



Dear Parents

“No-one can make you feel inferior without your consent” Eleanor Roosevelt

National Women’s Day, as we know, falls on Monday 9 August. There are so many women I could call to mind: our grandmothers, mothers, aunts, teachers, friends more. Today, however, I want to pay tribute to the women I have not acknowledged often enough and for whom I have much respect.

Leigh Bristow. The first principal of our school, she laid the foundation that others built. In particular, she has been a friend and mentor to me. Her passion, drive and commitment to excellence has me in awe as has all she has done with Sumbandila and in the lives of hundreds of young girls and boys.

Charmaine Waller. She is the first at work most mornings and the last to leave. She knows every inch of this school and has invested 20 years of her life into seeing it flourish. Her job is not an easy one, but without her, I would be lost.

Aunty Nomsa and Aunty Winnie (as they are known) at the Front Office. Always calm, always kind, these ladies are moms to all our children. They often flag pupils with me and go above and beyond the call of duty to help.

Annemie Meintjies, my PA. Her creativity is boundless and I know if I ask her to run a function, it will be done perfectly. We drink coffee all day and laugh a lot.

Thank you to these women in my life, to my own mother and daughter, to the women on my staff and to the moms, grans and guardians I have come to know at this school. I hear your words, I see your smiles and fears and the sunshine in your souls... and I am richer for knowing you all.

Have a blessed and safe weekend, women of the world.

YOURS IN EDUCATION

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WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Be Strong and Courageous



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JAR OF HOPE

WE CARE

Fill a coffee jar or bag with the following ingredients. It feeds 4 people.

1/2 cup rice
1/2 cup split peas
1/2 cup lentils
1 unwrapped stock cube
1 packet soup powder.

In these trying times, many people are in desperate need. Ridgeway will be putting together a number of 'Jars of Hope' to help in some small measure and we ask for your support of this project. Each jar is able to supply a family of four with a filling and nutritious meal.



GR.9 AFRIKAANS

The Grade 9s have a new setwork book called "Suurlemoen". On Thursday this week, each group was tasked with creating the music and performing the lyrics of a song in the text. Costumes, instruments and dance moves were added, as was the making of lemonade!

Well done to Mrs Pretorius for the innovation

TRITECH

Eighty-nine of our pupils, from all five grades, took part in the regional round of Tritech. It consisted of five stages, with the final stage being the making of ice-cream, with some delicious results. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and went home with a small gift from Tritech, a certificate and a tub of their home-made treat. Thank you to Ms Wilmans for all her hard work.

WORLD KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to the following learners who have qualified for the final round of the World Knowledge Olympiad for high school learners. The final round took place online on Tuesday 3 August 2021 with the following participants and we await their results. Thank you to Ms du Plessis for all her organisation of this event.

1. Andani Takalani
2. Dede Bessong
3. Nyikwana Baloyi
4. Ranwedzi Nengwekhulu
5. Providence Manyamba
6. Wanani Mutobvu
7. Masechaba Mathonsi
8. Ndivho Mukoma
9. Dziphatu Mabilo
10. Thendo Makuya

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Two of our boys, Stanley Chabalala and Ronewa Ramulongo, achieved the highest results for their grade in last year's Science Olympiad. On Thursday, they wrote this year's Olympiad to test themselves and see where they would place nationally. We await eagerly for their results!

