



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it would take a while to get to where God lived, so he packed some potato chips and soft drinks into a bag and started his journey. About three blocks away, he met an old man who was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his bag. He was about to take a drink from his bottle when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips which he gratefully accepted with a smile.

His smile was so beautiful that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a soft drink. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." Before his mother could respond, he added, "you know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime!

Embrace all equally!

Mr Ortell

Important Dates and Announcements:

Term 4 02 October – 04 December

End of year exams – Gr 7 - 11 Wednesday 13 November

Prize Giving Gr 7 – 11 Saturday 09 November 9:30 – 10:30 (in school hall)

Please remember that learners need to be in full school uniform.

Sport & Cultural Program ends Friday 08 November

School closing time during exams:

Please note that as from Wednesday the 13th of November we will be finishing at 13:30. You will need to make alternative arrangements for your child to be collected. This time is set aside to allow for your child to have enough preparation time for the exams that will be written. It is therefore of the utmost importance that you ensure that this time is spent wisely.

A note from our Principal: Mr. D Swart

We have recently caught a number of children bringing their cell phones, I-Pads and other electronic devices to school. Unfortunately, this is not allowed, and all these devices have been and will be confiscated. This rule is particularly important to adhere to during the exams as results will be declared null and void should a child be found in possession of such a device during this time. I have included the policy for your perusal again.

In our school's Code of Conduct as well as in previous weekly communication we have informed parents and learners alike that our school has a NO CELL PHONE POLICY. Cell phones are no longer just phones and there are numerous reasons why phones are not allowed at school, some of these reasons are:

- 1) The accessibility of *inappropriate* material via mobile networks.
- 2) The accessibility to "open" networks surrounding the school.
- 3) The distributions of *inappropriate* material amongst learners whilst at school.
- 4) The accessibility to *illegal* material (i.e.: pornographic images / cartoons) via mobile networks.
- 5) The recording of inappropriate actions or images amongst learners during break time and the distribution of such material.
- 6) Cell phones are not allowed to be taken into a test or examination room.
- 7) Learners have been caught on their social profiles in class whilst lessons are being taught.
- 8) Cell phones are valuable items and have been stolen from learner's bags and even the office in the past.

We have also found learners to be bringing their cell phones to school and hiding it on their person or in their bags and then using it during break. This is a LEVEL 2 offence (Defiance) and when the learner is caught on his or her phone, it will result in:

- 1) The phone being confiscated for the remainder of the term.
- 2) Principal's detention which is on a Saturday.
- 3) A warning letter for defiance to go on the learner's personal file.

Although we recognize the importance of connectivity, we are still an educational facility that only has a few hours a day to impart knowledge to our learners and we cannot be expected to spend this precious time battling with learners who are continually distracted by their phones. Any child who needs to get hold of a parent in the case of an emergency can do so via the office and visa-versa.

Reminders and notes:

- Please add us on Instagram – search for riversidecollege_cpt
- If you haven't already, check out our Facebook and give it a like – search for –'Riverside College' and stay up to date with all activities.

School Schedule:

Monday	11 Nov	Day 1	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	12 Nov	Day 2	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	13 Nov	Day 3	07:55 – 13:30 Start of Examinations
Thursday	14 Nov	Day 4	07:55 – 13:30
Friday	15 Nov	Day 5	07:55 – 13:30

Have a good weekend!
High School Staff