



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

Have you ever made a mistake in your life? Have you ever felt like a failure?

Well then, join the club! There are many famous, successful people, who became famous and even rich, after making several mistakes.

Here are just a few examples:

J K Rowling, the well-known author of the Harry Potter books. She says:

"I had failed on an epic scale. An exceptionally short-lived marriage had imploded, and I was jobless, a single parent, and as poor as it is possible to be in modern Britain"

Because she realised that she will have to provide for her children, she didn't allow herself to dwell in her failure. She lifted her head, started writing and today her net worth is estimated at an astounding \$1 billion.

Steve Jobs: The CEO of the well-known company, Apple.

He started Apple with two men in a garage. He was fired from the very company he began. The dismissal made him realize that his passion for his work exceeded the disappointment of failure. Further ventures led Jobs back to the CEO position at Apple. Apple now is a \$2 billion company with over 2 000 employees.

There are many more examples of people who were total failures before they became successful out there in the real world.

Here are the things they have in common:

They didn't allow themselves to dwell in their failure.

They got up and worked even harder than before.

They realised that life didn't owe them anything.

And last but not least: Life is not fair, get used to that.

So...how badly do you want to succeed?

Mrs. C Botha

Important Dates and Announcements:

Entrepreneurs Day Market (Group 2)	30 August – EMS Project Gr 7 - 9
Grade 12 Prelims	21 Aug – 16 Sep
Test Series Dates Gr 7 – 11	9 Sep – 16 Sep
Annual Fun Walk and Market Day	07 Sep – On the school premises.

Family Fun Run and Market Day:

The Family Fun Run on the 7th of September will start at 09:00. Tickets are currently on sale at school and the prices are as follows:

Adults	R40 (Early bird) R50 On the day
Children	R25 (Early bird) R30 On the day

Loads of prizes and incentives available for those who participate: First 200 runners to cross the finish line will all get medals together with prizes for the 1st Adult and child female and the 1st Adult and child male who cross the line. Each learner will receive 5 merits for attendance and an additional 5 merits for bringing an adult along who participates in the run; civvies day vouchers

and spot prizes are also up for grabs. As always, this day promises to be loads of fun and there will also be a market! Please come and join us.

A message from our Principal – Mr. D Swart

Our grade 12 learners have started their prelim exams in preparation for their final exams which start on the 23rd of October. This is an extremely important time for them, and we ask that parents give them the necessary guidance and help during this time. Here are just a few pointers:

1. When facing your worried, stressed out child, don't taunt them with a, 'been there, done that' attitude but rather show encouragement and support.
2. Acknowledge your child's efforts. Help them by showing that you see the effort and sacrifices they are making when they opt to study instead of going out with friends or playing games.
3. Please don't compare your children! Each child is unique and so is their experience of matric. There is nothing worse than feeling like you don't measure up.
4. Free them for a short period of time from chores in and around the house if they need the additional time to better prepare themselves.
5. Avoid conflict at all cost!! Conflict causes stress and unhappiness for both parties. Be tolerant and understanding while expecting your child to do what is expected of him/her. Remove all distractions such as cell phones, games and other items before the exams start, rather than fighting about it during the exams. Please remember that you are still the adult and the parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child eats and sleeps well and that he/she is prepared for what lies ahead.

Good luck to each and every Grade 12 learner!

Reminders and notes:

- Our teachers parking area has become a wheel-clamping zone. Please ensure that you do not park your car in this area – even for a few minutes - as the wheel-clamping rule will be applied to all. We have asked politely that you do not park in these areas for the safety of our children and unfortunately, we will have to now enforce a stricter rule.
- 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	26 Aug	Day 6	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	27 Aug	Day 7	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	28 Aug	Day 8	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	29 Aug	Day 9	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	30 Aug	Day 10	07:55 – 14:00

Have a good weekend!

High School Staff
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