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 have tried our absolute best to accommodate all our learners and to allow for all of them to write their exams.

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

Powerful Tips to Stay Positive During Coronavirus Lockdown:

Understand Your Strength
You're stronger than you know. It is fairly easy to be engulfed in the hopelessness that the pandemic brings with it, but hope goes a long way. Hope is what keeps us going. Get hope from your past resilience. Know that you will get through this. You have got through so many things in the past because of your strength, and you will conquer this as well. You made it through! And you are stronger because of it.

Laughter is the best medicine
Got an exam and need to take a break? Watch a fun video. Got a pandemic that might crush your spirits? Watch a fun video! Understand that Dumbledore was indeed right when he said, "Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if one only remembers to turn on the light." Allow happiness to seep through to you in these dark times, one video at a time!

Practice Random Acts of Kindness
Say thank you to people who try their best to take care of you. Your kindness doesn't require a monetary outlay. Send a note of appreciation to a friend or family member. Think of those who could benefit from your thoughtfulness and generosity. Then act.

Take a Daily Inventory
Close your day, every day, with a positive acknowledgment of something you accomplished, learned or are grateful for. It will help dilute some of the negativity you've absorbed and reminds you that not everything that's happening right now is bad or depressing.

Mrs Botha

<u>Fees & school closures</u>
There have been a number of articles lately reporting on the closure of smaller private schools due to the non-payment of school fees during lockdown. Many parents believe that schools are saving money during the lockdown and for this reason they don't have to pay fees. Unfortunately, it is not true that schools have a saving whilst they are "closed". Most of the running costs are fixed and when the payment for these cannot be honoured the school runs a risk of closing.

We therefore respectfully request that parents honour their school fee payments to avoid putting Riverside College at risk of having to lay off more staff or possibly default on payments.

<u>Donations for Dunoon</u>
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.

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.

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!

Term 2 Reports

Please take note reports for Term 2 will be sent out after 24 June 2020.

Weekly Report on Health Screening at School

Description	Week 1	Week 2
• Number of screenings	398	295
• Highest Temperature	37	37
• Lowest Temperature	33.6	35.6
• Refusal for Entry	None	None
• Quarantine	None	None

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

The screening, sanitizing and social distancing has gone extremely well over the past two weeks. Thank you to all our learners who adhered to the regulations and made our task so much easier to carry out. Please do not become complacent about wearing your masks, sanitizing your hands and going to public places as the infection rates are still climbing. It is imperative that we take care of ourselves and those around us so that we do not need to go through the danger and inconvenience of getting sick and having to isolate ourselves.

This upcoming holiday is going to be very different to any other we have had before, and it is important that all our learners actually take a break so that they can come back well rested and ready to tackle Term 3 with new strength and vigour!

Stay safe and have an amazing weekend.

Kind Regards
High School Teachers