



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

It has been a term of learning and anxiety. From being at home permanently, to juggling work, family, school and some form of entertainment for everyone at home. We have learnt not to go shopping so often and to enjoy the simpler things in life. That got us thinking about our lives as children. Sometimes children forget that their teachers were, in fact, children and that we got up to all sorts of interesting things as well.

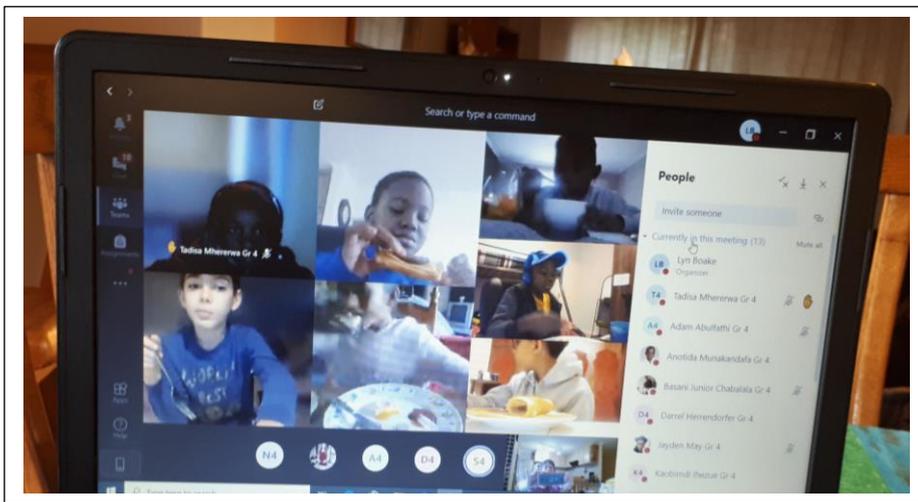
Below are some quotes from the Primary School teachers and Mr Swart. Let's see if you as a family can match the teacher to the quote:

Statement	Teacher:
When I was a child, my brother and I played rugby and I got a black eye from him throwing the rugby ball in my face.	1.
When I was a child, I cried when I did not get my letter to Hogwarts.	2.
When I was a child, I scratched my name on the wooden part of the armchair using a pin. I then denied it. It didn't end well.	3.
When I was a child, my brother made me believe that I should always spit out the watermelon seeds otherwise watermelons would grow in my tummy.	4.
When I was a child, I used to do ballet and came first in a competition that my ballet teacher entered me in.	5.
When I was a child, I permanently had plasters on my big toes because I scraped the skin off using them as brakes when riding my chopper bicycle.	6.
When I was a child, I got lost at a big cricket match at Wanderers Stadium. My parents could not find me between all the people. Eventually they stopped the match because some random kid was sitting in front of the side screen and only then when they showed it on the big screen did my parents see me and then, luckily, find me.	7.
When I was a child, I used to be so free. I loved being outside and my jungle gym was a tree.	8.
When I was a child, I got a pet rat and took it for a walk that very same day. I never saw it again.	9.

See next week's newsletter for the answers.

Online classes

What have the Grade 4's been up to? About two weeks ago we had "Ontbyt Online". We set aside an Afrikaans session to eat a "Gesonde Ontbyt" together. The Grade 4's were very excited and I must say that the parents cooked up a storm. There were full English breakfasts to pancakes. Thank you to the parents for the wonderful cooking that happened so early and on a week day!



Happy Birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to the following learners who celebrated their birthday this week. As you are unable to celebrate with friends or other loved ones, we send you lots of love.

Gr R	Ndinawe Netshivhango	3 June
Gr 1	Hunter Gengiah	4 June
Gr 1	Peyton Govender	3 June
Gr 2	David da Silva	3 June
Gr 2	Keanu Petterson	2 June
Gr 3	Cecile Dongmo Juazong	5 June
Gr 3	Misha Weber	29 May
Gr 5	Tiaan du Preez	1 June



Assessments and Exams

We hope that the past week of assessments and examinations have been successful for your child. Thank you to the children and the parents for their hard work and co-operation. Please ensure that your child continues to study for the upcoming week but also gets enough rest and exercise.

Tuckshop Orders

The tuck-shop will be open for pre-orders only during exam time for those learners 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!

Weekly Report on Health Screening at School:

Description	Week 1
• Number of screenings	398
• Highest Temperature	37
• Lowest Temperature	33.6
• Refusal for Entry	None
• Quarantine	None

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.

Thank you to all our teachers who contributed to this very worthy cause. We were able to send our first donation to them on Monday! I know how easy it is to think that you will get something the next time you go to the supermarket, and then when you leave you realize that you forgot...one loaf of bread might seem very insignificant to us but to these children it is the difference between having one meal a day or going hungry, so please remember to put that loaf into your basket and thank you.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

The end of term 2 has become a real thing! We are at the end of the first week of exams and I cannot begin to tell you how impressed and proud I am of all the role players that have been involved because this week has gone incredibly well. Yes, there were a few hick-ups, which were to be expected, but on the whole we have managed very well to get all our learners at home and at school through the first week of exams and assessments.

When we welcomed the year 2020 we had no idea that it would unfold the way it has, and we had no idea that we were going to become full time teachers, tutors and carers. We were thrown into the deep end and as always we were expected to swim, un-trained, un-accompanied and with very little direction. Just look at us now...we have prevailed, we have survived and most importantly we have grown, changed and adapted to our circumstances and to the new roles that we were forced into. Most importantly, we have done a sterling job, so congratulations to each one of you, you took the challenge and we won!

As parents you have been super stars and you have really worked hard to ensure that your child/ren

didn't miss a single lesson since the start of our e-learning initiative. As teachers, you climbed out of your boxes and embraced the new reality that we are faced with. You learned new skills and new ways of doing things and so many of you have enjoyed and loved this process.

We have not realized the enormity of what has taken place, what we have overcome and what this will mean for the future, but it has been a priceless achievement and we can positively look forward to some well-deserved R&R shortly.

Have a lovely weekend!
Primary School Teachers