



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back. We all hope that the learners had a lovely, short holiday and are all ready to take on the 4th term. Although this year hasn't been exactly as anyone could have ever imagined, let's make the end a beautiful one, let's lift each other's spirits and stay positive!

Here are 5 daily reminders for yourself: 1. I am amazing. 2. I can do anything. 3. Positivity is a choice. 3. I celebrate my individuality. 5. I am prepared to succeed.

So, LET'S END ON A HIGH NOTE!

Grade R news – Teacher Gabby

The Grade R learners are very enthusiastic to be back at school. They have given me a very warm welcome into their class. It is a privilege to be teaching this wonderful bunch. I am looking forward to taking their hands, opening their minds and touching their hearts.

Gr 000 & 3 Teacher

A very happy welcome to Teacher Nicola, our Grade 000 teacher and Mrs Glover our Grade 3 teacher to our Riverside Family.

Important Dates

Term 4	06 October – 2 December (closing date to be confirmed) <i>Teachers return 05 October – 15 December</i> Afternoon aftercare will run until 18h00 .
12 October	Extra lessons commence.
22 October	Individual Class Photos (all learners to be in full summer uniform)

Aftercare and Shuttle Service

Applications are now open to apply for aftercare or shuttle service. Forms are available from the office. Please note that we need to wear our masks at all times while on the school shuttle. We also need to sanitize our hands before we get onto the bus.

Happy Birthday!

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

1 October	Tenika Ramalu	Grade 4
10 October	Kenzi Van Louw	Grade R



Extra Murals

There will be no extra murals apart from extra lessons. The children will therefore wear full school uniform each day until further notice.

Times and Afternoon Collection

6 October:	School times go back to normal with extra lessons but no sport.		
	Grade 000-R	08h15 – 13h00	
	Gr 1+2	Monday to Thursday	08h15 – 13h45
		Friday	08h15 – 13h15
	Grade 3-6	Monday to Thursday	08h00 – 14h40
		Friday	08h00 – 13h20

Please ensure that you drop your child to school timeously in the mornings and collect your child timeously in the afternoons. Thank you to the parents for your patience. There is a process to be followed and it takes time to enter and release a child.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

2020 started off like any other year...and then the wheels came off! Not one by one as you would expect, but rather all at the same time. Covid 19 hit us in a blind spot that left us shocked, vulnerable and unsure of what the rest of the year would hold for us. Not only did we spend 5 months locked up in our homes, unable to exercise, visit family and friends, work or anything else for that matter. We were not allowed to do all the normal things that I now realize we often take for granted. Many people lost their lives, others their income and their businesses. While so many people lost their sense of purpose, their confidence and their ability to reason and to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Anxiety has become the new normal for so many people including our children. They are not sure of what the future holds for them, will they get through this academic year, will they pass matric? What if they don't make the university they applied to? What if that job is no longer available because their results are going to take so much longer to come out? What if...what if...what if?? These are all things that cannot be explained in monetary terms or even in any kind of solid terms.

Slowly things are returning to normal, and yes, we as humans are left trying to pick up where we left off and move forward again. We are going to be alright! We are adaptable and we are fighters and we will regain our balance and once again move forward! So just keep looking ahead and moving even if it is half a step at a time and before long, we will be sprinting and reaching new highs.

Life is for living, and life is such a precious and fragile gift...grasp it with both hands and keep it close to your heart and just breathe and believe, because that is when miracles happen!

Have a wonderful weekend
Keep safe
Primary School Staff