



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

Please remember that we are busy with our official June exams and if your child is not going to be attending school on the days that they are scheduled to write you need to send us an email excusing him/her from the exam. We cannot let your child write an exam after the said exam has already been written as this brings the integrity of the exam into question. If we know in time that your child will be absent from an exam, we can schedule the exam on Teams, but this will have to be at the same time that the rest of the grade is writing.

We will still need a Dr's note if your child is sick and cannot write an exam on the said day as this will be used in determining the report mark.

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.

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 doing 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.

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.

The Parklands bus service will operate from Tuesday the 9th of June only for those learners who are registered for the transport. Please contact the office if you are using this service and would need it during this time.

Tuck-shop 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 – *Teachers return on 13 July – 23 September*
Term 4 06 October – 2 December – *Teachers return 05 October – 4 December*

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

Kind Regards
High School Teachers