



Riverside College

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Dear parents,

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On the banks of a river, there is a tree where a swarm of bees set up their beehive. They remain busy the entire day buzzing on flowers and collecting honey. One fine day, a bee feels thirsty and goes to the river to drink some water. As the bee tries to drink, a wave of the current sweeps it away. The bee starts drowning.

Fortunately, a beautiful dove, who has been watching from a distance, rushes to help the poor bee. She plucks a big leaf from a tree and flies towards the bee. The dove places the leaf near the bee. The bee mounts on the leaf and dries its wings. In some time, the bee finds the strength to fly away to safety. A couple of weeks later, the dove is caught in a dangerous situation. As she is sitting on the branch of a tree, an archer targets at her. The dove looks for an escape but sees a large hawk hovering around her. That's when her good deed returns to her. The bee comes to her rescue by stinging the archer hard. By then the archer releases the arrow, which misses the dove and hits the hawk, instead. The dove flies away to safety.

Moral Of The Story: Good always comes back.

Ms. Eden

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

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
28 Feb – Matric Exam meeting

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:

Afrikaans Day:

We are excited for Afrikaans Day on Wednesday, 1st 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 30th January 2023. Please complete the reply slip and send it to school.

Rugger Roots:

If any grade 7-9 learner is interested in participating in Rugger Roots. Please visit www.ruggerroots.co.za to enroll. Grade 7-9 is on a Monday @ 14:45-15:15. Training will commence on the 30th of January 2023.

Stationery

All high school learners are reminded to bring one ream of photocopy paper to school by Wednesday 1st of February 2023. This is a continuation of what was started in term three of last year.

Magazines:

We are doing a magazine drive for our school. We are always in need of magazines for projects/classwork and reading. Please send any surplus or unused magazines with your child.

Principal message:

I had the pleasure to collect our Grade 12 results on Friday the 20th of January. I am pleased to say that we achieved a 100% pass rate, 11 bachelor passes and 3 diploma passes. We are so proud of the class of 2022.

Everyone we meet in life is in a different season.

At Riverside College we celebrated a new season for the Grade 1 and Grade 12 mothers. We hosted a lovely High tea to welcome the grade 1 parents and to wish all Grade 12 parents the best with their children's last academic year at school.

With the parent meetings done and dusted and assessment calendars sent home, we would like to wish everyone a successful academic year.

We have a few activities that we are really looking forward to this term and we are starting off with Afrikaans day, followed by the Welcome braai for all our parents. We want to welcome you to our Riverside family. What better way to do that than with a braai! It will be an evening filled conversations amongst parents and teachers. Please RSVP by returning the reply slip to the respective register teacher.

I encourage parents to enroll their child for extra curriculum activities as it beneficial for their development on a social, mental and physical level. We support various outside extra-curricular activities. In order to make it viable for our learners we need a minimum of five learners per activity. I do encourage you to engage one of these activities.

Lastly, enjoy the season that you find yourself in. If it is a season of struggles, embrace it. The storm will pass. If it is a happy season, celebrate every moment. Take it in and enjoy it. We experience different seasons at different times. Embrace it and learn from it because whether it's happy or sad, it builds character and perseverance.

Have a good weekend.
High School Staff!

