



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Assessments have begun and the learners have been working hard! They have been trying their hardest and they have been showing their teachers and their parents that all their hard work this year has paid off!

Grade 000/00 News

The Grade 000 and 00's have been trying their best this term. We have been having fun with art and make and bake and enjoying our last few weeks of the year. We are getting ready to start our assessments.

EXCITING NEWS!!! WE ARE HOSTING A PLAYDATE AT SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that we are hosting our first playdate on the 10th of December from 9am-2pm. We are inviting all grade 000-R parents to use this opportunity to book a spot for your child and a friend to come and enjoy a playdate at school. The little ones will enjoy a morning filled with activities, eats and treats while parents can have some much-needed free time!

Place: Riverside College

Cost: R280

Time: 09:00-14:00

Rsvp: hello@riversidecollege.co.za before 7th of December 2022

Important Dates

28 Nov	Gr000-3 assessments Start
03 Dec	Interhouse Athletics
06 Dec	Grade R Graduation
07 Dec	School closes for Term 4
10 Dec	Playdate
12 Dec	Report collection

School fees for 2023

The 2023 invoices will be going out later this month and parents will notice that even though general costs have gone up exponentially since Covid-19, Riverside College have kept fee increases to below 10%.

Operating costs have increased by 22% year on year when compared to 2021 and 2020 budgets and although it does not make financial sense to keep the fee increase to below 10% we are mindful of the fact that everyone is suffering and feeling the pinch of the increased interest rates and other costs.

Our strategy to combat any financial shortfall is to increase our learner base for 2023 and in so doing ensure that the future of Riverside College is a financially sound one.

Any parent who is struggling financially is invited to contact the accounts department for financial assistance.

Other News

School Uniform

Kindly ensure that your child wears the correct uniform and that the uniform fits correctly. We are experiencing problems with socks especially. Boys - long grey socks with a fold over of at least 5cm and girls - short white socks with one-fold over. Blazers - a reminder that all buttons are required on the blazer. These may be purchased at the office.

THANK YOU:

We would like to thank Reenita Ballaram Weber for their donation of 32 Grade 1 reading books. It is greatly appreciated.

Finishing times:

28 November to 6 December Gr 1 – 6 finish at 13:00.

Athletics

On Saturday, 3 December is our Athletics Day. We are all very excited to see who is going to win this year! Please note that we start at 08:00 but the children must be here by 07:30. We are hoping to be finished by about 13:30.

Stars of the Week

Grade 00/000	Emma Bergstedt
Grade R	Diedre Ncube
Grade 1	Letlotlo Mokoena
Grade 2	Adam Bergstedt



Grade 3	Ria Ramaya
Grade 4	Romanah Choonarah
Grade 5	Kelly Vicente
Grade 6	None

Honourable Mention

Well Done to Laikyn Boyce, Daisy Karombo, Ofense Majara and Lingomso Tonjeni in Grade 3 for achieving 55 merits.

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 Sept, Learners - 28 Sept

Term 4:

Start Date: Teachers – 10 Oct, Learners – 11 Oct
End Date: Teachers- 15 Dec, Learners- 13 Dec

Message from the Principal Carlien Ellis

A topic that we hear so often is to stay safe. With that said, the holidays are upon us. I have read a few articles on key points on staying safe this holiday. We know most of these suggestions but do not adhere to them. We are often distracted (usually by our phones) while walking or driving when we should be concerned with our safety and that of our family.

What are the three stages of keeping yourself safe?

There are three important safety rules you need to know and follow when making decisions about your own personal safety:

1. Trust your instincts
2. Be responsible
3. Use common sense.

Definition: Listen to the warning signs that you feel inside yourself.

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like you had to trust your instincts, but you chose to ignore them? Knowing how to trust your instincts and distinguish between gut feeling and irrational fear is important. Then, you can start making minor decisions to test the waters in various situations, but always let your morals and values drive your choices.

Being responsible and using common sense can be challenging. We think that it is Christmas, and we will be okay! We believe the festive season is a joyous time of the year and, therefore, a safe period where we can be free and more relaxed. However, this carefree approach is when the issues arise!

Children have more freedom during these times, and we as parents, feel that they deserve it after an exhausting academic year. But during this time of year, criminals take every opportunity to spoil our festive season.

PRESCHOOLERS GR000-GR R

Planning for the week: 28 Nov- 2 Dec

Theme for the week: Shopping and Money

Letter: Zz

Number: 1 – 20

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
- Label all school clothing items clearly with your child's name.

Be aware, be present and be alert this festive season. Whether you are going to the beach, driving to your holiday destination or staying at home. It is essential to be vigilant and always to ensure your child's safety.

The best gift you can give your family is YOU! Stay safe.

Have an awesome weekend!

The Primary school staff

