



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

We are almost done with Term 4 and our school year. 2021 has certainly tested us all and taught so much. As we go towards the final stretch of 2021, let us remember that we are important to the people in our lives, and we need to take care of ourselves and each other.

Sharpen your 'axe'

There was a newly joined woodcutter and the king was really impressed by his dedication towards his work. Out of encouragement, he started giving his best at work and in the first month managed to cut down 18 trees, which impressed the King. The following month the same effort only yielded 15 trees, and the third month, his best effort only gave him 12 trees. The king visited him and spoke to him about his decreased productivity. He explained that he might have lost his strength or have gotten too old to do the work. The king asked him "when was the last time you sharpened your axe?" To his surprise, he realized that he had not sharpened it once in the last 3 months! That was the only reason why he couldn't cut more trees. The moral of the story is, it is good that you put in a lot of effort and hard work towards achieving your goals, but you should balance your life priorities by investing enough time with your family as well as personal time to relax and rejuvenate yourself, which would boost up your productivity.

Teacher Nicola

Grade 00 News

The Grade 00 are busy with their last assessment this week. It astonishes me how far all of them have come, I am so proud of each and everyone of them. They have made 2021 the most rewarding time of my life. I can't wait to see what they do in the future.

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)

Honourable Mentions

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC

Anotida Munakandafa	Tenika Ramalu
Kobi Ihezue	Sarah Hart
Nuha Mirando	Amara Arulandu
Basani Chabalala	



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.

Textbook Sale

The second-hand textbook sale will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 7:30- 9:30 at the tuck shop. Please bring along cash to buy or sell textbooks. The teachers unfortunately will not 'hold' sell or buy textbooks for anyone. However, you are most welcome to bring in your child's textbooks and hope to find a sale or two!

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.

Christmas Market

We have over **50 exciting stalls** with a variety of goodies to huge to mention, ready to grab your eye and your hard earned cash on the evenings of the 15th & 16th of December. Please come and support all our exhibitors and make sure to get all your Christmas gifts, pet delights, toys, fashions and so much more right here. Not to mention the food trucks and take away delights that will be on offer. Do not miss out on this amazing event which will be setting the standard for all future markets! Riverside parents, learners and teachers, please like and share this event on our Facebook so that we can make sure to treat everyone from far and near. We look forward to seeing and entertaining you and your family, so please save the date!

Santa's Shoebox

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. You have touched the life of one little person. Please remember to send your boxes to school on Monday.

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 Aria Seocharan
Grade R Yveley Posnack
Grade 1 Eliel Manuel
Grade 2 Amari Inyangudo

Grade 3 Romanah Choonara
Grade 4 Cecile Laurette Dongmo
Grade 5 The newly elected SRC
Grade 6 Faith Byrne



Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Christmas is a time of giving and sharing with families and loved ones. Sharing good food, love, laughter and in the process making unforgettable memories. This year let us celebrate the good and the positive and let's spread as much love, peace and joy as we can. People don't need gifts, money or expensive material things as much as they need to feel that they belong, that they are loved and that they are important to the people around them.

Show your love and your support by giving and receiving the greatest gift of all...your presence, your kindness, your gentleness and your time. Time is the most precious gift we have to give to those who are closest to us. When time has run out there is nothing you can do or say to get it back, so while you have it why not share it and enjoy it with those who are important to you!

<u>PRESCHOOLERS GR000 - GR R</u>
<u>Theme for the week:</u>
<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: Number: