



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,
A Simple Hello...

I have always felt sympathy and compassion for the kids I see at school walking alone, for the ones that sit in the back of the room while everyone snickers and makes fun of them. But I never did anything about it. I figured that someone else would. I did not take the time to really think about the depth of their pain. Then one day I thought, what if I did take a moment out of my busy schedule to simply say hello to someone without a friend or stop and chat with someone eating by herself? And I did. It felt good to brighten up someone else's life. How did I know I did? Because I remembered the day a simple kind hello changed my life forever.

Katie. E Houston

SPECIAL MENTION:

Melony Branford - Sept 2022

For three years running, Melony has competed in Contemporary and Ballet SA at the IFFA. In every final, she received a grade of above 90%. In October and November 2022, Melony will also take part in two international competitions. We will have to wait until October for the exciting news, but she was also selected as a Worldwide ambassador!

GALA EVENING – PRIZE GIVING

We are cordially inviting all parents to the Gala Prize Evening. Please check out our facebook page for the invitation. Below are the details of the evening:

Date: 20 October 2022

Time: 18:30

Place: Riverside College

Dress Code: Semi-Formal

Cost: R50 pp and R20 for non learner

Rsvp: 12 October 2022 - hello@riversidecollege.co.za



SAFETY:

Please ensure that when you drop your child off in the morning that they do enter the premises. We cannot be responsible for learners who walk around in the mornings or afternoons outside of the school.

Christmas Charity - 2022

This year Riverside College will be doing it's shoebox drive for Bright Lights Pofadder Youth Centre (previously known as an orphanage) through the Chrysalis Foundation. Bright Lights is home to 26 girls & 41 boys ranging from Grade 1 until Grade 12. These children are in need of stationery, personal hygiene products and clothes. If you want to make a difference this Christmas, then please consider adopting this cause. We will be delivering the Christmas shoeboxes in time for their annual Christmas party to be held on the 25th of Nov.

Ages of children at Bright lights:

7yr	1B
8yr	3B/1G
9yr	3B
10yr	1G
11yr	5B/1G
12yr	9B/2G
13yr	5B/6G
14yr	5B/5G
15yr	5B/2G
16yr	2B/3G
17yr	1B/2G
18yr	1B/2G
19yr	1B/1G

UNIFORM SALES / CLOTHING BANK:

As parents are aware, uniform sales are done from the school office and it is not the best arrangement. It is for this reason that we are setting up a clothing bank where parents can buy uniform at dedicated times in a space separate from the office.

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Please note that the new times to purchase uniform are as follows:

Mondays: 7:15am – 8am & 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday: 2pm – 4pm only

Wednesdays: 2pm – 4pm only

(NO uniform sales on Thursdays or Fridays)

Important Dates:

12-26 September 2022 – Test Series and Prelims

28 September 2022 – School close at 11:30

12 October 2022 – School Open

13 October 2022 – Parent Evening 16:00-19:00

14 October 2022 – Matric Farewell

17&18 October 2022 – Primary School Concert

20 October 2022 – Prize Giving at 18:30

21 October 2022 – Valedictory at 11:00

22 October 2022 – Open day and Burgundy Estate
Carnival and Food Fair



Message from the Principal Carlien Ellis:

Load shedding is a frustrating situation that we face every day in South Africa. However, many experts warn we must adapt as this will continue to be our reality for some time.

In life, we have to adapt all the time. That is inevitable. How we deal with that is totally up to us. Load shedding, the breakdown of your car, a sick child, are all part of the challenges that we will inevitably face. Your ability to positively handle change, is increased by your flexibility and adaptability.

By changing yourself from the inside out, you will be able to thrive in any position you find yourself in rather than wasting energy trying to change your circumstances. In life, there are occasions when we are faced with unpleasant surprises. Being adaptable helps you stay afloat when life's challenges threaten to drag you down. You embrace reality and go with it rather than trying to escape it.

Let's imagine that after a significant downsizing at your place of employment, you find yourself back on the job market. How will you manage your circumstances? Throw in the towel and let hopelessness consume you? Or are you going to weigh your options, determine your true areas of strength, and then look for jobs in fields you've never worked in before?

What do we want to teach our children? We want to teach them to adapt, to never give up and always keep on pushing and trying no matter what their circumstances are.

Children that are more flexible can typically transition from one activity to the next more quickly and react to change more swiftly. This attitude seems to make kids more adaptable and willing to go with the flow. They anticipate new routines, activities, and ideas.

At school we really try our best to help the learners adapt to change and to different scenarios, whether it is new friendships, an absent teacher or a change of lesson plan. They need to adapt and excel in the situations.

School Schedule:

Monday	26/09	Day 1	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	27/09	Day 2	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	28/09		11:30

Have a lovely weekend!
High School Staff!