



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

This is a story of two friends who were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand;

“Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone;

“Today my best friend saved my life.”

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him;

“After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?”

The other friend replied;

“When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

Don't value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.

Ms. Struck

Donations for Dunoon:

There are over 200 children in Dunoon who are going hungry every day. Riverside College has been in touch with the lady who is running a soup kitchen for these children and we have offered to support them in terms of donations. We have appealed to our staff and we would like to appeal to our parent body to assist in donating goods to help these needy children.

They are in need of the following:

- Ingredients to make soup
- Bread
- Blankets
- Warm clothing (beanies, scarves, gloves, warm tops and warm pants)

We are going to do drop offs to Dunoon every Monday.

Parents are welcome to drop off any donations in the office between 08h00 and 12h00 daily.

Let's work together to help rescue these children who are in need of our help.

Bus Service

The bus service will operate for the Parow/Panorama route for the exam period – only for those learners who are registered for transport. Please contact the office if you are using this service and would need it during this time.

Tuckshop Orders

The tuckshop will be open for pre-orders only during exam time for those learner's who are coming in to write exams.

Camp Fee:

As you know, the learners were booked to go on camp in April. This was a booking that was made and paid for long in advance. When the lockdown was implemented, we preliminary postponed the camp to the 4th term. Should we not be able to go on camp later this year a credit will be passed on your last school fee invoice for 2020.

Important dates

End of Term 2	18 June
Term 3	14 July – 22 September – <i>Teachers return on 13 July – 23 September</i>
Term 4	06 October – 2 December – <i>Teachers return 05 October – 4 December</i>

These dates may vary from those given for Government Schools, but we have not missed a single class this term and therefore we do not need to shorten our holidays. Our learners have worked hard and deserve to have their break!

Winter school for Gr 12 learners will take place via Teams – dates and times will be sent out shortly.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

*Children in Grades 10, 11 & 12 who are coming to school to write their exams from the 1st of June, as per the timetables, **do not** need to come to school in their uniforms during these exams, they must wear civvies. Matriculants must please wear their 'Matric jackets' with their civvies as they may not have many other opportunities to wear them under the current situation.*

Please note that all grades 7 – 9 learners are doing their exams and assessments online and do not need to come to school until further notice.

We are appealing to all learners and parents who will come to the school to drop off or collect their children to please adhere to the safety measures and regulations that have been put in place for the safety of all concerned. We appreciate all positive comments and suggestions that could help us improve the measures we have taken, but please refrain from finding fault with everything you see. If you do not have something good to say, then please keep quiet. We are doing our absolute best – under extreme pressure – to protect the health and safety of all people involved and we are only going to achieve this if our outlook is that of looking out for one another instead of looking to find fault.

We have shared a video clip on Facebook to show you exactly what the procedure will be as your child arrives at school. There will be a safety officer on duty at all times during the exam time and if you are at school and you have any questions please do not hesitate to approach the safety officer and ask for assistance.

Stay safe and good luck with the preparations for the upcoming exams and assessments!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards
High School Teachers