

RPS EXPRESS

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JOIN THE RPS FAMILY

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:

T-PLAN

Truth

Peace

Love

Accountability

Non-Violence



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“Teachers open the door, but the student must
enter by himself.”
– Chinese Proverb

We often speak about the door of opportunity in Assembly, and I always encourage the children to fling the door open and take the first step. Often opportunities are missed because it takes courage and determination to take that first step.

Many of our learners bravely stepped up this term. Whether it was with new challenges in the classroom, on the sportsfield, at chess or practising for the concert. We applaud you. The sense of accomplishment was so heart-warming to see. Keep moving forward boys and girls – you can do it.

Out heartfelt thanks to the RPS family – the staff, the children and their parents for ensuring Term 2 was a great a one. Term 2 is always an extremely busy one, culminating in Controlled Tests. Hence, the winter holidays are perfectly timed!

On behalf of RPS, I would like to wish everyone a warm, relaxing holiday. Come back with those batteries charged ready to face a new term with many new opportunities, especially, our School concerts.



Mrs L. Cuthbertson
Principal



RPS TURNS 67

67 Years ago, on what otherwise might have been just another ordinary day, Rynfield Primary School opened its doors for the first time on 9 April 1957. On that first day, there were 337 learners and 10 teachers ably lead by Mr L. Valentine.

67 years later we have 903 learners, 42 teachers, 2 support-staff, 7 full-time sport coaches and 4 learnerships. Our parents still go the extra mile giving generously of both time and money to ensure that we can offer the very best at our beautiful School. We have extremely talented, caring teachers, exceptional sports coaches and magical secretaries. Our Facilities Manager and Ground Staff keep RPS looking neat and tidy.

What a fantastic milestone! Our School continues to grow in leaps and bounds and long may this positive growth continue. What a privilege it is to be part of the successful journey of Rynfield Primary. A School that's is dedicated to paving the way for future generations through education, empowerment and growth. May our beautiful School continue to strive and reach new heights.



CELEBRATING

1957 - 2024

67

YEARS

RPS STAFF NEWS



Ms K Smith

Grade 2 Educator

WELCOME TO RPS

★ “Behind every child who believes in themselves is a teacher who believed in them first.”

A TRIBUTE TO LYNN SMIT



Mrs Lynn Smit

Principal's PA

One of our secretaries, Mrs Lynn Smit, sadly retired at the end of the term. In celebration of Mrs Smit's Retirement, we share our gratitude for her dedication and contribution to our School. Mrs Smit has worked for RPS for almost 25 years – a most remarkable achievement.

Mrs Smit manifested herself as the rainbow in many a person's cloud – for which we are extremely grateful. Her robust laughter, which was regularly heard along the office corridors, brought with it such positive energy.

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A TRIBUTE TO MRS SMIT

Mrs Smit, we applaud your journey at RPS.

You certainly sprinkled kindness wherever you went and your capacity for compassion for all is on a whole different level.

Thank you for a job exceptionally well done and for being that beacon of light for our Staff, General Assistants and children. We were privileged to have worked alongside you. Go well and may you be proud of the difference you made and the lives you touched in infinite ways.

Mrs Smit's spirit and energy will always be cherished. Thank you for being part of our journey at RPS.

Mrs Smit

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*For 25 years, you've been RPS's guiding light,
With kindness and care, you made each day bright.*

*From morning till dusk, you handles it all,
With grace and poise, no matter how small.*

*Your smile, your laugh, your patience, your heart so true,
Our School with heart thrived and blossomed because of you.*

*Mrs Smit, your heart is like a magic treasure chest always making
space for us. We will hold you in our hearts forever.*

*Goodbye to meeting swimming's deadlines at last minute dot com
and hello to afternoon naps.*

*As you retire, may joy fill your days,
With gratitude and love, we sing your praise.*

- A Tribute from the Foundation Phase

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A TRIBUTE TO MRS SMIT



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ACADEMICS



KYLA ERASMUS
6B

CLASS CAPTAINS

TERM 2 : Grades 1 – 6



Grade 1A

Lily Stafford
Gianno Bylieveldt

Grade 1B

Tavia Botha
Rorisang Motswane

Grade 1C

Bayleigh Hall
Grayson Turner

Grade 1D

Hlelokuhle Chisale
Levi Jansen

Grade 1E

Tshegetso Mokoena
Troy Groger



Grade 4A

Lethabo Mafabatho
Ashton Swanepoel

Grade 4B

Emma Harvey
Varter Blair

Grade 4C

Kemelo Kgwete
Joshua Ranala

Grade 4D

Faye Schonken
Brandon Bott

Grade 2A

Tiyani Ledwaba
Rogan Graham

Grade 2B

Boitumelo Sekgobela
Luciano Aphane

Grade 2C

Naledi Msimango
Deklyn Wessels

Grade 2D

Olivia Appleton
Kagiso Selala

Grade 2E

Bwalya Kasengele
Rengu Sibuyi

Grade 5A

Mia de Groot
Lwazi Sithole

Grade 5B

Paige Weir
Ndzalo Muvunda

Grade 5C

Emlynn Hugo
Levi Luz

Grade 5D

Mila Dunbar
Ntando Myeni

Grade 3A

Onkarabile Khumalo
Sipho Ngubane

Grade 3B

Lwamkelo Rampete
Kgotso Mosebi

Grade 3C

Rorisang Motlatle
Connor Barnes

Grade 3D

Harper Stafford
Andoni Moutafis

Grade 3E

Neveah Dry
Chikamadu Aguocha

Grade 6A

Shelby Schoeman
Alex Peens

Grade 6B

Ariana Manickum
Xabiso Mzekandaba

Grade 6C

Hannah van Wyk
Keaton Boltman

Grade 6D

Faith Ani
Caylib Adamson



TOP 20 ACADEMIC LEARNERS

GRADE 4

Tio Chueu
Angelina Frandsen
Ava Gordon
Emma Harvey
Kael Heald

Kalexis Heaney
Amy Henry
Peyton Holgreaves
Joshua Janse van Vuuren
Tatiana Korfias

Vishakh Kunjupilla
Lethabo Mafabatho
Maximus McColgan
Hadley Menda
Rendani Mudau

Prishalen Pillay
Layla Poltera
Oreitihaolestse Ramorula
Ashton Swanepoel
Quinn Szamosvari

GRADE 5

Henro Beyers
Mijoné Beyers
Olivia Almeida
Alexi Demosthenous
Lunchenke Engelbrecht

Hailey Gerber
Cristiano Louro
Tristan Mayson
Olivia Meyburgh
Victoria Meyburg

Taylor Mitchell
Mattaé Morel
Tanaka Mushonga
Unathi Ngubane-Ngwenya
Lethabo Nhlapo

Abigail Paice
Bradley Pienaar
Yajna Sahadeo
Emily White
Rebecca Wittstock

GRADE 6

Boipelo Bila
Keaton Boltman
Ava Bosch
Carter Bosman
Téamo Chueu

Kyla Erasmus
Miguel Govender
Muhammad Haffejee
Thomas Holmes
Omphile Kekana

Clayton Kewley
Simunikiwe Magadla
Ariana Manickum
Tshedza Maremba
Xabiso Mzekandaba

Cydan Nel
Khanyisile Nkosi Hlatshwayo
Otlotlilwe Ramorula
Nathan Sauls
Jayden Visser

GRADE 7

Harm Beens
Joshua Bruce
Gabiella de Agrela
Cole Donegan
Jayden Dunbar

Nathan Engelbrecht
Ridhima Hingorani
Connor Kelly
Linathi Mazibuko
Khanya Mgwenya

Sarvesh Moopanar
Didintle Mopaka
Goitseone Mphuthi
Nokulunga Nhlapo
Lea Potgieter

Lincoln Reddy
Aditya Sashadeo
Chelsea van Dyk
Amber van Rooyen
Abigail Wittstock

VOX: When I grow up, I want to be...

BENONI
CITY TIMES PROUDLY
100 OLD
YEARS IN 2021

Life is all about choices. Jani de Beer from the Benoni City Times popped in at Rynfield Primary School to ask the learners what they want to be when they grow up.



McKenna Douglas (5): I want to be a mounted police officer. I think it must be fun to have a job where you ride horses all day.

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Luciano Apahne (8): I want to be a police officer. If I work for the police I can protect my family and other people from thieves and danger.



Christian Schlechter (10): If my dreams of making it as a professional goalkeeper don't work out I would love to become a mechanic and rebuild VW Beetles.

Beth Victor-Emmanuel (11): I am passionate about helping people and making them feel better. I would, therefore, want to become a doctor.



Makayla Gouveia (13): I want to become an Occupational Therapist. I would love to spend my days working with kids but definitely do not want to be a teacher.



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POWDER PLAY

Sensory activities are experiences that activate and stimulate a child's senses. When you pair this with academic concepts, the outcome is learning that is fun.

In our Grade 1 academic programme they are exposed to many hands on learning opportunities which aid in their growth and development. On this particular day, the Grade 1's were encouraged to trace specific letters into a pile of baby powder using their fingers. The aim of this exercise is to provide extended opportunity to practise correct letter formations in a fun and engaging way, which in turn builds muscle memory.

By combining sensory exploration and purposeful learning, we encourage the development of fine motor skills and the correct letter formation.



SEA CREATURES

Our learners are given opportunities to explore different art mediums during creative projects. Their teachers tasked them with making a three-dimensional sea creature of their choice, using recyclable materials.

Using recycled objects to make crafts is a fun way to teach learners about the benefits of recycling. This activity makes children aware of unlimited possibilities when they put their creativity to purposeful use.

All sorts of cute and creepy creatures emerged from the creative minds of the learners.

Recycled materials inspire imagination by offering children opportunities to explore and create new forms of art, building and design, as well as exercising their strategic thinking skills. It also broadens their knowledge of the creatures they chose to create by ensuring all characteristics are represented in their art piece.



FOOD ART

Practical, hands on learning, supports development and knowledge in many areas. When children use open-ended materials, they explore ideas through symbolic thinking.

The Grade 3 teachers planned a fun activity for their children which encouraged them to bring any animal of their choice to life by only using food items.

Various types of food of all shapes, sizes and textures were used to add details and dimension to their masterpieces. These types of activities exercises their fine motor skills, creativity and enhances their sensory knowledge. What an incredible learning opportunity which promoted knowledge, growth and fun.



A collage of various anti-bullying posters and drawings. The posters include messages like "DONUT BE A BULLY", "STOP BULLYING", "BULLYING STOPS HERE", "SAY NO TO BULLIES", "NO BULLIES ALLOWED!", "BE A BUDDY DO NOT BE A BULLY", and "be a BUDDY not a BULLY". There are also drawings of hands, a rainbow, a cartoon character, and a person being bullied.

The posters were then displayed on their corridor as an anti-bullying campaign to serve as a reminder that one should be a buddy and not a bully.

STOP
BULLYING
SEE IT - SAY IT - STOP IT

INTER-HOUSE QUIZ

The learners proved their mettle and class. One elimination round of written quiz questions were prepared for the learners to complete within a set time frame. The learners with the top scores were selected to represent their Houses – Rhodes, Livingstone and Stanley, in the 2024 Inter-House quiz.

We held the Grade 7 Inter-House Quiz on Wednesday, 5 June. The learners not only gained knowledge, but also enjoyed answering the various questions that were compiled for them. Congratulations to all three teams for their excellent participation.

The results of the Inter-House Quiz were as follows:

Livingstone - 1st

Stanley - 2nd

Rhodes - 3rd



SPORT



SPORT CAPTAINS

NETBALL



NETBALL CAPTAIN

Amber van Rooyen

NETBALL VICE CAPTAINS

Ivy Smith & Nobuhle Mngabashe

RUGBY



RUGBY CAPTAIN

Luke Wratten

RUGBY VICE CAPTAINS

Oliver Higgins Cole Donegan

CHESS



CHESS CAPTAIN

Ridhima Hingorani

3-IN-1 ST DUNSTAN'S WINTER FESTIVAL

Our U'12 and U'13 netball girls and U'13 rugby boys had a wonderful 3 day festival at St Dunstons over the weekend of the 4th of April.

Many valuable skills were gained. This festival always provides our teams with the opportunity for additional practise and game time for our players to be able to come together as a team and prepare them for the upcoming seasons.



EQUESTRIAN

The Rynfield Equestrian Team participated in two SANESA qualifiers throughout the term.

Congratulations to the following riders who participated in the second qualifier:

- Madison Woods and her horse Joshua's Secret who placed:
 - 1st in the 70cm Competition Show Jumping
- Jaime Riley and her horse Joey who placed:
 - 1st in the 1.10m Speed Show Jumping
 - 1st in the 1.10m Competition Show Jumping
- McKenna and her pony placed:
 - 1st in the Dressage test 1 level 0
 - 3rd in Dressage test 3 level 0
 - 1st in Working riding level 0
 - 1st in Performance riding level 0

Congratulations to the following riders who participated in the third qualifier:

- McKenna Douglas on her horse Firefly:
 - 1st in Working riding level 0
 - 2nd in Dressage test 3 level 0
 - 1st in Dressage test 4 level 0
 - 1st in Performance riding level 0
- Jaimie Riley:
 - 1st in the 1.10 competition and speed with horse Joey
 - 1st in the 1m competition with her horse Arthur



NETBALL

RPS netball is in the Ekurhuleni North Benoni Big Schools League. We had an extremely successful season with many of our teams placing 2nd in the League. All teams played in the annual St Dominic's tournament which took place right at the end of our season, on 18 May. All of our teams performed really well, winning the majority of our games. Each team played at least 4 games each gaining more valuable experience within the netball world. Season results are as follows:

U'9 A & B - Not part of the League unfortunately

(Coaches: Miss Stander, Miss Thomson)

U'10 A - 2nd, U'10 B - 4th

(Coaches: Mrs S. Verrall, Miss O'Donoghue)

U'11 A - 2nd, U'11 B - 2nd

(Coaches: Mrs Turner, Miss Joss, Miss Rodwell)

U'12 A - 2nd, U'12 B - 3rd

(Coaches: Mrs K. Smit, Miss Cairns)

U'13 A - 2nd, 13'B - 1st

(Coaches: Miss Robinson, Miss Bagley)

We thank all the girls and their coaches for their commitment and passion throughout the season.



U'9 A & B



U'10 A & B



U'11 A & B



U'12 A & B



U'13 A & B

NETBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

U'13 B

Our U'13 B team had a great season this year. They made it through to pool play-offs on 20 May, where they beat Summerfields 22-0. They then played off in the D6 play-off on 23 May. Their first game was against Laerskool Kreft beating them 10-3. Their final was against Laerskool Rynfield where they unfortunately lost 12-8. Congratulations to the U'13 B girls and their coaches Miss Robinson and Miss Bagley, on reaching this level in the 2024 season. Your talent, dedication and passion for the sport is commendable. We are proud of you.

"Champions keep playing until they get it right"
– Billie Jean King



U'13 B TEAM



Top Row (left): Abigail Wittstock, Kirsten Travers, Miss Robinson (Coach), Thabi Makau, Sienna Frankiewicz, Miss Bagley (Coach)

Bottom Row (left): Bridgette Ward, Kayla Sinden, Naledi Seema, Logan Wolmarans, Phoenix Rademeyer

RUGBY

Our Rugby players demonstrated their hard work and unwavering dedication throughout the entire season. This year's rugby season was truly remarkable. We thank the boys who represented their teams this year, turned up to every practice, gave it their all and improved immeasurably throughout the season. As a whole, RPS rugby placed 2nd on the log for the 2024 season. They were a fantastic group of boys, who not only believed in each other, but also believed in their own talents.

U'9 - 2nd in the league

(Coaches: Mr McCallum, Mr van der Berg)

U'10 - 7th in the league

(Coaches: Mr Bloem, Mr R Peens)

U'11 - 1st in the league

(Coach: Mr van Eeden)

2nd - 6th in the league

(Coach: Mr Venter)

1st - 1st in the league

(Coaches: Mr T, Mr A Peens)



U'9



U'10



U'11



2nd



1st



RUGBY LEAGUE FINALS

U'9

The U'9 team made it through to compete in the finals for the 2024 season. This is an incredible achievement for our young players as it was their first year of playing competitive rugby. Congratulations to the U'9 boys and their coaches, Mr McCallum and Mr van der Berg, on reaching this level. It takes much planning, practise and patience to train and prepare our young boys to compete with the skills required to play the game, let alone qualify for a final. Although the U'9's faced defeat in their match, they walked away having learnt valuable life lessons, refined knowledge and rugby abilities.



"Victory is having done your best. If you have done your best, you've won"
– Billy Bowerman



U'9 TEAM

Top Row: Mr McCallum (coach), Mr Van Der Berg (coach)

Middle Row: Tshegofats Selala, Sipho Ngubune, Sifiso Mashishi, Caleb Houghton, Teureg Hoffmann, Liam Kelly, Ryan Koekemoer, Ogon Ramakwe, Diego Massyn, Sipiwe Mbatha, Jayden Paice, Nicholas Moutafis

Bottom Row: Blaine Fisher, Haydn Sheasby, AJ Myburgh, Zuco Zweni, Nixon Grobler, Khimotjo Rakhoale, Kagiso Selala, Connor Barnes, Aiden Walsh



RUGBY LEAGUE FINALS

U'11

The U'11 team had a great season. They qualified to play in the finals this year with Mr van Eeden as their coach. It took much practise, dedication and encouragement to achieve the results they set out to reach. The boys experienced victory in their final match, with the score of 24-14 at the final whistle. Congratulations and well done to our U'11 boys and their coach. We look forward to what next season holds for this talented group of players.



"If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it"
– Muhammad Ali



U'11 TEAM

CHAMPIONS

Back Row (left): Ntokozo Mgaga, Logan Viljoen, Manelisi Ndlovu, Cade Wilke, Uhone Madala, Tyler Morritt, Lwazi Sithole, Zachery Coghill

Middle Row (left): Trevor Mupeti, Raphael Massyn, Keagan Bezuidenhout, Mr van Eeden (coach), Kole Makau, Russel Wells, Ntsikelelo Dondolo

Front Row (left): Brogan Lombard, Ntando Mnguni, Logan Wright, Levi Luz

RUGBY LEAGUE FINALS

1st team

Our 1st team boys were hungry and ready to make their last season of Primary School rugby a truly memorable one.... And they sure did. In 2023, our 1st team set the bar high, winning the league with coaches, Mr McCallum and Mr A Peens. In 2024, the 1st team flew the RPS flag high once again. They faced tough opponents in the finals but the boys finished on top, with a final score of 15-5. We would like to congratulate the 1st team boys and their coaches, Mr T and Mr A Peens, on being champions. The spirit that the boys managed to maintain throughout the season was inspiring.

"It doesn't take strength to win. It takes the true heart of the team to win" - Emily Voyles



Front Row: (left) Jayden Visser, Aditya Sahadeo, Nathan McQueen, Carter Jacob's, Sipho Mnguni, Lethokuhle Khumalo, Langelihle Nhlabathi

Second Row: (left) Rylee Greyvenstein, Tyler Holzapfel, Luke Wratten (Captain), Coach T (Coach), Oliver Higgins (Vice Captain), Cole Donegan (Vice Captain), Stiaan van der Merwe

Third Row: (left) Moses Chibowa, Aiden Bester, Kutlwano Bila, Ryan McLoed, Chumani Ndlovu, Rawdon Pretorius, Linathi Sipunzi, Fabio De Jager, Clayton Kewly, Keaton Boltman

VALKIE RUGBY

The Valkie rugby season is an exciting time for our boys as well as the coaches and spectators alike.

Our teams played in tournaments every Saturday, giving our Grades 1 and 2 boys more exposure to playing the sport, building skills and exercising sportsmanship. Our teams played with spirit and many 'tries' were scored.



MINI NETBALL

Our mini-netball is a popular sport choice among our junior girls. When they attend practices they are taught the rules of the game and have the opportunity to play in different positions on the court.

Our junior teams played friendly matches against surrounding schools and had a good season where they grew and developed within the sport.

RPS hosted a Mini Netball and Soccer tournament on Friday, 24 May. We thoroughly enjoyed having the participating Schools with us for the afternoon. Well done to all the children and coaches who took part.



MINI SOCCER

Mini-soccer is a popular sport among the Grades 1 and 2 boys. The learners attend practices and learn the rules and are taught how to play the sport. We enter teams into tournaments and plan as many friendly matches as possible throughout the season, to allow our juniors the opportunity to develop and grow within the sport.

RPS hosted a Mini Netball and Soccer tournament on Friday, 24 May. We thoroughly enjoyed having the participating Schools with us for the afternoon. Well done to all the children and coaches who took part.



CHESS

Several of our learners played in the Individual District Chess Championships held at Eden Glen High School on 10 May. We are making huge inroads with Chess at RPS and we are so proud of our chess players for persevering.

Congratulations to the following learners who placed at the tournament:

Nurvi – 1 st U'9 girls	Ridhima – 6 th U'13 girls
Letse – 5 th U'9 boys	Totli – 4 th U'13 boys
Andoni – 10 th U'9 boys	William – 31 st U'13 boys
Hadley – 15 th U'11 girls	

On Saturday, 18 May, our chess teams participated in the Benoni Chess League at Westwood Laerskool. The competition was tough and the day was long, however, our players showed much determination.

U'9 team played 6 games and placed 4th overall. Congratulations to Letse who won all 6 games. The following learners received certificates:

Letse Ramorula	Liam Kelly
Nurvi Hingorani	Kaiden Smit
Andoni Moutafis	Khwezi Motha

U'11 team played 8 games and placed 6th overall. The following learners

Hadley Menday	Benjamin Holmes
Prishalen Pillay	Jaytem Collins
Tio Chueu	Max McColgan

U'13A team was split into two groups. They played 5 games and placed 1st in Group 2. the top 2 Schools in each group then went to playoffs and RPS placed 3rd overall.

The following learners received bronze medals:

Ridhima Hingorani	Liam Jordan
Tlotli Ramorula	Thomas Holmes
William Liebenberg	Nathan Sauls
	Leah Mulder



SPORT COLOURS

ATHLETICS AWARDS

TERM 1

Merit Badges

Quinn Schonken	Aluande Ramavhoya	Summer Dempster	Kenzie Wentzel
Aaron Ani	Troy Grobler	Ntokozo Mgaga	Kyla Erasmus
Nixon Grobler	Ntando Myeni	Emily White	Bridgett Ward
Nicholas Moutafis	Nicholas Turner	Kailan Aspden	Mia Moustakis
Caitlin Bruce	Madison Campbell	Sianna van der Merwe	
Ryan Koekemoer	Quinn Szamosvari	Kago Thlapane	

Individual Half Colours

Alexia Visser	Yajna Sahadeo	Amaru Mapulane
Ipeleng Mbalise	Madison Donegan	Erin-Mia McGinn
Paige Jordaan	Mbali Mahlangu	Ivy Smith
Russell Wells	Olivia Meyburgh	Amber van Rooyen
	Jaimie Riley	Sienna Muncer

Individual Full Colours

Jared Long	Moses Chibowa
Leanne Jiri	Tyler Holzapfel
Clayton Kewley	Cole Donegan

Individual Honours

Chelsea van Dyk



SPORT COLOURS

SWIMMING AWARDS

TERM 1

Full Team Colours

Liam Kewley
Diego Massyn
Nina Bosch
LJ Nel
Quinn Szamosvari
Izabella Logan-van Zyl

Madison Campbell
Atlegang Matlala
Ava Gordon
Russell Wells
Calan McKay
Kailan Aspden

Madison Harris
Cole Donegan
Rylee Greyvenstein
Rochelle Bouwer
Chelsea van Dyk

Merit Badge & Full Team Colours

Jayden Paice
Ryan Koekemoer
Caitlin Bruce
Natalie Gouviea
Teagan Morritt

Henro Beyers
Abigail Paice
Mijone Beyers
Shelby Schoeman
Caiden Sinclair

Individual Half & Full Team Colours

Troy Grobler
Max McColgan
Logan O'Connor
Mattaë Morel
Daniel Gouveia



SPORT COLOURS

SWIMMING AWARDS

TERM 1

Individual Full Colours & Full Team Colours

Gia Demosthenous

Victoria Meyburgh

Levi Luz

Amaru Mapulane

Troy Branders

Mia Moustakis

Olivia Meyburgh

Ivy Smith

Individual Honours & Full Team Colours

Gio Cocci

Ava Bosch

Harm Beens

Ribbons - 'B' Swimming Team

Nixon Grobler

Riley Vago

Mbali Mahlangu

Nicholas Moutafis

Rendani Mudau

Mijoné Beyers

Damitri Nagel

Khodani Mudau

Gabriel Correira

Nathan Logan-van Zyl

Summer Dempster

Nathan Sauls

Sloane McColgan

Hadley Munday

Madison Woods

Amoré Oosthuysen

Tyler Lourens

Tenele Taole

Riley de Bruyn

Tyler Morritt

Taylor Dedekind

Rochelle Holzapfel

Joshua Janse van Vuuren

Kyla Erasmus

Ashley Peens

Alexi Demosthenous

Alex Peens

Daniel McLeod

Emlynn Hugo

Kristen Travers

Parker Cik

Madison Donegan

PROVINCIAL SPORT

SANJ – SWIMMING

TERM 2



Congratulations to **Ava Bosch**, **Gio Cocci** and **Harm Beens** who competed at Junior Nationals for swimming (SANJ). Ava Bosch placed 9th in the girls 200m breaststroke final. Harm Beens placed 6th in the boys 200m backstroke final.

PROVINCIAL NETBALL



Nikiwe Magadla (U'12), Sianna avn der Merwe (U'12), Amber van Rooyen (U'13) and Thabi Makau (U'14) made their respective District teams, Ekurhuleni teams and then went to the 1st rounds of Gauteng Trials.

It is a great achievement to play for a Provincial Sports team. After countless rounds of trials, **Amber van Rooyen** has been selected to represent the U'13 Gauteng Netball team for 2024.

VALKE RUGBY



MOSES CHIBOWA
Craven Week Side



CLAYTON KEWLEY
U'12 A



SIPHO MNGUNI
U'12 B

We have 3 of our rugby boys who have been selected to represent their respective Ekurhuleni Valke rugby teams.

EASTERNS HOCKEY



CAIDEN SINCLAIR
ADITYA SAHADEO
U'13 B Boys



KOLE MAKAU
U'12 A Boys



SHILOH VUMA
ALEX PEENS (RESERVE)
U'12 B Boys



TENELE TAOLE
U'12 A Girls

HONOURS AWARDS

SWIMMING PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.”

It gives us great pleasure to award the most prestigious award that Rynfield Primary can award a swimmer of this calibre –

The Rynfield Primary Red Honours Blazer

Harm Beens, your consistent success and remarkable achievements in swimming are a testament to your resilience and willpower. Despite facing challenges like an ankle injury, he has continued to excel, earning recognition at both School and Regional levels. From his outstanding victories at the Seagulls Winter Champs Gala to his remarkable improvement on his SANJ time at the Eastern Gauteng Aquatics Summer Champs, Harm has proven himself to be a true champion in every sense of the word. His ability to overcome challenges with grace and perseverance serves as a shining example to us all.

At many Inter-House events Harm has broken records and received Victor Ludorum titles showing us all of what he is made. At this year's Inter-Primary, Harm jumped into the water for the last time for RPS at an individual gala and swam with his heart. He placed 1st in Open Boys 200m Individual Medley, 2nd in Open Boys 50m Butterfly, 2nd in Open Boys 50 Backstroke, 1st in Mixed Ladder Freestyle Relay and 1st in Open Boys Freestyle Relay. He then went to swim at SANJ where he had 4 SANJ qualifying times and he swam in two finals. Harm's unwavering drive and passion for swimming illustrates the spirit of a true victor.



HARM BEENS



Ava Bosch, your rise to success in the swimming community at such a young age is nothing short of significant. From earning recognition at Rynfield Primary to achieving a qualifying time for the South African National Juniors in two different events, your journey has been defined by determination, talent, and an untiring commitment to your craft. Ava's recent accomplishments in the South African National Juniors showcase her exceptional talent and dedication to the sport. At just 11 years old, she has already achieved milestones that many can only dream of.

At Inter-Primary she placed 1st in Open Girls 200m Individual Medley, 1st in U12 Girls 50m Butterfly, 2nd in U12 Girls 50 Backstroke and 2nd in U12 Girls Freestyle Relay. Ava then went on to swim at SANJ and placed 9th in the U12 200m Breaststroke. Her determination, resilience, and unwavering commitment to her goals are truly worthy and serve as an inspiration to us all.



AVA BOSCH



Giovanni Cocci, your journey in the water has been nothing short of remarkable. From earning Victor Ludorum Awards and breaking records at your School to making waves in the broader swimming community at level 2 and level 3 galas, your achievements speak volumes of your talent and perseverance. Gio's recent triumphs, including shattering a decade-old record and qualifying for a 12-Year old SANJ time at the tender age of 11, are a testament to his astonishing skill and determination.

This year at Inter-Primary Gio placed 1st in U12 Boys 50m Freestyle, 1st in U12 Boys 50m Breaststroke, 1st in Mixed 10x50m Ladder Freestyle Relay, 1st in U12 Boys Freestyle Relay. He then went on to swim at SANJ where he swam in numerous events and his accomplishments stand as a testament to his hard work, perseverance, and the sheer passion he brings to the pool each day.



GIOVANNI COCCI



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BOOK CHARACTER DAY

In celebration of World Book Day, we had Book Character Day on Tuesday, 30 April. All our children were encouraged to come to School dressed as a character from a book. Alternatively, they could also dress up as an idiom or a proverb.

Each year that we have done this, we have been blown away by the creativity and ingenuity of our learners (and their parents!) in creating costumes to celebrate the wonderful world of reading.



INTER-PRIMARY PUBLIC SPEAKING

Keegan Nieuwoudt, a Grade 7 learner, represented RPS at the 2024 Inter-Primary Public Speaking competition. Keegan placed 2nd among many others after delivering an incredible speech he prepared on the topic: *Mysteries of the deep sea.*

Imagine ... lying on your surfboard waiting patiently for the perfect wave to take you back to shore, when all of a sudden you notice... aha! I got you! You thought I was going to say “do, do, do, do, do, JAWS”. Oh no, no. You notice a light, it gets closer and closer. To your surprise it’s an Angler Fish. The fish with far too many teeth for the good of anything.

That’s only one of the thousands of extra-terrestrial-like creatures that lurk in the depths of our oceans. Now, don’t get me wrong, the ocean is majestic, even mystifying, but it’s also downright petrifying. Well maybe not at first glance, but upon a little closer inspection, okay not a little closer, more like 1000m closer you will find the Aphotic Zone.

It is the darkest point of our oceans and also the scariest. Don’t worry, it becomes 100 times scarier when you learn that humans have only explored about 5% of all the oceans combined. Essentially that means we know more about the literal Universe than we do about our home planet. More importantly, can’t we learn about our floating rock, before we try to colonise another. Scientists and their priorities...

One day the deep waters will be less frightening, but until that day the deep sea is not for me. Actually nor is the ocean in its entirety. Certainly not as long as the angler fish and its “friends” are around...



ROTAKIDS

Rynfield Primary, being the School with Heart, appealed to our RPS family and community to be part of making a difference. RotaKids collected non-perishable food items and toiletries as the term 2 charity drive.

On Friday, 17 May, we handed over the collection to Gregg Mitchley from the The Gregg Mitchley Foundation. GMF donated the collection to those in need at the Guild Cottage. The Guild Cottage was started in 1907 as a home for orphans and children in distress. Since that time it has a long record of looking after children in need mainly by supplying long-term residential care.

Many thanks to all the RPS families who supported our term 2 drive.



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SPECIAL EVENTS



HOPPY HAPPY EASTER

FOR 2024

To build community and invest some time into the lives of young children, each year some of our Student Leaders accompany Mrs Robb to Rynfield Pre-Primary School.

Our House Captains visited the Pre-Primary for our belated Easter visit on 11 April. We surprised the children with Easter eggs and our very own Easter Bunny, Ms Joss.

Our Student Leaders always have a wonderful morning “busting” some moves, sharing some Easter eggs, having fun and mostly, spreading some love. We are thankful for opportunities such as these to give back and support our surrounding Schools.



SHARE THE HEART OF RPS

Each year the Rynfield Primary family grows in every dynamic. We held a special School information morning for the parents of Rynfield Pre-Primary School, a School with whom we have always had an excellent relationship. We were able to share the heart of RPS, expand on our School's vision and values, and provide the parents with private tours around our beautiful grounds.

It was an extremely successful morning. We look forward, in great anticipation, to all the new Rynfielders who will be joining us in 2025.

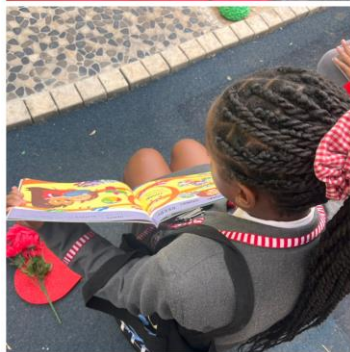


WORLD BOOK DAY

You can find magic wherever you look.
Sit back and relax, all you need is a
book” ~ Dr. Seuss

We celebrated World Book Day with The Mustard Seed Nursery School. Mrs Gomes and a group of Student Leaders prepared some magical stories and took along some props to share our love of books with the little children at The Mustard Seed.

What a privilege it was to spend the morning with the children and staff. It is great to have the opportunity to build relationships and provide a fun, learning experience for schools which surround RPS.



JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FOR 2024

Every year we host a fun sports day for our juniors. This year we held the Junior Sports Day on Friday, 12 April.

Our Sports Department set up a variety of stations on the school field where the learners from Grade R up to Grade 3, participated in the exciting, fun-filled events. The class teachers also got involved by encouraging their learners and assisting the sports coaches at each station.

Each year, the Grade R's from Rynfield Pre-Primary join us and participate alongside our Grade R children.

The success of the event was enjoyed by the learners, teachers, parents and coaches alike. Thank you to all parents who made the effort to come to RPS and support the event.



CYBER SAFETY

While technology has brought us countless benefits, it also poses several threats and challenges both to learners and to the educators teaching them. Cyber safety in education provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe in online environments. It involves acknowledging the benefits and opportunities offered by the online world, while understanding the risks and avoiding potential harm.

On Tuesday, 21 May, Dr John Buswell and his son Michael, conducted workshops on Cyber Safety to our learners, educators and parents.

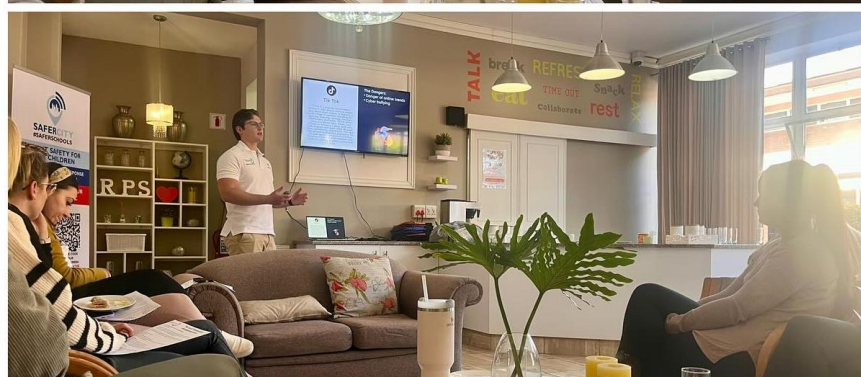
A huge bouquet of thanks to all parents who were able to attend the Cyber Safety and Security presentation with Buswell and Associates.

It certainly was a worthwhile talk and created a huge awareness of what our children are potentially exposed to, sometimes in completely innocent situations.



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BINGO NIGHT

BINGO

RPS hosted a Bingo Night for our term two fundraiser. The event welcomed parents and teachers on Friday, 7 June, in the School hall.

Congratulations to Nicola van der Heever on a fun-filled great fundraiser. Many thanks to all the parents and teachers who supported us. Despite the intense cold, we enjoyed an exciting evening.

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GRADE R

Open: Monday 20 May

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GRADE 1

ONLINE APPLICATIONS open on Thursday, 11 July and close on Monday, 12 August

Applications are done online with the Gauteng Department of Education. Details and the online link to follow.



GRADE 2 – 7

Open: Thursday, 11 July

Application forms are available at the front office. Email all supporting documentation and the completed application form to admissions@rps.org.za. Alternatively, the documents may also be dropped off at the front office.



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