



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

Keep the roots stronger

Once upon a time, there were two neighbors living next to each other. One of them was a retired teacher and the other was an insurance agent who had a lot of interest in technology. Both of them had planted different plants in their garden. The retired teacher only gave his plants a small amount of water and very little attention, while the neighbor, interested in technology, had given his plants lots of water and looked after them very well.

The retired teacher's plants were simple but looked good. The insurance agent's plants were much fuller and greener. One night, there was heavy rain and wind. The next morning, both of the neighbors came out to inspect the damage to their garden. The insurance agent saw that his plants were totally destroyed but, the retired teacher's plants were not damaged at all and were standing firm.

The insurance agent was surprised to see this, and he went to the retired teacher and asked, "We both grew the same plants together, I actually looked after my plants better than you did, I even gave them more water. Still, my plants were ripped up from their roots, while yours stood firm. How is that possible?" The retired teacher smiled and said, "You gave your plants more attention and water, but because of that they didn't need to do any work for themselves. You made it easy for them. While I gave them just an adequate amount of water and let their roots search for more, and because of that, their roots went deeper into the soil, which made their position so much stronger. That is why my plants survived".

Moral: This story is about parenting. If everything is given to our children, they will not understand the hard work it takes to earn those things. They will not learn to work themselves and respect what they have worked for. Sometimes it's best to guide them instead of giving them everything.

Mrs. C Ellis

Grade 12 Fundraising event:

Movie Night for all from Gr 7 - 12

Date: Friday 10th of May

Time: 18:30 for 19:00

Price: R50pp – available from Mrs. Ellis

Snacks will be sold – so no outside snacks will be allowed.

There will be teacher supervision!

Winter Uniform:

As from Monday the 6th of May we will officially switch over to our winter uniform. Please ensure that your child has everything that they need as we will conduct a uniform inspection to ensure compliance.

This includes:

White long sleeve shirts with school tie

Grey long pants – for boys and girls

Jersey and blazer

Long grey socks and school tights

* No other jackets may be worn as part of the school uniform

Important Dates and Announcements:

Term 2	03/04 – 13/06 Learners
Voting	08 May – Public holiday
Portraits and Class photos	14 May
Last Day Extra-Murals	16 May
Ascension Day	30 May – Normal working day
Art Auction & Cheese and wine	31 May – An event not to be missed!

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

A message from our Principal – Mr. D Swart

It is very important that we as parents teach our children to respect the rules and the regulations as laid down in our homes, at school and in the workplace. It is unfair and unreasonable to punish our children when they disobey us, yet it is okay for us as adults to disobey rules.

Let me give you a simple example of what I am saying. School starts at 07:55 when the bell rings, but you decide to arrive at school at 08:30. Would you consider this to be fair and reasonable towards your child, the teacher, his/her classmates? Would you tolerate your child being left alone in a classroom for 30 minutes because the teacher is late every morning? Would you as an employer be satisfied to allow your employees to be late everyday while still paying them a full salary?

Please allow me to ask once more that you refrain from parking in areas that are prohibited.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

Please collect your child from school on time or arrange for them to be transported on time.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times.

As parents we want the best for our children, and in order to achieve this goal we make and enforce certain rules at home, for very specific reasons. School is no different! Please help us teach our children the difference by setting a good example for them.

Reminders and notes:

- Stay updated by following 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	06 May	Day 6	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	07 May	Day 7	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	08 May	Public Holiday – Voting at our school.	
Thursday	09 May	Day 9	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	10 May	Day 10	07:55 – 14:00

Have a good weekend.

High School Staff
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