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Dear Parents,

As assessments draw closer, let us try and encourage the children to learn their absolute best so that they can do well in their assessments. Each and every single one of them is a star and have the ability to reach their full potential. Let us help them to get there and be the brightest star that they can be. Good Luck to each and every one of them for their upcoming assessments! You can do it!

Teacher Cayla

### **Grade 000/00 News:**

This term has been so much fun, and the children have learnt so many new skills. We have been doing exciting activities like make and bake and science experiments and their favourite part has been making and learning their letters using playdough. They shine their brightest lights on each other and help their friends in every possible way that they can. I am so proud of each one of them. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings.



### **Colour Fun Run and Twilight Market:**

Thank you to everyone that supported our Colour Fun Run in aid of Iris House on Friday evening, it was great fun!



**Grade 12 Fundraising Events:**

The Grade 12 class of 2023 has put together a list of fundraisers they would like to host for their matric farewell. The cost is R20 per event.

- 5th of May                    Dress up as a teacher in the school.
- 15th of June                Dress up as the first letter of your name.
- 21st of July                 PJ Day.
- 1st of Sept                  Rainbow Day for spring day.

Thank you to everyone that supported our first Grade 12 fundraiser of the year. We raised R3400 for the favourite colour civvy day on Friday 3 March.

**Important Upcoming Dates & Events:**

- 13 Mar – Tests Start
- 16 Mar – Tests for Intermediate Phase and Assessments for Foundation Phase start
- 20 Mar – Special School holiday
- 21 Mar – Human Right’s Day
- 27 Mar – Exams End

**2023 Term Dates**

**Term 1**

**Start Date:** Learners – 12 Jan  
20 March school holiday (long weekend)  
Learners writing until 27 March.

**End Date:** Learners – 29 Mar

**Term 2**

**Start Date:** Learners – 12 Apr  
26,28 April school mid term

**End Date:** Learners – 21 Jun

**Term 3:**

**Start Date:** Learners – 19 July  
10, 11 Aug mid term

**End Date:** Learners - 28 Sept

**Term 4:**

**Start Date:** Learners – 11 Oct

**End Date:** Learners- 13 Dec

**Blazer Monday:**

Mondays are Blazer days. Thank you for supporting this. All our learners look so smart when they attend assembly!

**Extra murals and extra lessons:**

All extra lessons, extra murals and cultural activities end on Friday, 10 March.

**Stars of the Week:**

|           |                  |         |                 |
|-----------|------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Grade 000 | Christa Chironga | Grade 3 | Darren Diabanza |
| Grade R   | Azrah Tazriet    | Grade 4 | Eden Sinclair   |
| Grade 1   | Amirah Kapepula  | Grade 5 | Joey Chen       |
| Grade 2   | Oluchi Tshoni    | Grade 6 | Kelly Vicente   |



**Happy Birthday!**

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

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| Ongethile Mongalo | 6 March  |
| Christian Siwo    | 10 March |
| Cody van Eck      | 10 March |



**Other News:**

Test Series

Intermediate Phase: 16 March – 27 March

Foundation Phase: 16 March – 23 March

Please ensure that your child is prepared for the upcoming tests. They need to all have their own

stationary as they will not be allowed to borrow pens, pencils or calculators during the tests.

### **100% Pass Rate:**



Our principal Mrs. Ellis was invited to attend the annual NSC Awards Ceremony held at the Hugo Lamprecht Music Centre on the 22nd of February. Riverside College received an award for 100% pass rate in 2022.

### **Principal's message:**

As we reach the end of the term, I want to remind parents and learners not to wind down too soon. The test series is starting shortly, and you need to have all your ducks in a row. The teachers are here to support and guide learners to reach their academic goals set for Term 1.

Parents, do you ever think of tough love and what it means? Do you even believe in it? Do you think it is necessary? Do you think there must be consequences for your child's actions?

As a child, my parents never sugar-coated anything; if I was wrong, I was wrong, and I had to take responsibility for my actions. That made me more determined to achieve the goals I have set for myself. But when is it too tough? When does it become parent bullying?

The discussion over how tough to be on learners seems to be a double-edged sword. On the one hand, honest parenting can help children set realistic goals, but it can sometimes hurt their self-worth and self-esteem. On the other hand, the "A for effort" method makes learners feel better about themselves, but at the cost of self-delusion. The debate is a fairly new one, with limited research supporting either side.

The study found that how children are raised has a big effect on their social skills as adults. Parents who used "tough love" were twice as likely to raise children who were empathetic, strong-willed, and able to control their emotions. Opponents of tough love parenting call it "bullying parenting." Studies have shown that children who grow up in households with an authoritarian parenting style often struggle with self-esteem and aggression and are less mature than their peers. However, there is a fine line between tough love and bullying parenting.

In the end, you as a parent need to decide what works for you, but tough love tends to show children how to improve their self-esteem while also teaching them to respect authority and the rules. They learn how to control their wants and needs, understand that they must treat others more respectfully, and accept that they won't always get what they want.

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Good luck for the last stretch of the term! We can do it!

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Have a great weekend.

Primary School Staff

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