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Dear Parents,

This week, our message was 'A friend in need is a friend indeed.' Let's think about what that really means. When you find yourself in a time of need or a difficult situation, those friends that stand by you are your true friends. There are two parts I want to focus on and that is firstly, you must be careful in your choice of friends and not surround yourself with false friends that only want to be with you in the good times, but true friends that will stand by you through anything. The next part to focus on is that we cannot expect to find good friends for ourselves without being a good friend to someone else. So, we must make sure that we stand by our friends through all the hardships that they may face and support them whenever they need us.

Teacher Gabby

Grade 000/R News:

The Grade 000-R's had an awesome week learning all about 'Fire'. We learnt about the dangers of fire, how to keep safe around fires and the role firefighters play. The Grade 000-R's also role-played different scenarios such as 'stop, drop and roll' in case their clothes had to catch alight and they recited the fire department's number and practiced calling them to say that there is a fire and gave them their full address. They also made some fire trucks using recyclable materials and fire caps.



Stars of the Week:

Grade 000/R Akani Khoza
Grade 1 Imange Plaatjie
Grade 2 Ethan Weber
Grade 3 Danielle Pillay

Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6

Inam Mpengesi
Logan Glasson
Anie Inyangudo



Happy Birthday!

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

Alexis Smit	Gr.4	8 May
Alakhe Mtiti	Gr.1	9 May



Other news:

Exam Timetable

The exam timetable is issued. Please ensure that your child starts working towards exams.

05/23
05/23
05/24



UPCOM

Library:

Grade 2 and 3 last visit.
Grade 5 last visit.
Grade 4 and 6 last visit.

Mr. Swart is hosting a number of parenting webinars over the next few weeks. During NALA parent feedback sessions many parents wanted guidance on a range of parenting struggles and it is with this in mind that Mr. Swart is inviting the parents of Riverside College to book their spots. Tickets for these webinars can be booked via ticketweb. Each webinar has it's own link for booking, please be sure that you use the correct link.

The Early Bird booking offer expires on the 5th of May.

Early Bird Booking is R100 per link (only 1 link per couple / family required) Normal Booking is R290 per link.



Raising Boys 13/16 & 17 May
<https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Search.aspx?search=raising>

STOP Bullying – 13 June
<https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Event.aspx?itemid=1529205241>

Legacy Project:

The Riverside College Legacy Project is a way for current and past learners to be forever remembered as being a part of the history, the traditions and the legacies that have formed and shaped the heart of Riverside College.

An institution remains just that when people are not given a space and an opportunity to be who they are meant to be, and this is why Riverside College is not just an institution, but the portal through which many individuals have passed on their way to the future that they envisioned for themselves while building on the traditions and the history of this wonderful school.

In honouring these many boys and girls and the journey that they undertook at Riverside, we would like to offer this opportunity for them to leave a piece of themselves behind for those who will follow in the footprints that they are leaving or have left.

The Legacy plaque is available to any learner who attends Riverside College or has done so in the past. The way a child can leave their legacy for others to be inspired by is to purchase one of the following:

- Plaque outside a particular class (i.e.: a child's name & year on a plaque outside Gr 1 or Gr 12 for instance)
- A buddy bench for the garden
- Planting a tree in your honour with a plaque
- A Plaque in a general traffic area of the school
- Sponsoring a notice board or honours board.

Stationery

Kindly ensure that your child has the correct stationery and that there are no missing items. Please ensure that all stationery is marked.

Systemic Testing:

Once every seven years our learners have to undergo systemic testing as part of our accreditation as an independent school. Systemic tests measure learner academic development in three categories, namely language (literacy), mathematical (numeracy) & life skills.

We have been notified that our systemic testing will take place in the next three months and Riverside College will receive the report within 60 days of the test. Usually, independent schools are charged a rate of R720 per learner, but we have qualified for a discount & thus the cost will only be R470 per learner. These are unprepared tests and will not have any effect on the learner's academic report for the year. It is there to measure education standards and perception.

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.

- 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.

Africa Day

Africa day is on the 25th of May 2023. Riverside College will be hosting an Art Auction on the 26th of May 2023 in celebration of Africa Day. This promises to be an evening of fun and we will also be having a food fair as part of the celebration. Tickets are now on sale from the office.



Goal Setting Feedback for Grades 4 – 6

Thank you to all the parents that supported and attended the NALA feedback sessions this past week. As always it is a pleasure to have the time available to discuss issues that have a direct effect on our learners. Mr. Swart has scheduled his meetings with the children starting on Monday and will also be doing individual goal setting feedback sessions with all our learners. This will be a perfect opportunity for the learners to discuss any assistance that they may feel they need in order to improve their academic goals and or achievements.

Blazer Mondays:

A friendly reminder - All Primary School learners are expected to wear their blazers to school on Monday mornings for their weekly assembly. We are cultivating and entrenching the values and ethos of our school and in doing so this will be a compulsory requirement henceforth. Please ensure that blazers are clean, marked with your child's name and that **all** buttons are sewn onto the blazer.

Buttons are available in the office at R20 a button.

We look forward to seeing our learners looking smart and proud!

Principal's message:

Last week was a fun and exciting week at school. The learners dressed themselves as teachers, and it was very entertaining. Thank you to all who participated. We raised R2640 for the matric farewell! The civvies days are dedicated to the class of 2023.

We are going on excursions this term. We plan according to availability. Excursions are very important for our learners. Excursions allow the learners to have new experiences and observe new things that are not available at school, like rare and exotic wildlife and plants, different cultures, and the stories of our history. This personal involvement and the memories created lead to a deeper understanding of the subject.

Our learners are happy! When I do class visits or walk on the playground, I can hear them laugh and play. At Riverside College, we strive not only to deliver excellent education but also to create a platform where learners are happy and loved.

We are fast approaching June's exams and assessments. I urge parents to assist us by motivating their children to start studying and making notes. It helps to be prepared and organised to ensure success. It is important for them to eat healthily and exercise. The teachers will ensure that the learners have a breakdown of the exam.

We have our extra classes available to the learners, and that is **for free!** The teachers are the most valuable resource, and the learners must make use of them, if they do not understand a concept. This ensures that you child is not stressed.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MOTHER FIGURES!

PRESCHOOLERS GR000 – GR R

Planning for the week: 15 – 19 May

Theme for the week:

Autumn

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.

WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:

Letter: Kk

Number: 11



I hope you have a good weekend.

Have a blessed weekend!



For Parents interested, here is our

Online Enrolment Link:

<https://www.ruggaroots.co.za/enrollment/>

2023 Term Dates

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



Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

16 May - Gr. 2 & 3 Ostrich Farm Excursion

16 May - Gr. 4; 5 & 6 World of Birds Hout Bay Excursion

17 May – Bible Breakfast

24 May – Gr. R & 1 Milnerton Fire Station Excursion

25 May – Africa Day

26 May – Art Auction

31 May – June Exam Starts

02 June – Extra Murals end

02 June – Gr. 7 & 8 Cake Sale

02 – 04 June – Father and son Camp

07 June – Intermediate Phase exam start

12 June – Foundation Phase assessment start

19 June – June Exam Ends

