



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

“Empty your mind, be formless. Shapeless, like water. If you put water into a cup, it becomes the cup. You put water into a bottle, and it becomes the bottle. You put it in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Now, water can flow, or it can crash. Be water, my friend.” – Bruce Lee

People might wonder what there is to say about water? Within simplicity there is complexity and it just takes a different perspective to appreciate the nuance, we as humans can learn so much from water. In our lives we should all be like water. Let me repeat it. Be like water.

Be refreshing. Few things are as refreshing as a glass of cold water. Water is the closest thing to the elixir of life. We should aim to be someone whose presence refreshes others. Just as water energizes all life around us, look to energize the lives of those around you.

Be clear. Pure water is clear, fully transparent and lets you see through it. I can hide something in a container of sand, but can I hide something in a container of water? No! Be like water then, in both your personal and professional life. Be ethical and honest in your dealings and be transparent about your feelings with your loved ones and family.

Be flexible. You pour water into an empty glass. What happens? The water takes the shape of the glass. Pour that water into an empty bottle and presto! The water takes the shape of the bottle. Water is one of the most flexible and formless substances that we know. Be accommodating and have situational awareness, look from a different perspective at things and be considerate.

Be a universal solvent. Water is called the universal solvent, because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid. Sugar, salt, minerals and nutrients all dissolve in water. Some of the most powerful acids dissolve and get diluted in water. Impurities in our body dissolve in water and get flushed out of our system. Just as water then, take a dissolving effect in any group you belong to. Just as a sugar cube dissolves and makes the entire glass of water sweet, look to distribute the feelings of happiness to everyone in any group you belong to. On the other hand, if there is acrimony or sadness concentrated in someone, look to empathize with them and dilute their feelings.

Be precious. Clean water is the life blood of all living organisms and yet millions of people around the world don't have access to fresh clean water every day. Every 90 seconds, a child dies from a water related disease. The fate of entire communities, economies, countries is caught up in that glass of water; something the rest of us take for granted. Too many times, we take our families, friends and support systems for granted. Realize that they are all precious to you and in turn look to be precious for them.

Finally, in everyday life, we are always told to look for role models. We are told to emulate these people who have led noble, eventful lives and positively impacted people around them. Well today, I am asking for something different of you. I am asking you to emulate an inanimate object – Water. Water has many things to teach us about how we live out all aspects of our lives. So next time you look at a glass of water, think of it as a reflection of what you should aim to be!

Mr. S. Venter

Important Dates and Announcements:

Term 1	16/01 – 15/03
Term 2	03/04 – 14/06

Appointments with Principal and teaching staff:

Please note that teachers are not allowed to see parents who wish to pop in for a quick chat during the school day. Appointments need to be scheduled beforehand via email or a call to the office. Requesting an appointment with the Principal can be done via Lee or Kaylee in our main office.

School photos:

Professional photos for the school website will be taken of the school on Monday the 4th of March. All learners must be dressed in the proper school uniform.

Upcoming events:

Community Market & Fun walk	02 March – There are still stalls – please enquire at the office if you are interested.
Senior School Camp	10 – 12 April
Voting (Public Holiday)	8 May – Our school is an official voting station.
Art Auction & Cheese and wine	31 May – A not to be missed event!

**All of these events will take place on the school property.*

Market day and fun run:

Our learners are very excited about our Market Day and Fun Run. We are going to have loads of prizes, games and treats! It can only be a great success with your assistance and support. Thank you to all the parents who have donated money and items for the stalls. The parents who have volunteered to assist with the Market Day need to be at school at 8a.m. and the marshals for the Fun Run need to gather in front of the office at 9a.m. The Market Day will take place on the school property and the Fun Run will take place inside Burgundy Estate. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

News from the office:

Please can we ask that the following points are noted and followed.

1. Any payments parents wish to make in person must please only be done strictly between 08h00 and 16h00.
2. Please send all money for school, in a marked envelope via message book or for learner to hand to the teacher.
3. Parents may buy uniforms after school only.
4. Parents please note, as soon as our uniform stock gets delivered, the office will send an SMS to notify all parents.
5. The office will no longer be delivering left behind lunches, homework, projects etc.
6. Parents please direct any school related queries to the teacher via the message book or email.
7. If your child is going to be absent, you need to notify the school via email.

Senior School Camp

Please keep in mind that the final payment date for the school camp is the **11 March 2019**. All forms must be returned to school asap.

Test series dates:

Gr 7 – 9	1 March – 13 March
Gr 10 – 12	1 March – 13 March

Olympiad dates:

English	05 March – Written at school
Mathematics	12 March – Info to follow shortly
Natural Science	16 May – Written at school
Life Science	16 May – Written at school

Reminders and notes:

- Do not double-park in the street to drop off or collect your child as this is causing a traffic jam and much frustration for those trying to get past you. Besides all of the frustration it is causing it is posing a severe risk to our children.
- The small parking area in front of the white door leading to the office is staff parking and parents must please not park there as this too causes a hold up when staff must wait in the street for cars to leave the space.
- If you haven't already, check out our Facebook and give it a like – search for –'Riverside College' and stay up to date with all activities.

A message from our Principal – Mr. Swart

With the message from Mr. Venter above, I do not think I can add anything more for this week, except to say that in all things, charity begins at home. Be the beacon of light that your child is searching for, help them reach their goals and dreams, stand by them in times of doubt and trouble. Help them deal with and manage the pain of disappointment, failure or regret. Reinforce through your own behaviour, the values that you would like your children to exhibit to the world around them. Teach them to care for others and to be true to themselves while they become the best version of who they are through this process.

It is test series time and they all expectations of what they would like to achieve, support them and guide them towards their goals, and when they reach them – celebrate!

School Schedule:

Monday	04 Mar	Day 1	07:55 - 15:15
Tuesday	05 Mar	Day 2	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	06 Mar	Day 3	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	07 Mar	Day 4	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	08 Mar	Day 5	07:55 – 14:00

Have a good weekend

High School Staff
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