



Riverside College

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Dear parents,

20 January 2023

A man needed to take a wheelbarrow to the top of a mountain. As there were no roads, he had to push the wheelbarrow up a narrow path. Along the way he saw a big rock in the middle of the path. He decided to put the rock in the wheelbarrow and continued with his journey. A few hundred meters further another rock blocked his path. Again, he decided to put the rock into the wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow became heavy, and this made his task more difficult than what was needed.

Instead of just moving the rocks to the side and leaving it behind, he made a choice that made his way more difficult than it needed to be.

In life we often carry burdens that we don't need to. Things that happened in the past that we could put aside and let go, but don't often. This places an unnecessary weight on our mind. Sometimes the past should be what it is. The past.

I have learnt to choose what to leave behind and what to carry forward. Leaving things behind does not mean that we don't care. It just means that we care more about the present than the past. It gives me peace of mind; it could do the same for you also.

L. Ortell

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

24 Jan - Primary school parent meetings
25 Jan - High school parent meetings
27 Jan - Interhouse Athletics
01 Feb - Afrikaans Day
03 Feb - Gr 12 Cake Sale
03 Feb - Welcome Braai
04 Feb - Open Day & Road Runners
10 Feb - Interschools
14 Feb - Valentine's Day and Activities
17 Feb - Random Act of Kindness Day

1 Mar - World Compliment Day
3 Mar - Gr 11 Cake Sale
3 Mar - Twilight Colour Fun Run
13 Mar - Exams Start
20 Mar - Special School holiday
21 Mar - Human Right's Day
27 Mar - Exams End
29 Mar - School Ends for Students
31 Mar - Schools Ends Teacher

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 Jul, Learners – 19 Jul

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

Special events:

Parents evening:

Parents evening will take place on the 25th of January. GET will be at 18:00 followed by FET at 19:00. Please ensure that you attend these meetings as valuable information will be shared.

Interhouse:

We are proudly to pronounce that we will have our yearly Interhouse Athletics on Friday the 27th of January 2023.

Students will participate in Javelin, Discus, Shotput, High Jump, 1200m, 800m, 400m, 200m, 100m and Relay.

As you know, a lot of planning and helping goes into arranging this event. We would like to invite parents to come and help us during Interhouse. We would also like to ask parents to assist us with Gazebos or Beach umbrellas. Please contact Mr. Cronje if you can assist us.

Afrikaans Day:

We are excited for Afrikaans Day on Friday, 1 of February 2023. The thought behind the celebration is to make Afrikaans fun for the learners as it is a compulsory subject from Grade R-12.

We want them to enjoy the day. Please ensure that they have a hat, sunscreen, cold water or tuck shop money. They can be dressed in their PE uniform upon arrival at school. The opening and closing times for Wednesday will remain the same.

Grade 12 Cake Sale:

This year Riverside College will be having monthly cake sales. Each month different classes will get a chance to bring some delicious, sweet treats to school and sell them to the other learners and staff members.

The cake sale will take place during the school day and all proceeds will go towards fundraising, so we encourage all learners to participate whether they are buying or selling.

Welcome Braai:

We are looking forward to spending time with you at our Welcome Braai at Riverside College Burgundy Estate on Friday the 3rd of February between 6 & 9pm.

Our fire/coals will be ready from 5:30pm onwards and all you need to bring will be:

- Food to braai, rolls, salads, etc
- Drinks for yourself and your children
- Braai utensils
- Eating utensils
- Blanket or camp chairs

Extra classes:

Please take note that extra classes will commence on the 23 January 2023. Please complete the reply slip and send it to school.

Rugga Roots:

If any grade 7-9 learner is interested to participate in Rugga Roots. Please visit www.ruggaroots.co.za to enroll.

Grade 7-9 is on a Monday @ 14:45-15:15. Training will commence on the 30 of January 2023.

Stationary

All high school learners are reminded to bring one ream of photocopy paper to school by Wednesday 25 January 2023. This is a continuation of what was started in term three of last year.

Principal message:

Welcome back to all parents, learners and staff of Riverside College. We are grateful that you entrusted us with your child. We are looking forward to a fun filled term and a spectacular 2023.

I would like to welcome our new teachers. We are delighted that you have decided to join us.

On behalf of myself and all of the team, we would like to extend our warmest welcome and best wishes.

We all have our goals and dreams for 2023. We are all in different seasons of life. My wish for every parent, learner and staff member is to take every day as a new opportunity to build relationships, to better communication skills or to do what you have set out for yourself this year.

My motto for this year is: Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day and don't wait for opportunities but create them. I am going to strive to achieve this every day.

You might experience some "January blues", after a lovely holiday, or maybe a trip overseas and you are not ready for the rat race to begin and on top of it all your next holiday seems so far.

To overcome this nostalgia of the past summer it might help to take it easy for a while, do a workout to enhance your endorphins, try to stick to your sleep-wake up routine, take care of your diet and drink lots of water.

Strengthening your energy, proceeding at your normal pace, and following a healthy lifestyle are golden rules in order not to run into negativity and fatigue. Good habits to keep throughout the year, or – at least – until the next vacation!

We will keep pushing, excelling and use every opportunity that comes our way to ensure a good education, a happy child and satisfied parents in 2023.

Have a good weekend.
High School Staff!

