athletes on a successful athletics season. We are so proud of you for representing RPS.



ATHLETICS

INTER-PRIMARY ATHLETICS

The RPS athletics squad consisted of 147 athletes who competed at Inter-Primary.

GREATER BENONI

87 athletes made it through to compete at Greater Benoni.

D17

21 athletes made it through to D17.



GAUTENG CHAMPIONSHIPS

7 athletes went to Gauteng Champs. This is one of the toughest competitions at Primary School level.



Chelsea van Dyk u13



Clayton Kewley u12











SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chelsea van Dyk placed 3rd in the girls U'13 1500m race and will now run at SA Champs on 24 – 26 March. Everything of the best and much success.

On 11 March, Chelsea van Dyk was invited to attend the Ekurhuleni Sport Awards Ceremony and was recognized as the runner up Sportswoman of the year (2023). This is a phenomenal achievement and RPS could not be more proud of Chelsea's achievements.



SWIMMING LUNCH

A & B TEAMS

IF YOU HAVE A LANE, YOU HAVE A CHANCE

Thank you for being part of the 2024 RED WHITE DYNAMITE TEAM We appreciate your hard work and dedication. - From your swimming captains, Mia & Harm



Sponsors: Beens family, Moustakis family (George's Bakery), Demosthenous family (RocoMamas part sponsor) and McColgan family.

SWIMMING A TEAM

wimming is one of our School sports in which we excel in extraordinary measures, as Rynfield Primary reigns supreme for yet another year. Our team can only be described as phenomenal!

Our swimming team at Rynfield Primary consists of 45 swimmers and 6 coaches, every single one of these people contribute to the success of swimming at our School.

The 'A' Swimming Team represents the School at the highest level, competing in the A - League, where we have been crowned Champions on many occasions.

To the swimmers who swam length after length in preparation, congratulations boys and girls for giving swimming all you have to give and for once again taking the title of the 'A' League Inter-Primary Gala winners in 2024.

Your sportsmanship and camaraderie on pool level shone through and you can all be the proud owners of the title for another year.

Lastly, our results would not be possible without the assistance and great support of Donny and Lynne Semple, who give up their time tirelessly.

RPS have been the proud champions of the Ekhurhuleni Individual Inter-Primary Gala for the last seven years.

<u>March 'A' Team</u> <u>Individual Inter-Primary</u> <u>Gala Statistics:</u> 2017 – Lost 2018 – Won 2019 – Won 2020 – Hosted & Won 2021 – Won 2022 – Won 2023 – Won 2024 – Won

October 'A' Inter-Primary Relay Gala Statistics: 2017 – Won 2018 – Won 2019 – Lost 2020 – No Gala (Covid-19) 2021 – Won 2022 – Won 2023 – Won



SWIMMING

We started a Development Programme where the goal was to enrich our swimming team by adding more competition between our swimmers. Through development we entered a B-team into the C-League in 2021. They flew the RPS flag high and won the league in their first year in which they competed in it.

In 2022, our 'B' Team moved up to compete in the B-League where they placed 2nd by a grueling 3 points. In 2023 we came second in the 'B' league during the March Individual Inter-Primary and first in the 'B' League Relay Inter-Primary.

In 2024, our 'B' Team placed 4th at the Inter-Primary Gala. Our 'B' swimmers are in a very challenging league, often swimming against other schools first teams.

Boys and girls keep persevering – you will get there. We believe in your potential.





B T E A M

EQUESTRIAN

E questrian is an art. It is the perfect understanding and harmony between horse and rider.

On Saturday, 3 February, our riders competed in the first qualifier of the SANESA equestrian league, held at Kyalami Equestrian Park.

Everley Higgs and her pony Snoopy placed: - 1st and 3rd in the 30cm showjumping

McKenna Douglas and her pony Fire Fly placed:

- 2nd in Dressage Test 1
- 2nd in Dressage Test 2
- 2nd in Performance riding lead rein
- 1st in Working riding lead rein

Madison Woods and her horse Joshua's Secret placed:

- 4th in 70cm showjumping
- 2nd in Dressage Prelim

Jaimie Riley and her horse War Horse placed:

- 1st in the 1m showjumping Jaimie Riley and her horse Pikachu placed:
- 1st in the 1.10m showjumping

RPS Equestrian is sponsored by Fulvic Health and we would like to thank them for all their support.

Well done to all our riders and their team manager, Miss Helps. We are extremely proud of your achievements thus far.



CHESS

hess continues to be a Sport which grows each year. We are always excited to witness such positive growth and development in this discipline.

The Benoni Individual Chess Tournament was held at Laerskool Rynfield on Saturday, 9 March. We had a good number of boys and girls enter the tournament.

Besides it being a very long, hot day, each child persevered till the very end and we are proud of each one.

Congratulations to the following learners who made it into the top 10 in their section:

Nurvi Hingorani – u'9 girls

Andoni Moutafis – u'9 boys

Letse Ramorula – u'11 boys

Hadley Menday – u'11 girls

Ridhima Hingorani – u'13 girls

William Liebenberg – u'13 boys

Tlotli Ramorula – u'13 boys



CULTURAL

(internet)

Mind Constanting

STUDENT LEADERS OF 2024



- Back: Connor Kelly, Keegan Nieuwoudt, Evan Turner, Joshua Bruce, Miguel de Almeida, Nathan Engelbrecht, Kutlwano Bila, Lincoln Reddy, Ethan Jordaan, Cole Donegan, Luke Wratten, Tyler Holzapfel, Rylee Greyvenstein, Harm Beens, Eden Vuma.
- Middle: Kristen Travers, Mia Moustakis, Chelsea van Dyk, Rochelle Bouwer, Naledi Seema, Nokulunga Nhlapo, Didi Mopaka, Thabi Makua, Zoe O'Connell, Makayla Gouveia, Kirsten Allen.
- **Front:** Goitseone Mphuthi, Linathi Mazibuko, Sienna Frankiewicz, Nobuhle Mngabashe, Amber van Rooyen, Abigail Wittstock, Ivy Smith, Hannah Mashigo, Logan Wolmorans.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

 The following Student Leaders were selected as House Captains and Vice Captains for 2024.



Captains : Chelsea van Dyk & Cole Donegan Vice Captain : Thabi Makau



Captains : Nokulunga Nhlapo & Joshua Bruce

Vice Captain : Hannah Mashigo



Captains : Didi Mopaka and Kutlwano Bila Vice Captain : Miguel De Almeida RHODES

STUDENT LEADER INDUCTION

e concluded a memorable 2023 with a series of Prize Givings and then the very special Assembly in which our Student Leaders were announced.

Out of 120 learners, 35 become Student Leaders. The selection team recognised, in each and every one of you something special, that we wanted to grow and nurture, as you go on your leadership journey.

Michael Jordan, the world famous basketball player, always reminds us to earn our leadership every day. It takes work to be a leader, because leadership is an action and an example, it's not just a title or position.

You are ambassadors of everything RPS embodies.

On Friday, 23 February, our Student Leaders had their induction lunch. It was a lovely afternoon well spent. Thank you to the moms who assisted with the event.

We wish our Leaders every success for their year of leadership ahead. We know that you will keep the fire burning brightly.





RPS STUDENT LEADERS

"A leader is one who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way."

- John Maxwell

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RPS STUDENT LEADERS

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into capacity."

- Warren Bennis

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SAPS ROADSHOW

he SAPS Roadshow visited RPS on Friday, 15 March. The purpose of the visit was to collaborate with the South African Police Service in creating more awareness for what the SAPS entails and does on a daily basis.

They gave a Safety Talk to the seniors regarding drugs, responsible use of social media, etc.

Different departments set up displays with items that are specific to the various jobs and requirements of the nature of the given field. The SAPS, Black Hawkes, Firearm Training, Forensic Division, K9 Unit, Search and Rescue and SAPS Mounted Unit were among some of the divisions on show.

A demonstration was re-enacted for the seniors, with parent consent. The show was a simulated robbery, with our very own, Mr McCallum playing the part of the victim. The Police then apprehended the baddies in a car chase and arrested them.



This was a worthwhile educational experience for our learners and we are truly proud that RPS was chosen as the School to collaborate with the SAPS.



SPECIAL EVENTS

PLAY AT OWN RISK

ORIENTATION DAY

FOR 2024

Child

t is always a special moment when we see our future Grade R's and Grade 1's arrive for their Orientations that took place on Saturday, 4 November 2023.

Some arrived bright-eyed and bushy tailed ready to conquer the world, others a little tearful - but they all come with their hopes and dreams and we are privileged to be part of that journey.

As you step through our doors, you become part of our School family. Welcome to the School that will forever hold a special place in your heart.



1st DAY OF SCHOOL

Learning is an adventure that starts on the first day of School!











VALENTINE'S DAY

R PS celebrated Valentine's Day on Friday, 16 February, amidst colour, music and fun.

Our juniors celebrated the 'day of love' by having picnics on the field with their friends. Our seniors danced away and busted some moves at their Valentine's discos.

Thank you to all the boys and girls who supported the splendid Grade 7 Fundraiser, as well as the moms who assisted on the day.





FAMILY FUN DAY

hat a fantastic Family Fun Day we enjoyed on Sunday, 3 March. FFD is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the incentives received blew our socks off.

Parents, thank you so much for your support both with the fundraising and the helping on the actual day. It was great seeing our children having so much fun.

Heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Nicola van der Heever and all the moms and dads who worked on the day to ensure its enormous success. What an amazing collaborative effort. To all the parents and companies who sponsored slides or goodies for Sunday Funday, thank you, thank you, thank you! Your generosity contributed to the overall profit made with this fundraiser.

To all the children, the parents and families, the sponsors, Rainbow Inflatables, Action Hire and our very own leprechaun – Paddy, the RPS Staff, each and every one of you contributed to a bumper Family Fun Day 2024 – THANK YOU.

Our target was R230 000, however, we made a profit of R287 754.32. This amount will be used to finish off the project started last year at the netball courts. The ablution facility and shelter area is complete. All that remains is for the rusty old fencing surrounding the courts to be replaced. Our grateful thanks to Louise Sequeria and Mr Bloem for managing the build as well as Kenako Builders for once again doing a great job at the courts.



SUNDAY FUNDAY

WINNERS WELL DONE!

Classes with 100% participation:

Ice-creams &	RB	RA
civvies day	2D	2B
	3C	3A
	4A	3D
	7A	5C

Top winners who raised the most money:

Cash money

1st – Kristen Travers : Grade 7D
2nd – Beth Victor Emanuel : Grade 6B
3rd – Jayde Dunbar : Grade 7A
4th – Sianna van der Merwe : Grade 6B
5th – Charisa du Plessis : Grade 2B

Overall winners - Class that raised the most money:

Grade 7D

A day at The Slope

SUNDAY FUNDAY

SPONSORS

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Thank you!



STUDENT LEADER CAMP

U ur Student Leaders had a most enjoyable camp at Wag 'n Bietjie over the weekend of the 8th of March.

Being chosen as a Student Leader at RPS is a privilege, it is where a learner is chosen to fill a position to influence, motivate, and guide others.

On leadership camp, the learners exercise their ability to work in teams, encourage each other and learn how to recognise strengths. This time was utilized to connect with each other and learn valuable skills which will assist them on their leadership journey throughout the year.

House Captains are chosen from the camp through observation and reflection by the teachers who accompany them.

Thank you to our camp leaders Mrs Robb, Mr Minnaar, Mrs Gomes, Mrs Coulter, Mrs van Vuuren and Mrs Gurr for accompanying the Leaders on their camp.





SGB ELECTIONS

ne of the ways in which you can serve the school is to get voted on to the SGB (School Governing Body).

The School Governing Body (SGB) is a statutory body of parents, educators and non-teaching staff who seek to work together to promote the well-being and effectiveness of the school community and thereby enhance learning and teaching. Our School has grown from strength to strength and we are fortunate to have quality staff members and parents who constitute our School Governing Body.

We have many fine objectives at Rynfield Primary, but it requires the right people to make these objectives work. Our Governing Body has been instrumental in our School progressing forward as an excellent and well respected educational institution.

Elections took place on Tuesday, 19 March. Congratulations to the following candidates who were appointed and will carry the RPS ethos forward for the next 3 years.



MARK HARRISON



WILLIAM HIGGS



MARC COCCI



LIVHUWANI VUMA



MADELEIN MOUTAFIS



MATTHEW BOSCH

ONE AMAZING TEAM

** A Team Above All





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