

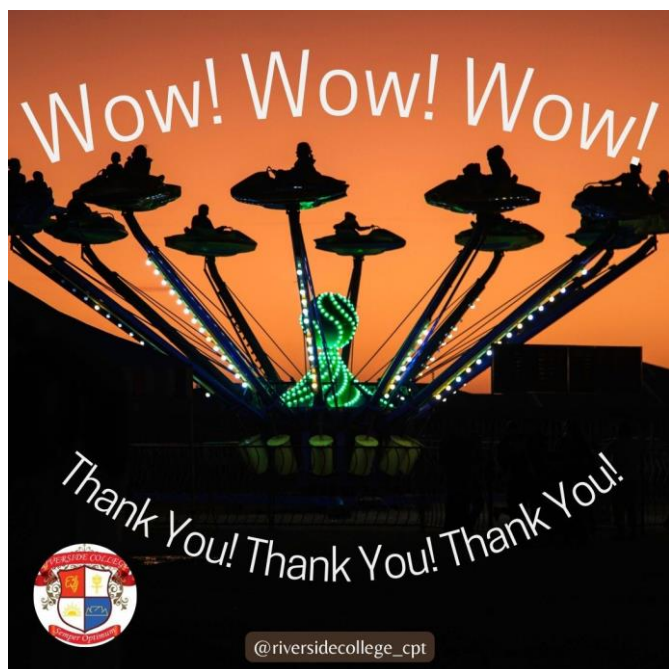


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WOW! What a way to end off Founder's Week!

Thank you to each and everyone who came out to support the Carnival & Market last weekend. It was a huge success that exceeded all our expectations. So much so that all the tickets were sold out by 4pm on Saturday.

Families, yes! parents and children, had a lot of fun & the vendors did very well.

We have taken what we learnt from this event and will definitely implement the improvements in future events. Hosting all the activities was a lot of fun and we will do it again real soon. We enjoyed the time with our learners and their families & we look forward to the next one.

Thank you once again for your awesome support.

Important Dates

29 Oct	Open Day
05 Nov	Open Day
11 Nov	Extra lessons and extra murals end
14 Nov	Gr 7 -11 Exams start, school ends at 1:30pm
22 Nov	All BRIGHT LIGHTS donations & shoeboxes to be handed in
07 Dec	School closes for Term 4

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.

Final NSC Exams:

On the 25th of October our matric learners started with their official year end/final exams. Our school is now in lockdown mode for the duration of the NSC exams. To safeguard the integrity of our examinations and the safety of our learners and teachers no parents or visitors will be allowed onto the premises. The rules NSC exams are very strict and we ask that parents make them aware of these rules so that they can assist and support their children during this time.

- Please remember that the matric learners need to be at school a minimum of 30min before the start of an exam session and will not be allowed to leave until the end of the session – regardless of if they finish writing before the end.
- Learners are responsible to bring all the stationary that they will need to school as no borrowing will be allowed.

Assembly Message: A group of frogs

A colony of frogs is traveling across a forest in search of a pond. While hopping around, two frogs fall into a deep pit. The other frogs gather around the pit and express their concern over the situation. As the two frogs try to jump out of the deep pit, the other frogs discourage them by saying how impossible it is to jump out. The two frogs choose to ignore the demotivating words of others and decide to jump out of the pit.

They try very hard and put in all their efforts to come out of the pit while the frogs watching from the top tell them to give up. Eventually, one among them is influenced by the other frogs and dies as it gives up on the struggle to come out of the pit. The other frog continues to jump as hard as it can.

After an immense struggle, it finally comes out of the pit alive. Other frogs are surprised and ask how it managed to come up in spite of them telling it to give up. The frog explains that it is deaf and assumed that everyone was cheering for it.

Moral Of the Story:

People's words have a significant impact on our lives. But it is essential as to how we take them and influence our life.

- Mrs. Coopstad

- Learners need to be in full school uniform and comply with all the normal code of conduct rules and regulations.
- Please inform the office if your child is going to be late for his/her NSC exam as there are very strict rules regarding late coming and absence.
- Please collect your child as soon as possible after an exam so that they do not need to wait alone outside the school.

We would like to wish our matric class of 2022 all the best with their upcoming examinations!!

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.

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)

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 clothing & toys donations. If you want to make a difference this Christmas, then please consider adopting this cause.

All donations will leave Riverside College on the 22nd of November and we will be delivering the Christmas shoeboxes & other donations in time for their annual Christmas party due to be held on the 25th of Nov.

The Following Age Groups still need

shoeboxes:

11yr	5B
12yr	9B/2G
13yr	5B/5G
14yr	5B/5G
15yr	4B/2G
16yr	2B/3G
17yr	1B/2G
18yr	1B/2G
19yr	1B/1G

GRADE 9 – SUBJECT CHOICE MEETING 31 October 2022 18:00

We urge parents of Grade 9 learners to please not miss this meeting as very important subject information and university entrance criteria will be shared. Learners are reminded to accompany their parents dressed in school uniform.

2023 Term Dates:

Term 1

Start Date: Teachers – 11 Jan, Learners – 12 Jan

20 March school holiday (long weekend)

Learners writing until 27 March

End Date: Teachers – 31 March, Learners – 29 March

Term 2

Start Date: Teachers – 11 April, Learners – 12 April

26,28 April school mid term

End Date: Teachers – 23 June, Learners – 21 June

Term 3:

Start Date: Teachers – 18 July, Learners – 19 July

10, 11 Aug mid term

End Date: Teachers – 29 September, Learners - 28 September

Term 4:

Start Date: Teachers – 10 October, Learners – 11 October

End Date: Teachers- 15 December, Learners- 13 December

Message from the Principal Carlien Ellis:

I would like to take this opportunity to write about being a winner. Our leaders for 2023, Aya and Tristan, inspired me!

Everyone aspires to become the greatest version of themselves, but people have unique dreams because success looks different to each of us. Most people want to achieve success, but if they do, does that make them a winner and if they don't, then are they considered a loser?

A winner is not just what the dictionary's definition tells us: "...a person or thing that wins something." More so, it is an individual willing to go the extra mile to work hard and achieve their goals.

A winner can be considered a dreamer that never gives up on achieving their goal despite the difficulties they may face. They keep their eyes on the prize and don't wait for opportunities to present themselves; they create opportunities! Moreover, a winner is not afraid to take risks and step out of their comfort zone. Therefore, winners are not people who never fail but rather people who never quit.

Consider the difference between being ordinary and extraordinary, it is just that little extra that is a game-changer!

Winning isn't a pleasure that comes from an external source but rather from within. It is the direct result of one's input; your attitude, mindset and hard work matter and can help you succeed or be the reason you fail. Someone who wins is born different; they are the ones who choose to do the work rather than sitting and dreaming.

We celebrated our learners last week during our prize giving. I would like to congratulate each one, once again. What an honour and privilege to have such a great group of learners at Riverside College.

As we approach the last few weeks of 2022, be sure to give it your best and walk out of 2022 as a winner!

Thank you to all the parents and learners who joined our carnival! It was a huge success, and much fun was had by all.

Have a blessed weekend.

School Schedule:

Monday	Day 6	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	Day 7	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	Day 8	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	Day 9	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	Day 10	07:55 – 14:00

Have a good weekend.
High School Staff!

