



Ridge Park College

Message from the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have come to the end of the second term of the year, and it seems like the clock is on fast forward. This term our focus was solely on academics and our learners were kept busy with their SBA assessments and those underachieving were exposed to a number of intervention programmes to help them come up to speed. We will assess their progress once the mid-year exam marks are collated. A big thank you goes out to my dedicated team of educators who spent their mornings, breaks, afternoons as well as weekends to help our learners, despite their busy schedules.

I would like to take a moment to reflect on the productive months we have had as well as look ahead to the demands of the upcoming term, especially for our Grade 12 learners who will be embarking on their Preliminary examinations. Our Grade 12 Matric Gala was held at the beginning of the term. We also had our Toastmasters graduation; term end- casual day programme as well as a programme by Childline for our Grade 8, 9s to commemorate Youth Day to name a few as well as many activities and tournaments which are focused on in our newsletter. I want to commend most of our learners for their dedication and commitment. Term 2 was filled with a variety of activities, projects and assessments that tested not only their academic ability but also their resilience, responsibility and time management. Whilst most of them rose to the challenge, harder work is required by a few.

To you our parents, your support and involvement in your child's education has been invaluable. We urge you to monitor and continue to be involved in your child's progress going forward. The collaborative efforts between home and school is what drives success and we appreciate your continued engagement and encouragement. Looking forward to Term 3, there are many assessments and examinations that will require focused preparation. As always, our we will do our very best to support our learners and ensure they are well prepared.

To our learners, during the holidays, it is important to balance rest and recreation with academic responsibilities. Ensure there is a healthy balance between study and leisure. Engage in reading beyond the curriculum as this not only broadens knowledge but also fosters a love for learning. Complete any assignments and tasks early instead of leaving these for the last minute. Grade 12 learners are involved in holiday classes for the first two weeks of the holiday and it is compulsory for all learners to be at school as syllabus coverage and completion is being done.

A reminder once again that some learners defaulted when it came to wearing their ID badges daily and during exam times (especially grade 8 and 9 learners). Please note that wearing of ID badges is compulsory and a security measure. Going forward parents will have to bring learners ID badges to school if learners forget them. Repeated offences will result in detention on a Friday afternoon. Learners need to be responsible and aware of what is expected of them according to our school code of conduct.

Also, a reminder that cell phones are prohibited at school, learners in possession of these will have their cell phones confiscated as per the code of conduct. Random searches are done in this regard. If parents need to be contacted in an emergency,

A little progress
each day

Adds up to
big results

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Special points of interest in Term3 - 2025

Saving Weeks
Gr12 Hospitality PAT
Gr8 Market Day / Week
Maths Olympiad 3rd Round
Gr12 Drama Practical
Concert
Gr9 Programme Future Focused
Gr12 Proverto Olympiad
Sports Day
Poetry Evening
Women's Day Lunch
Planeteers Cleanup
isiZulu Evening
Planeteers Trashion Show
Gr11 SANCA
Swimming Gala

Term 1 Awards 2025

Gr8

1st	AMIRAH JOOSAB
2nd	ALMIRAH JOOSAB
3rd	PHONTLE MLATSHA
4th	HUSNA SHAIK
5th	SAMEYA KHAN

Gr9

1st	NONHLANHLA GUMED
2nd	SISANDA SKIHOSANA
3rd	AISHA CHALKEN
4th	NAOMI MOLKWU
5th	BAHIJAH KACHBAL

Gr10

1st	AZRA RAMBALEE
2nd	ASANDA MAVUNDLA
3rd	MANAHIL ALI
4th	SBUSISIWE ZUNGU
5th	LONDEKA NGCOBO

Gr11

1st	MAHNOOR JILLANI
2nd	ANELE MAZIBUKO
3rd	KUHLEKONKE SEKANABO
3rd	ARIYANA VAKED
5th	ZEENAT JADWAT

Gr12

1st	HAFSA MANSAB
2nd	RAEESAH ALLI
3rd	VICTORIA CHICKDOD
4th	ILHAAM CASSOO
5th	NELLY NKOSI

learners can come to the Front office to call.

With regards to leave, please note that a letter requesting leave must be sent with the learner who will hand it in to the grade controller in the morning. In the interests of safety and security of our children, If parents pitch to collect learners during the course of the day, they will have to present their ID Document. An exeat will be presented to them at reception which must be presented to the security personnel on duty when exiting the premises. Please schedule appointments after school hours to prevent loss of contact time at school.

We sadly bid farewell to Ms K. Raman and Ms T. Mulungu who are taking up positions elsewhere and Ms T. Couch and Mrs F Peer who are relocating Overseas. We wish them well in their future endeavours and thank them for their contributions to the growth and upliftment of Ridge Park College and our learners. The names of our Academic Heads and Discipline Grade controllers per grade is on the D6. Please communicate with them if you have any queries or issues you want to address.

Term 3 starts on 22 July 2025, and it will be Day 2 of the time table. It will still be winter uniform for our learners. Hair, nails and uniform need to be as per the Code of conduct.

Best wishes for an enjoyable safe holiday!

Kind regards!
Mrs J. Bhugwandeem
PRINCIPAL



TOASTMASTERS 2025

Toastmasters is more than just a public speaking club – it's a transformative journey that empowers learners to find their voices, build confidence, and forge lasting connections.

Through Toastmasters, learners develop the skills to communicate effectively, lead with conviction, and think on their feet.

Toastmasters learners gain the poise to command a room, the clarity to articulate their ideas, and the courage to take on new challenges.

Most importantly, they become part of a supportive community that celebrates growth, encourages progress, and inspires ambitions.

The school based graduation that was held on the 23rd May yielded the following top achievers:

Speech

1. Ria hansa
2. Husna khatib
3. Hlahlameliso Dlamini



Evaluation

1. Maariyah Baradeen
2. Nolwandle Mthembu
3. Melane Sinyolo
4. Zahra Sayed

Impromptu

1. Lehakwe Khaloli
2. Swazi Ngcobo
3. Chioma More
4. Lulu Quissico



Ridge Park College learners championed through the Toastmasters inter - school semi-final that was held on the 21st of June at Lady Fatima.

Maariyah Baradeen was placed 2nd in the Evaluation category.

Lehakwe Khaloli was placed 3rd in the Impromptu category, and Aphelele Mazibuko was placed 3rd in the Prepared Speech category.

We would like to congratulate Mariyah Barradeen and wish her well as she will represent Ridge Park College at the Toastmasters Provincial finals on the 6th December.

UN 2025



On the 17th of May, Ridge Park College was invited to participate in the Model United Nations at the UKZN School of Medicine where the motion, "Should South Africa Sanction the United States?" was presented. Sinazo Madonsela, Keisha Naidoo and Hafsa Mansab represented Ridge Park College, as the declaration, 'Doctors without Borders'. It was not an easy feat especially competing with schools from far and wide, nonetheless RPC triumphed and was placed 3rd amongst over 30 other institutes, with Hafsa Mansab named as the Best Speaker of the event.

DEBATES 2025

Ridge Park College Junior and Senior debaters completed a successful 2025 league within the Durban Coastal Debating League. We are proud to announce that Sahirah Umarparsadh in Grade 9, has been chosen to represent Kwa Zulu Natal on the provincial debating team in the future.



EASTER EVENING 2025

✿ A Celebration of Talent and Togetherness ✿

The **Reach for Life Easter Evening 2025** was a resounding success and a heartwarming celebration of faith, family, and talent. It was a truly special evening that brought our school community together in a spirit of unity and joy.

Our learners were nothing short of **outstanding**, captivating the audience with their heartfelt performances and showcasing the dedication and passion they bring to everything they do. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

A heartfelt thank you goes to **Mrs. Bhugwande**n for graciously allowing us to host the event and for delivering the warm welcome that set the tone for the evening.

We are deeply grateful to all the **educators** who attended and supported the event, and we extend **special thanks** to:

- **Dr C Subbiah** for organising the whole event.
- **Ms. P. Reddy** for curating the lovely music and songs that added such richness to the evening.
- **Mr. N. Haripersad, Mr. A. Shukla, and Mr. S. Sukdeo** for their excellent work with sound and photography.
- **Miss S. Khumalo, Miss T. Mhlungu**, and the **hospitality team** for their incredible effort in setting up and serving with such grace.
- **Mr. R. Singh and the GAs** for their efficient organisation of the hall and overall support.
- **Ms. E. Naicker** for her creativity and effort in designing the beautiful posters and tickets.

It was a true team effort, and we are **truly blessed** to be surrounded by such a dedicated and talented group at RPC.

**God bless and thank you
to everyone who helped make this event
so memorable.**



Gr10 Visual Arts

Grade 10 Visual Arts learners completed a 6-hour drawing challenge in Term 1. They had to choose a flower and draw it carefully using graphite pencils.

This task helped them improve their observation and shading skills. Students focused on details like petals, stems, and textures, learning how to show light, shadow, and form in black and white.

The long session encouraged patience, focus, and problem-solving. It also helped them understand how to create realistic drawings. The final artworks showed their hard work and growing art skills, forming a strong foundation for the rest of the year.

Distinctions were awarded to the artworks below.



Chippewa Spur Youth Day 2025

🌟 Youth Day 2025 at Chippewa Spur! 🌟

In celebration of **Youth Day 2025**, our spirited team at **Chippewa Spur** decided to turn back the clock and relive the best days of their lives — school days! 🎒 📖

Their amazing staff dressed up in school uniforms and youthful flair to show their support for local schools and highlight the energy, hope, and potential that our youth represent. From prefect badges to pigtails, backpacks to blazers — the team brought fun, nostalgia, and unity to the floor at Spur, all while serving up your Spur favourites with a smile!

This initiative is their way of honouring the youth of today — the leaders, dreamers, and change-makers of tomorrow. We're proud to stand with our schools and communities in celebrating their journey, their spirit, and their dreams



*Youth Day
2025*



Well done to all our players for representing the school with excellence, both on and off the court



The Truth is



THE ELEPHANT AND THE DUCK **A Short Moral Story**

One day, a fox approached an elephant and said,
"Look, this is ridiculous. The duck keeps talking badly about you behind your back. He's spreading lies! You need to teach him a lesson!"

The elephant frowned and replied,
"I will teach him a lesson and break every bone in his body! Just go back to sleep and leave it to me."

The next day, the fox returned and said,
"You didn't do anything! He's still gossiping about you. This is getting out of hand. You can't just stay quiet!"

The elephant grunted and whispered,
"Yes, it's time to teach that fool a lesson. Leave it to me."

On the third day, the fox urged again,
"You're too calm! The duck is bad-mouthing you everywhere. Teach him a lesson once and for all!"

The elephant finally said,
"Alright, bring me a cutlass, a shovel, and an axe. I'll handle it!"

Excited, the fox fetched the tools and handed them to the elephant. But to his surprise, the elephant walked straight to his farm and began to work.

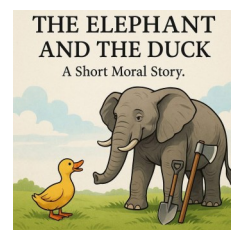
Stunned, the fox asked,
"Wait! I thought you were going to teach the duck a lesson?"

The elephant smiled and replied,
"I am. I'm too busy building my life to worry about a duck whose only skill is to quack. I'm a majestic creature of strength and wisdom. Why stoop to the level of one known only for noise and gossip? Let me farm in peace. I'll return your tools when I'm done."

Moral of the Story:

In life, you'll meet ducks, people who gossip, lie, and try to drag you down. But like the elephant, be wise. Don't waste your energy on noise. Focus on your purpose, your peace, and your power. Never stoop to their level.

Credits to the Author:
Chima Dickson Official



2026 RPC Applications

Dear Parent of a Gr8 2026 Learner,

We would like to bring the following information to your attention:

- 1) Application forms are available for download from our website www.ridgepark.co.za starting March 10, 2025.
- 2) The application submission period is scheduled to commence on April 9, 2025.
- 3) Please note that submissions are to be hand-delivered only between 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM.
- 4) We strongly prefer typed forms over handwritten submissions.
- 5) The required documents for the application process are listed below.

Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any further queries, feel free to contact us on 031 2073337 or admissions@ridgepark.co.za

Vision Statement

To be an internationally recognized leading girls high school that empowers future leaders to make a significant contribution to society.

Honesty and Honour

CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM - preferred to be typed on
LANGUAGE SELECTION FORM
LETTERS OF UNDERTAKING (SIGNED BY BOTH PARENTS)
UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE x 2 CERTIFIED COPIES (COMPULSORY)
REFUGEE STATUS / PASSPORT (IMMIGRANT STATUS)
STUDY PERMIT / STUDY VISA
NOVEMBER REPORT (PREVIOUS YEAR END REPORT)
CLINIC CARD or DOCTORS LETTER
PARENT 1 ID & PARENT 2 ID
GUARDIAN 1 ID & GUARDIAN 2 ID
SPONSOR ID
DEATH CERTIFICATE
SALARY ADVICE (BOTH PARENTS) – IF SELF EMPLOYED 3 MONTHS BANK STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR UNEMPLOYMENT LETTER
PROOF OF ADDRESS (UTILITY BILL or LEASE AGREEMENT) NO RETAIL ACCOUNTS
2 X ID SIZE PHOTOS OF LEARNER
PROOF OF PAYMENT ONLY AFTER APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED



If you are having any challenges connected to our D6 Connect App.

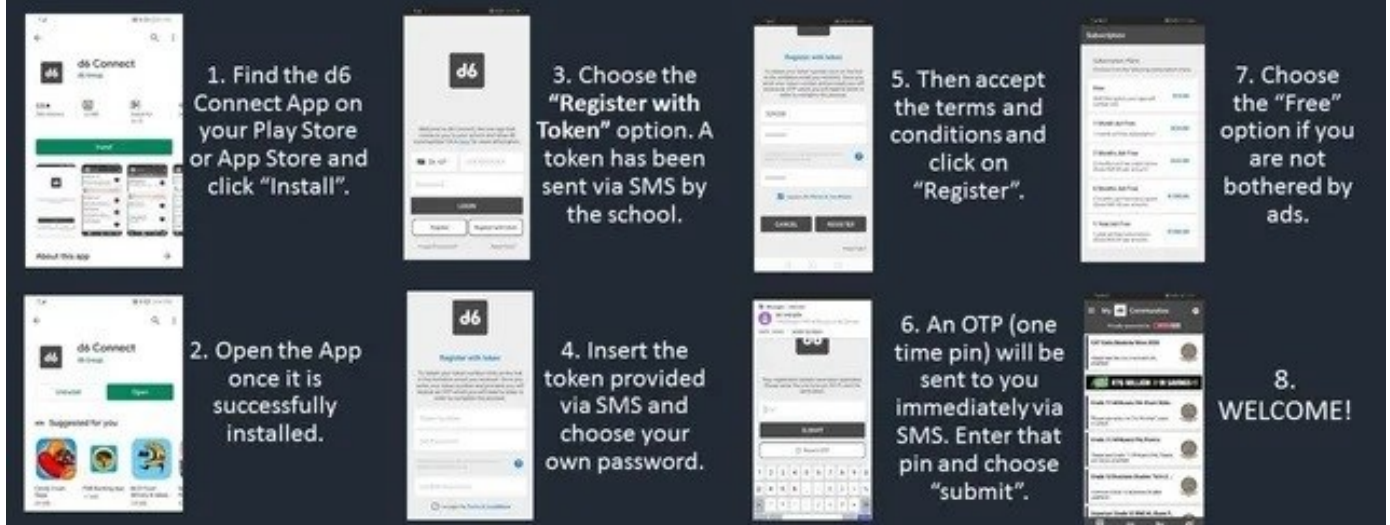
Kindly send the following information to Mrs E Naicker:-

1. **Parent Full Name & Surname**
2. **Learner Full Name, Surname, Grade and AdminNo**
3. **Parent Phone Number**
4. **Parent Email addresses**
5. **Relation to the Learner**

All information to be emailed to
Ms E Naicker
naicker.e@ridgepark.co.za

“Remember always that you have not only the right to be an individual; you have an obligation to be one. You cannot make any useful contribution in life unless you do this.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

Step-by-step Guide: How to Download and Activate d6 Connect



Poetry Club: Reconnect

Ridge Park College

Poetry Club





Attention RPC Poetry Club Members!

If you were part of the RPC Poetry Club when Mrs. J Naidoo was your educator, please reach out to either Ms J Naidoo or Ms E Naicker as soon as possible.

We'd love to reconnect with you!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Ridge Park College in partnership with parents and the community challenges our learners to think creatively, develop entrepreneurial skills; taking responsibility for their education and moral development, to continually strive for excellence and contribute positively to their diverse and changing world

