



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

The time has come for the assessments to start. It is a stressful time for the learners, parents as well as the teachers. However, with the exams and assessments happening, it means that we are also getting closer to the December holidays! We are all looking forward to this break, but we first need to push ourselves through the next few weeks. I would like to encourage everyone, especially our learners, to keep working towards their goals until the very last day. Stay strong everybody!

## Grade 6 News

The Grade 6's are nearing the end of their Primary School career. Last week, they were taken on a short tour through the High School side and met some of their teachers for 2023. They are very excited for this new chapter, yet a bit nervous. I know that they will still do great and have a wonderful time. It has really been a pleasure to teach them this year. I wish them all the best for their final exam. Good luck Grade 6's!

## Important Dates

21 Nov	Grade 4-6 Exams Start
<b>22 Nov</b>	<b><i>All BRIGHT LIGHTS donations &amp; shoeboxes to be handed in</i></b>
28 Nov	Gr000-3 assessments Start
03 Dec	Interhouse Athletics
06 Dec	Grade R Graduation
07 Dec	School closes for Term 4
12 Dec	Report collection

## Happy Birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to the following learners who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Christian Jnr Mpanga	Grade 000	14 Nov
Kayden Lang	Grade 1	12 Nov
Alunamda Mooi	Grade 1	17 Nov
Lingomso Tonjeni	Grade 3	15 Nov
Teddy Wu	Grade 3	19 Nov
Nyiko Khoza	Grade 6	18 Nov



## 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

### Examination Timetable:

The exam timetable has been issued. Kindly ensure that your child prepares for the exams. Do a stationery check for 2 blue pens, a pencil, a ruler, eraser and glue in preparation for the exams.

### Finishing times:

Week of 21 – 25 November, Gr 1 - 3 finish at 13:45 (Mon-Thurs) and 13:15 (Fri).

### Gr 4 – 6 Examination times:

21 – 25 November Gr 4 – 6 will come out at 13:00 from Mon- Fri.

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

## Stars of the Week

Grade 00/000	Rudra Singh	Grade 3	Hunter Gengiah
Grade R	Yuxuan Evan Wu & Robert Bussey	Grade 4	Mikayla Awaseb
Grade 1	Lwandle Chabalala	Grade 5	Aryan Brijmohun
Grade 2	Onkgethile Mongalo	Grade 6	Tenika Ramalu



## **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**

We are in the midst of the final exams, and everything is going well. I know that the learners will reap the rewards of their hard work. So keep going and do the best you can; the finish line is in sight!

Something that came to my attention this last week is the overwhelming feeling some learners experience when thinking about their parents' finances. I firmly believe in teaching your children about money and being financially responsible because, as the adage goes, "Money does not grow on trees." No kids like to see their parents fight about money or anything else. However, when kids are repeatedly exposed to hearing their parents argue about money, it can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety. It also provides a negative model regarding how to talk about money. How we think about money in adulthood is primarily connected to how our parents talked about and dealt with money when we were kids. Just as you subconsciously transition into adulthood with your parents' habits - buying the same pasta or laundry detergent used in your childhood home - you also tend to adopt many of their perspectives on money — for better or worse.

Now, in your role as a parent, if you feel like you haven't been a great role model when it comes to how you use (or abuse) your money, don't panic. You don't need to have a perfect financial track record to raise money-conscious children. However, there are a few money mistakes that you want to avoid making in front of your kids if you can help it.

Fighting about money, sharing all the dirty details, spouting negative money mantras and keeping up with the Jones' are things that parents need to try to avoid.

As we know, you can be wealthy in ways that have nothing to do with money. Show your children that money is supplementary to happiness and is not the source of happiness. Afterall, money can't buy love...

On that note, parents, I know you are doing the best you can for your children! Keep showering them in love and support and we will soon see them step into their full potential!

*Have a blessed week.*

The Primary School Staff

## **PRESCHOOLERS GR000-GR R**

**Planning for the week:** 21 – 25 Nov

**Theme for the week:** Summer

**Letter:** Xx

**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.