

*FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK*

2026

*"Small steps towards big dreams start today."*

*What will this year bring: "365 opportunities to touch a heart, to wipe a tear, to say 'I love you', to be kinder to those around us, to make people happy and to make a positive difference in someone else's life."*

*- Winnie the Pooh*

*I could not agree more - we must use of every day to make the world a better place. It starts with small actions of kindness showing that you care. Share a smile, check in on your family and friends, ask your children how their day was or simply by just being present.*

*The involvement of a parent is key to the success of their child and a partnership that we as a school value.*

*Parents, don't be preoccupied with your child's academic ability, instead; Teach them to sit with those sitting alone; teach them to be kind; teach them to offer their help; teach them to encourage others; teach them to be a friend to the lonely; teach them to share; teach them to look for the good and teach them to think about other people. This is how they will change the world and have an influence. How to we teach them? By setting the example.*

*To be the "Best English Public Primary School" in Pretoria is not a title based on only academics, performance, and achievement - to us it is about being a family. The Rietondale Family where everyone should feel happy and safe.*

*My wish for this year is that we will all be able to feel happy and safe while we are at school and I am convinced that if we work together, it will be possible.*

*May this new year be all that you hoped for.*

*Sincerely*

*Miss Goosen*

*Principal*