



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

We all know the story of the jar being filled with rocks, pebbles and sand. I believe it can teach us a valuable lesson. The story goes like this: a professor entered the classroom with a jar, rocks, pebbles and sand. With the students watching him, he filled the jar with rocks. He asked them if the jar was full and they all nodded. He added the pebbles and shook the jar which allowed the pebbles to go through the gaps in between the rocks. He asked them the same question and again they responded that the jar is full. He then poured the sand in the jar which filled all the tiny gaps between the rocks and pebbles.

He explained that this is how you should prioritise your life. The rocks are like your family, the pebbles are like your career and the sand is the least important or the unnecessary things. If you were to put the sand in the jar first, there would be no space for the rocks or pebbles.

You should decide what your priorities in life are and focus on these things rather than wasting your time and efforts on unnecessary things in life. Let's put the rocks in our jars first and do the things that matter. Spend more time with your loved ones and take interest in each other's lives and well-being.

Ms Rossouw

Grade 6 News

The grade sixes had a busy term filled with many projects and tasks. They had a great time using their electrical equipment building simple electric circuits and testing objects to see if they conduct electricity. They also enjoyed working in groups to write a play for English and performing it for their classmates. The most fun they probably had was dressing up as pirates! I'm sure they are glad that the term is coming to an end so they can rest and relax before they take on the final term. Keep your spirits high, boys and girls!



Important Dates

Term 3 – 26 July – 22 September (Teachers 23/09)

Term 4 – 12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)

Test Series 13 Sep – 20 Sep

22 September

Primary school finish at 11h00

12 October

First day of Term 4

Other news

1. A friendly reminder to parents dropping their child off in the mornings, please **do not park** or wait in the teacher's parking. The school bus needs to exit from the gate and cannot get past the parked cars.
2. Please note that the gate will only open at 7:30am for learners to enter the school's premises.
3. **Please pack a spare mask** in your child's school bag. The school does not have spares.
4. Be reminded as per our COVID-19 policy, if any learner shows symptoms or has come into contact with someone who has the virus, they need to self-isolate and go for a COVID-19 test before returning to school.
5. Learners should wear the P.E sports uniform on their allocated P.E days. If you are unsure of what days your child does P.E, please follow up with the classroom teacher.
6. Stationery – Please replace stationery items that are finished. Learners are writing assessments next week and will need fresh stationery supplies if needed.

Absentees

If your child is going to be absent, please email the class teacher and the office staff info@riversidecollege.co.za, office@riversidecollege.co.za in order to keep our records up to date. A reminder to send doctor's notes in as soon as possible.

Late Comers

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. The bell rings at 8am for morning line-up and then the learners go to class for registration. The Gr 00/00 – Gr 2 classes start at 08:15, therefore all learners need to be at school before 08:15 as it can be disruptive to the rest of the class when a learner arrives late.

Late Stayers

We are experiencing a problem with primary school children who remain at school after 14:40 and wait for older siblings in the high school, instead of going home. These children will now be placed in the aftercare and parents will be charged accordingly. We cannot have children making a noise and being unsupervised while the high school is still busy. Please make every effort to collect your child at the right time.

THANK YOU

A big thanks to all the children who participated in our Pirates Day. The costumes were amazing and the day was filled with excited pirates shouting 'Aarrh' at each other.

The winners of the best dressed in each class are:

	Girls	Boys
Gr 00/000	Ilmeeyat Sampson	Evan Wu
Gr R	Morgan Cox	Alunamda Mooi
Gr 1	Nicole Africa	Izzudeen Sampson
Gr 2	Ria Ramaya	Teddy Wu
Gr 3	Leah Scholtz	Callan Swartz
Gr 4	Cecile-Laurette Dongmo	Sam Africa
Gr 5	Sarah Hart	Kaobimdi Ihezue
Gr 6	Mercedez Anthony	Liam Holden

Riverside College raised an amount of R1435 for Oscar's Ark. The dog food donated, will be placed in the Fizantekraal Animal Welfare Container in Durbanville.

Tea with the Principal

Achieving 60 merits allows a child to have tea with the principal.

Well done to the following learners:

Gr 4	Zamandla Mbele and Nikhil Govender
Gr 5	Nuha Mirando and Kaobimdi Ihezue
Gr 6	Genevieve Clarke



Tik Tok Challenge

After all the serious challenges we have faced over the last 18 months we thought it fitting to promote the school in a fun way and for this reason we are launching a Tik Tok challenge for the whole school. Every class will create a fun Tik Tok video with their teacher. Our first Tik Tok is due to be posted on Facebook by our Primary school teachers. Have a look and please "Like" & "Share" with your friends and family.

Emblem Design

In keeping with fun competitions, we have invited all our learners to partake in the design competition which will see the official emblems that will represent our sporting houses, Cobalt (Blue) and Amber (Yellow) been launched by the winners. Riverside College is an institution that we want our parents, learners and teachers to be proud of, and through all these activities we are building a legacy and a story that we are all an integral part of. We encourage you all to be a part of this phase in our development and assist, motivate and encourage your children to play an active role in creating the future of their school. As with all competitions, prizes will be announced shortly. Please note the deadline for entries is 14 October 2021.

Stars of the Week

Grade 00/000

Grade R

Grade 1

Grade 2

Evan Wu

Kayden Lang

Eliel Manuel

Alexis Smit

Grade 3 Zara Samuels

Grade 4 Maison Viljoen

Grade 5 Tenika Ramalu

Grade 6 Mercedes Anthony



Happy Birthday!

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



Gr 3	Callan Swartz	18 September
Gr 4	Zamandla Mbele	12 September
Gr 4	Kelly Vicente	18 September

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Tea with the principal was very exciting and most entertaining! Thank you to Mrs Boake and Tina from the tuckshop for the spread...it was all very enjoyable.

Thank you to all the learners who constantly work hard to deliver according to the goals that they have set for themselves, and through this hard work manage to reach the 60 merits that they needed for the tea party.

It was such a treat to chat to the learners and find out what they enjoyed doing in their free time, what they wanted to become as adults, and how they felt about our school.

When asked what they would do if they could change things around at school they very quickly became more serious...but thankfully there was nothing too drastic on their lists and they let me off the hook with a laugh and a giggle.

Our youngsters are bright and have the world at their feet. With all the information and technology that they are surrounded by they often sound all grown up when you talk to them, but it is when you take a closer look at the little boy or girl in front of you, telling you how they love to sing in the shower, or run around the house with the dogs, then you realise that they are still just children. They are children desperately in need and in search of love, acceptance, approval and attention. They are vulnerable and so easily hurt, emotionally and physically, and they rely on us as their guardians to protect them and stand up for them.

It is when they feel safe that they let their hair down and let you in on the secrets they keep hidden inside. The little treasures that keep their imagination and their dreams alive. Your children reminded me of this when they sat having tea with me and became animated about the dreams they have for their futures. Let us allow them to dream and to become and to be everything they are and will be while we protect them and love them and support them.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Keep safe

Primary School Staff

PRESCHOOLERS GR000 - GR R

Planning for the week 20-22 Sep

Theme for the week:

South Africa (Assessments)

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

- Message Books daily

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- A change of clothing every day

- A healthy snack + Water/Juice

- No fizzy cooldrinks or sweets

WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:

Letter: vV

Number: 1-20