

# RPS EXPRESS

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.”**

It is with great privilege for me to write the Principal's note as the acting Principal of Rynfield Primary. This school term has been a busy, but successful one, marked by great achievements across academics, sports, and cultural activities.

In the area of sports, this term has seen great performances by our athletes and swimmers. RPS placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at the Inter-Primary Athletics against other strong schools. Another highlight includes a consecutive win from our 'A' Swim Team, who have been the Ekurhuleni champions since 2018. From friendly meets to main, competitive events, our athletes and swimmers have showcased their skills, teamwork, and determination. Our coaches and teachers have been instrumental in nurturing the talents of each learner, fostering an environment of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Behind every success, the support of our school staff and parents always play a crucial role. The strong partnership between home and school has been key to the overall success of our school. Together, we will continue to create a nurturing environment where students can thrive both academically and personally.

Even though our school had a successful term, we also suffered a heartbreaking loss of a Grade 1 learner. We would like to extend our support and strength to the parents of Lubanzi Nhlapo. It is also with a very grateful heart that I thank the RPS community for their support of his family during a very difficult time.

As the term comes to a close, it is clear that the collective effort of the RPS community is a true strength all on its own. With such a strong foundation at our school, I look forward to the upcoming term, which I am sure will be as bright as the first one of 2025.



*Mr D. Bloem*  
Principal (Acting)



# 2025 SCHOOL THEME

## BETTER TOGETHER

Better Together means that our interactions with one another can create something greater than ourselves. When we come together to share ideas and listen to each other's thoughts we are creating strength in our culture.

Our hope for this academic year is that whatever the goal, we can all benefit from the strength and support of the various people around us.

"Better together" expresses the idea that collaboration, unity, or partnership enhances outcomes and creates greater value than individual efforts alone.

It highlights the strength found in working as a team, where each person's unique skills, perspectives, and contributions combine to achieve something more meaningful or impactful. Whether in relationships, work, or communities, the phrase underscores the importance of connection and cooperation in reaching shared goals.

This year, may RPS pursue big goals, enjoy effective collaboration, solve interesting problems, and achieve great outcomes!

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# NEW STAFF AT RPS

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## *FOUNDATION PHASE*



**Miss T Smith**  
Grade 1



**Miss K Smith**  
Grade 2



**Miss A Kuhn**  
Internship

## *SENIOR PHASE*



**Miss C Longueira**  
Internship



**Miss L Badenhorst**  
Grade 6 & 7

## *SPORT DEPARTMENT*



**Mr C Watkins**



**Mr W Pretorius**



# IN LOVING MEMORY OF



## LUBANZI NHLAPO

February 20, 2018 - March 10, 2025

We are deeply saddened by the tragic passing of one of our Grade One learners, Lubanzi, who was taken from us too soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this incredibly difficult time. Lubanzi will remain in our hearts and will always be part of our Rynfield family. Let us stand together in strength, love and compassion, holding close the memory and life of little Lubanzi.

*May Lubanzi's young soul rest in  
peace.*



# ACADEMICS



## VOX: What will you miss most about Pre-School now that you're in Grade One?

*Dressed in crisp new school uniforms, some Grade One learners of Rynfield Primary tell us what they will miss most about their pre-school days.*

*- Written by Jani de Beer*



**Khloe Phillips:** "The fireman pole and monkey bars were the best. I am going to miss the jungle gym at the pre-primary. I don't know if primary school will be so much fun."



**Godirayaone Setshedi:** "The pre-school playground was the best. My friends and I would run around playing tag all the time."



**Harper Menday:** "I hope we are going to draw and paint as much as we did in Grade R. I don't think writing and reading can be that much fun."



**Dreydan Govender:** "I will miss my teacher the most. She always took such good care of us and allowed me to stay in class during break to enjoy some quiet time."



**Willow Reinhold:** "I am really going to miss playing on the swings with my friends. I hope we get time to play now that we are in big school."



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# CLASS CAPTAINS

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## GRADE 4

### Grade 4A

Neo Mokgope  
Caleb Webb

### Grade 4C

Lindokuhle Mashele  
Siphosethu Ngubane

### Grade 4B

Teagan Morrith  
Khomotjo Rakhoale

### Grade 4D

Madison Buitendach  
Samen Moopanar

## GRADE 5

### Grade 5A

Peyton Nelson  
Hayden Howell

### Grade 5C

Alivia White  
Lwazi Mbatha

### Grade 5B

Angelina Frandsen  
Caleb Bishop

### Grade 5D

Peyton Holgreaves  
Joshua Ranala

## GRADE 6

### Grade 6A

Abbey Thompson  
Alexi Demosthenous

### Grade 6C

Miyelani Matlole  
Connor Stevens

### Grade 6B

Keabetswe Mashilane  
Manelisi Ndlovu

### Grade 6D

Kay Nyati  
Rafael Massyn

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TERMINAL  
ONE



# TOP 20

## GRADE 5

Pippa Butterworth	Tio Chueu
Erin Cooper	Angelina Frandsen
Ava Gordon	Lourdes Hajjar
Emma Harvey	Amy Henry
Peyton Holgreaves	Peace Ilunga
Mason Jones	Tatiana Korfias
Vishakh Kunjupilla	Lethabo Mafabatho
Cailah Masuku	Hadley Menday
Prishalen Pillay	Oreitihaoletse Ramorula
Faye Schonken	Quinn Szamosvari

## GRADE 6

Henro Beyers	Mijone Beyers
Alexi Demosthenous	Madison Donegan
Luchenke Engelbrecht	Michel Ilunga
Giovanna Korfias	Cristiano Louro
Tristan Mayson	Mattae Morel
Unathi Ngubane-Ngwenya	Lethabo Nhlapo
Abigail Paice	Hailey Palm
Bradley Pienaar	Yajna Sahadeo
Emma Siepman	Paige Weir
Emily White	Rebecca Wittstock

## GRADE 7

Boipelo Bila	Ava Bosch
Josiah Butterworth	Gabriel Correia
Kyla Erasmus	Miguel Govender
Muhammad Haffejee	Madison Harris
Thomas Holmes	Clayton Kewley
Tshedza Maremba	Samuel Masuku
Xabiso Mzekandaba	Cydan Nel
Khanyisile Nkosi Hlatshwayo	Emile Ren
Otlotlilwe Ramorula	Nathan Sauls

# FIRST DAY OF GRADE 1



*15 January 2025*

*Where big adventures begin*



# WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

7

FEBRUARY



# WORLD MATH DAY

World Math Day was celebrated on 14 March.

This day highlights the importance of numeracy skills, while promoting the notion that math can be learnt in a fun and engaging manner.



# WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

## Going WILD for WILDLIFE

Our Rynfielders dressed up on 3 March, to create awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and to protect the animals that live on our planet.

WORLD  
WILDLIFE  
DAY





# SPORT





# INTER-PRIMARY ATHLETICS

RPS hosted the 2025 Inter-Primary Athletics Meeting for the Benoni Schools on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of January. It was the first major Benoni schools athletics event that consisted of six competing schools, since COVID-19.

The event marks a wonderful celebration of talent, determination, and sportsmanship, and we were thrilled to see so many enthusiastic participants gathered on the day. We gather not only to celebrate the spirit of healthy competition but also to encourage teamwork, perseverance, and the pursuit of excellence.

It is with great satisfaction that once again Rynfield Primary hosted a successful event. Our athletics team competed exceptionally well, securing a second place finish. It was wonderful to see the heart, spirit and determination with which our athletes competed. Well done boys and girls, we are so proud of you.

This success is a result of many hours and effort dedicated by the athletes as well as the sports coaches leading up to the competitive season.

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Girls Athletics Captain: Jenna Williams  
Girls Field Vice Captain: Sianna van der Merwe  
Girls Track Vice Captain: Amaru Mapulane  
Boys Athletics Captain: Atlego Rapodile  
Boys Field Vice Captain: Clayton Kewley  
Boys Track Vice Captain: Kailan Aspden

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2025

## ● INTER-PRIMARY ATHLETICS

The RPS athletics squad consisted of 118 athletes who competed at Inter-Primary.

## ● GREATER BENONI

37 athletes made it through to compete at Greater Benoni.

## ● D17

21 athletes made it through to D17.

### D17 PLACEMENTS

AARON ANI - U'8 Boys  
80m – 1<sup>st</sup>      60m – 2<sup>nd</sup>

NIXON GROBLER - U'9  
Boys 60m – 2<sup>nd</sup>

CADE WILKE - U'12 Boys  
1200m : 2<sup>nd</sup>

LEANNE JIRI - U'12 Girls  
150m Hurdles : 1<sup>st</sup>  
75m Hurdles : 2<sup>nd</sup>  
High Jump : 4<sup>th</sup>

RUSSELL WELLS - U'12 Boys  
Long Jump : 5<sup>th</sup>

SIANNA V/D MERWE – U'13 Girls  
Long Jump : 2<sup>nd</sup>

PAIGE JORDAAN – U'11 Girls  
Shotput : 5<sup>th</sup>

MBALI MAHLANGU – U'12 Girls  
Shotput : 4<sup>th</sup>

CLAYTON KEWLEY – U'13 Boys  
Shotput – 3<sup>rd</sup>      Discus – 3<sup>rd</sup>

## ● GAUTENG CHAMPIONSHIPS

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



Sianna van der Merwe  
U'13

9<sup>th</sup> – Long Jump  
(Final)



Leanne Jiri  
U'12

4<sup>th</sup> – Short Hurdles  
(Final)



Cade Wilke  
U'12

7<sup>th</sup> - 1200m  
(Semi-Final)



Nixon Grobler  
U'9

7<sup>th</sup> – 60m  
(Quarter-Final)

## ● SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

We would like to congratulate Leanne Jiri for participating at the South African Championships for athletics. She made it to the final and placed 10th overall in the girls u'12 75m hurdles. It is a great accomplishment to compete at this level for schools athletics. Well done, Leanne, we are so proud of your achievement.



# SWIMMING LUNCH

11 March



“ SWIM IT TO WIN IT ”



# INTER-PRIMARY SWIMMING GALA

## 'A' LEAGUE



The 'A' team competed at the Inter-Primary 'A' league swimming gala on Wednesday, 12 March. Our swimmers put on a star-studded performance at the Boksburg North Swimming Pool. RPS swam against St Dunstons College, St Dominics, Ashton College, Ridgewood College, Farrarmere Primary, Christian Boys College and Dalview Primary.

Our A team, once again, finished victorious.

The RPS A TEAM have held the individual league gala title since 2018.

This is such an impressive accomplishment.

One thing is for sure - our swimmers swim with all their hearts. Well done and thank you to Donny and Lynne Semple, Mrs Gosling and her team of coaches as well as our awesome swimming parents.

It truly is an  
**A TEAM EFFORT.**



Swimming Captains: Ava Bosch, Amaru Mapulane, Gio Cocci and Daniel Gouveia.

<b><u>March 'A' Team</u></b>	<b><u>October 'A'</u></b>
<b><u>Individual Inter-Primary</u></b>	<b><u>Inter-Primary Relay Gala</u></b>
<b><u>Gala Statistics:</u></b>	<b><u>Statistics:</u></b>

2017 – Lost  
2018 – Won  
2019 – Won  
2020 – Won  
2021 – Won  
2022 – Won  
2023 – Won  
2024 – Won  
2025 - Won

2017 – Won  
2018 – Won  
2019 – Lost  
2020 – No Gala  
(Covid-19)  
2021 – Won  
2022 – Won  
2023 – Won  
2024 - Won



# EQUESTRIAN



In February, the Rynfield Primary School Equestrian Team participated in the first round of the SANESA championships.

*Results were as follows:*

**Jaimie Riley** - Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 1m A2 class, 1<sup>st</sup> in 1.10m A2 class, 1<sup>st</sup> in 1.10 competition class.

**McKenna Douglas** - Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Dressage test 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Dressage test 4 , 1<sup>st</sup> place in Performance riding.

Congratulations to our RPS Riders and their ponies and horses on their achievements.

# CULTURAL



# 2025 STUDENT LEADERS

## 2025 RPS Student Leaders

We know that you will be great ambassadors and fly the mighty RPS flag high.

### GIRLS

Boipelo Bila, Shelby Schoeman, Jenna Williams, Kyla Erasmus, Nikiwe Magadla, Ariana Manickum, Shayla Morrison, Sianna van der Merwe, Madison Harris, Hannah Harrison, Ntsumi Nkuna, Hannah van Wyk, Faith Ani, Ava Bosch, Tenele Taole, Mila Fernandes, Tshedza Maremba.

### BOYS

Omphile Kekana, Alex Peens, Otlotlilwe Ramorula, Kailan Aspden, Miguel Govender, Clayton Kewley, Kgaugelo Magatikele, Xabiso Mzenkandaba, Keaton Boltman, Jarred Davies, Daniel Gouveia, Thomas Holmes, Cydan Nel, Keaghan Bezuidenhout, Moses Chibowa, Téamo Chueu, Jayden Visser, Nathan Sauls.

“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that the impact lasts in your absence”

- Sheryl Sanberg



# STUDENT LEADER CAMP

The 2025 Student Leaders went to EDU Camp on 7 March for their leadership camp.

They spent their weekend taking part in group activities and games which are designed to help develop leadership skills and enable them to be more effective in their roles. They exercised their time management and problem solving skills while being challenged to complete specific goals.

Overall, it was a fun-filled three days that were packed with many learning experiences and opportunities for personal growth.





# ANTI-BULLYING

## BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY

The Anti-bullying awareness talk was presented by the SAPS.

Creating an anti-bullying awareness is crucial as it helps foster a safe and supportive environment for young learners. These initiatives teach children the importance of kindness, respect, and empathy, which are essential values for building healthy relationships.

By addressing bullying early on, our hope is that we can prevent long-term emotional and psychological effects, ensuring that all students feel safe to express themselves and thrive academically and socially. This also contributes to a strong and positive school culture.



# EVENTS



# ORIENTATION DAY

FOR 2025

## Welcome to the RPS FAMILY

It is always a special moment when we welcome the new Grade R and Grade 1 families to our School. We are privileged to be part of this learning journey.



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# VALENTINE'S DAY



*Love is*  
→ *in the air...*

Cupid's arrows flying all around,  
A day where so much can be found.  
Be gracious when spreading the love,  
Because it will conquer all things above.

*Written by Boipelo Bila*

# RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

## Pick 'n Pay

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The Grade 4 learners' faces lit up with excitement as they received their Pick n Pay pencil cases – each one crafted from a recycled 500ml PET plastic bottle!

Handing out these pencil cases provided an opportunity to talk to the learners about the importance of recycling and protecting our planet for future generations.

Here's to a year filled with curiosity, creativity and making a difference – one small action at a time!

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REDUCE - REUSE  
RECYCLE



# HOOKED ON BOOKS



Hooked on Books is a dynamic Children's Educational Theatre company that travels to schools across South Africa. They specialise in creating a love of reading from an early age.

They put on such an exciting show filled with humour, song and dance, colourful characters, drama and adventure. Some learners even got the chance to participate in the storytelling.

“It's not magic that takes us to another world – its storytelling”  
- Val McDermid



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# HUMAN RIGHTS DAY ASSEMBLY



**EQUALITY**

**DIGNITY**

**FREEDOM**

**SECURITY**



"We are way more powerful when we turn to each other and not on each other, when we celebrate our diversity... and together tear down the mighty walls of injustice."

- Cynthia McKinney,

20 March

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SATURDAY  
10 MAY



CARNIVAL  
SPECTACULAR



**Rynfield Primary School**

# **VALKIE RUGBY DAY**

*Join us*

**Saturday, 12 April 2025**

**8:30 - 13:00**

**Entrance R5.00 | Parking R20.00**

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📍 Benoni Northern Sports Ground

# ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM

RPS Staff





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