



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

Lessons to learn from nature.

While talking to a group of teenagers about being responsible citizens, I realised that they all have this incredible notion that they each individually want to save the world, but they have no actual idea of working as a collective to do so. Here is a perfect example of how it works in nature when animals work together for the good of the whole group.

Scientists have discovered that by flying in a V-formation 71% more flying power is generated by a flock of birds, than if each bird flew alone. We will use wild geese in this example. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation so that it can continue to take advantage of the lifting power immediately in front. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese will drop out of formation and follow that one to help and protect it. They stay with that bird until it is either able to fly again or dies.

In order to save the world we have to develop the mind set and tenacity of wild geese. We have to stand by each other in all circumstances, make sure that the honking from behind is encouragement and support instead of envy and negativity. We would realise that truly successful people are able to work with people they dislike or disagree with. We would understand that by looking at the larger picture, we too could ensure that our entire community got to enjoy the benefits of our successes. We would plainly see how individual weaknesses are overcome by the strength of the community.

Remember: People who share a common direction and a sense of community can get where they want to be more quickly and easily because they are travelling on the trust generated by all.

Mr. C Marais

Important Dates and Announcements:

Term 2	03/04 – 13/06 Learners
Public holiday	19 April – Good Friday
Public holiday	22 April – Family day
Professional School video	23 April – Postponed from term 1
Voting (Public Holiday)	08 May – Public holiday
Ascension Day	30 May
Art Auction & Cheese and wine	31 May – A not to be missed event!

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

Parking area:

Unfortunately, we have a very small group of parents who feel that the rules do not apply to them. We have asked respectfully that they do not drop/pick up their children in the teacher's parking area in the morning and afternoons, but every day we still see the same parents doing exactly that. These measures are put into place to ensure a smooth flow of traffic and more importantly, to safeguard your children, so please can we all abide by the rules. We would not like to have to go the route of wheel-clamping but should our request continue to fall on deaf ears that may just be the route to follow to remedy the situation.

Examination Dates:

Gr 7 – 9	22 May – 10 June
Gr 10 – 12	20 May – 10 June

Olympiad dates:

Natural Science 16 May – Written at school
Life Science 16 May – Written at school

Note from the Principal:

It is that time of the year again when your child is readying him/herself for the mid-year exams. We have very high expectations that we have set for our children in terms of what we want them to achieve, and with this goes the responsibility of making sure that they have the support that they need, to deliver on these expectations.

Time is one of our most precious commodities and it is with this in mind that the following message is delivered. The responsibility to ensure that your child is collected after school is that of the parent. We cannot for various reasons have children hanging around, playing on the jungle gym or running around and kicking the ball on the school premises without supervision. When the end of school bell rings and our teachers are done for the day there is no one to take care of your child. If your child is injured during this time, there is no one on duty who can take charge or responsibility.

Please therefore be reminded that your child is either in our aftercare program, which is a paid for service, or they are waiting at the gate to be collected. There are children who are left at school until very late in the afternoons and this is not only unfair to your child, but also extremely dangerous given the fact that children have been abducted and/or harassed at schools in the surrounding areas.

Please be a responsible parent and take care of your child!

Reminders and notes:

- Do not double-park in the street to drop off or collect your child as this is causing much frustration for the motorists trying to get passed you. Besides all of the frustration it is causing it is posing a severe risk for our children.
- **Do not park in the teachers parking area or on NO PARKING spots.**
- Please add us on Instagram – search for riversidecollege_cpt
- 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.

School Schedule:

Monday	22 Apr	Public Holiday	
Tuesday	23 Apr	Day 7	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	24 Apr	Day 8	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	25 Apr	Day 9	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	26 Apr	Day 10	07:55 – 14:00

Have a safe and love filled Easter weekend!

High School Staff
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