



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back. We hope that the children had a nice and relaxing holiday and that they are ready for Term 3! As per our letter that was sent out last week, we will continue with our e-learning program for the near future. Our teachers were very enthusiastic and excited about getting this term started and seeing the children again.

Fun Fridays

To make our term a little more interesting, we would like to introduce a Fun Friday. The children will be able to dress up or find something that is required. We will dedicate the last ½ hour of the day on Fridays to chatting and discussions. Please check each week as we have different activities and might require the help of a parent or an older sibling.

Date:	Activity
17/07	Mandela Day: Dress like Nelson Mandela Day. Find a Nelson Mandela quote and his picture to show us.
24/07	Funny Hat Day (May be worn the whole day)
31/07	Show and Tell (Any item that you would like to show us and tell us about)
07/08	Women's Day: A picture of a woman you admire and why. Yes she can also make a personal appearance if she is brave enough.
14/08	Hot Chocolate and Cookie Day (Please get someone to help with the hot water for the little ones.)
21/08	Dress as a Superhero Day!
28/08	Dress to meet the President Day. (Put on your best clothing.)
04/09	Spring: Dress for Spring Day

Important Dates

Term 3

14 July – 22 September – *Teachers return on 14 July – 23 September*

Term 4

06 October – 2 December – *Teachers return 05 October – 4 December*

Parent meetings

Our parent meetings will be conducted via teams this term. It is very important that we discuss the needs of our children and keep up with interventions that need to be implemented. Mrs. Boake would have contacted all parents and arranged a suitable time with each of you.

Assessments

An assessment timetable will be sent home so that parents can monitor which tasks need to be completed and when tests will take place.

Happy Birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to the following learners who celebrate their birthdays this week

Gr 6 Ruby O'Connor 18 July
Gr 6 Timothy O'Connor 18 July
Gr 3 Sam Africa 12 July



Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

As announced previously, we have started the new term on the Teams e-learning program and teaching and learning is well underway throughout the school. We are however planning to start re-integrating some of the grades back into their classrooms. This will be done according to very strict safety protocols as shared with all previously.

Many of our children have managed to adapt well to working from home, but with the economy opening up again and parents having to return to work it is in the best interest of all concerned that we start adapted to the new way of being. We envisage our Grade 000 – 00 and Grade R classes returning to school on Monday the 27th of July, from 08:30 till 13:00.

It is very important to note that there will not be any aftercare facility available as yet, so children will have to be collected directly after school. Once these grades are back and settled we will look at the bringing back the next phase until all our classes are running normally again.

This is going to be an adjustment and a mind shift for all concerned, but we will always make sure that our health and safety takes priority!

Masks, washing and sanitizing of hands and social distancing is the new normal and will be observed on a continuous basis. The co-operation and support from parents when their children are sick or show signs of becoming sick is of the utmost importance if we are going to ensure the safety of all role players involved. Please keep in mind that you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child daily as no food preparation may take place on the premises.

Thank you again to all our parents, teachers and staff who are working tirelessly to make the ongoing teaching possible. We appreciate all your efforts and I know that our children will be grateful for all that you are doing today!

Have a wonderful weekend

Keep safe

Primary School Staff