



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

It is that time of the year where we are just trying our best to make it to the end. To keep you motivated, read this short story to help you stay positive:

During the gold rush, a man who had been mining in Colorado for several months quit his job, as he hadn't struck gold yet and the work was becoming tiresome. He sold his equipment to another man who resumed mining where it had been left off. The new miner was advised by his engineer that there was gold only three feet away from where the first miner stopped digging. The engineer was right, which means the first miner was a mere three feet away from striking gold before he quit.

When things start to get hard, try to persevere through the hardship. Many people give up on following their dreams because the work becomes too difficult, tedious, or tiresome – but often, you're closer to the finish line than you may think, and if you push just a little harder, you will succeed. Keep going - the end of 2021 is almost here.

Ms Rossouw

Grade 6 News

The past few weeks have been busy and exciting for the Grade 6's. From orals, puppet shows, cheerleading at athletics to prize giving and more. All of them have worked so hard and continued to give their best. Last week, especially, they did such a great job bringing the spirit for the athletics. Therefore, they are all stars this week! They are nearing the end of their primary school years and are on their way to high school. The feelings are mixed, but I believe that all of them are ready for the new year. I wish them all the best for the next chapter of their lives. Good luck for the rest of the exams Grade 6's. Keep doing your best!



Important Dates

Term 4	12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)
3 December	Variety Show - Foundation Phase
4 December	Fun Run
7 December	Textbook Sale (PS & HS)
8 December	School finishes at 11:00
13&14 December	Carols by Candlelight
15&16 December	Christmas Market
Term 1 Start 2022	17 January (Teachers 13/01)

Extra Murals

All extra murals from Grade 1 – Grade 6 are finished. Unless otherwise informed by the teacher.

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. Kindly 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.

Library

All library books need to be returned by Friday, 3 December. We will make a trip to the library to return these books.

Summer Uniform

A reminder that all learners must wear their full summer uniform from now on. The shirt must be an open collar and not have a top button. Boys must wear long grey socks that must be folded at the knee. Parents, please ensure that if your daughter is wearing a skirt it should fit correctly and it should not be shorter than 2cm above the knee.

Carols by Candlelight

On the evenings of the 13th & 14th of December we will be hosting an Angelic Carols by Candlelight event at Riverside College. Please be so kind as to donate all empty 2L plastic bottles that we would like to use as holders for our candles. We hope that you are all as excited as we are to make this festive event an experience to remember. This event is for the parents, teachers and learners of not only Riverside College but also our community. Please spread the word and invite all your friends and family members to join us and add their voices to our choir.

Santa's Shoebox

Thank you for your amazing response to the Santa's Shoebox Drive. You are most welcome to send the boxes in once you are ready, for safekeeping at the school.

Examinations and Assessments

The Gr 1-3 Start their assessments on 29 November. Please ensure that your child is at school for all assessments.

The Grade 4-6 have started with their exams. The examinations finish on 3 December.

Early closure of the Primary School

Kindly note that for the remainder of the term the Primary School will close at 13:00 (1pm). Please make the necessary arrangements.

Absentees

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

Stars of the Week

Grade 00/000	Evan Wu	Grade 3	Leah Scholtz
Grade R	Keyan Govender	Grade 4	Aryan Brijmohun
Grade 1	Nicela Naude	Grade 5	Amara Arulandu, Sarah Hart,
Grade 2	Daisy Karombo		Tenika Ramalu, Nuha Mirando



Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Our matriculants have 2 exams left to write and then they are done with their schooling for good. While some of us still have a few years to go before we get there, it is important to remember that with each step that we take we are making a choice. It is our choice to study for an exam; to improve ourselves as humans and individuals; to be a good parent or spouse; to be happy and to find meaning in our lives. There is no external force or Murphy's law at work making some people happier and more successful than others. It is all as a direct result of the choices we make each and every day. It is an inside job!

When we fail to achieve what we think we should, some blame it on their upbringing, others blame it on the fact that they didn't know better and still others blame it on everything and anything that is

external to them, so that they do not need to be held accountable, but the actual reason is very simple: If you make unhealthy choices, you will reap unhealthy results! This is the case regardless of what it is you are looking at in life, from your grades at school to the University that accepts you, to the salary you earn one day and of course the partner you marry and build a life with.

Everything revolves around choices – learn how to make healthy choices and you will see a magical transformation take place in your life and the lives of those around you!

Keep safe
Primary School Staff

<u>PRESCHOOLERS GR000 - GR R</u> Planning for the week 29 Nov. - 3 Dec.
<u>Theme for the week:</u> Shopping and money
<u>PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:</u> - Message Books daily
<u>PLEASE REMEMBER:</u> - A change of clothing every day - A healthy snack + Water/Juice - No fizzy cooldrinks or sweets
<u>WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:</u> Letter: Review A - Z Number : Counting 1 - 80, Basic shapes