



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

We have reached our third week of e-learning for most of the primary school learners, but we have also completed the first week back in the classroom for the Grade 000 and Grade R learners. This week was definitely a learning curve for all of us, teachers, parents and learners alike, as we continue with the 'new normal' that we are now living in. The little ones faced the challenge of being back at school and have made Teacher Amber and Teacher Gabby very proud. We look forward to having the Grade 1 and Grade 3 classes return on Monday as well.

To all the learners who are still doing e-learning at home. Keep working hard, continue following the instructions given to you by your teachers and ensure that all your work is completed correctly, just as you would have done in class. We are so proud of your dedication to your school work and believe in all of you.

## Grade 1 news

The Grade 1s got back into a routine very quickly since the term started. I'm so proud of their performance in Term 2 and I'm confident that it will continue as the year progresses. The Grade 1 adapted well to e-learning and have enjoyed Fun Fridays this term, especially since they are able to see their friends during our video calls. They are always so eager to learn new things and they have grown so much since the year began. I miss my learners and look forward to seeing many of them in person again, as they get ready to come back to the classroom on Monday.



## Important Dates

10 August

Term 3

Term 4

07 August

11 August

17 August

24 August

Public Holiday

14 July – 22 September – *Teachers return on 14 July – 23 September*

06 October – 2 December – *Teachers return 05 October – 4 December*

Grade 1 and 3 returning to school

Grade 2 returning to school

Grades 4 – 6 returning to school

Aftercare will start operating at Riverside College – there will be NO holiday care at this time.

## Happy Birthday!

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

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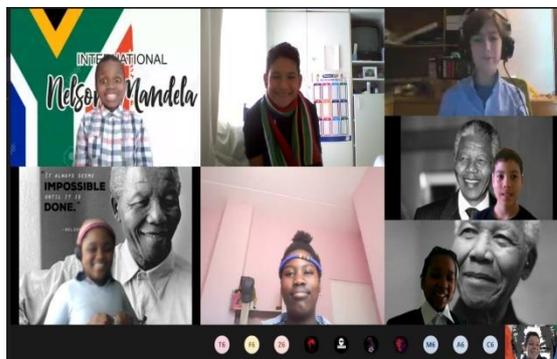
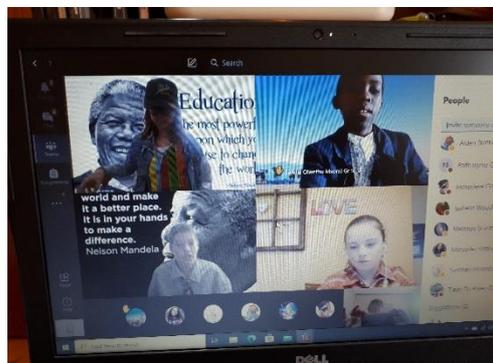
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## **Fun Fridays Update Mandela Day and Crazy Hat Day**

The children were extremely excited to be part of Mandela Day and dressed like Mandela. They were also asked to have their favourite quote by Nelson Mandela handy. This was just the encouragement that some children needed and used the quote as their background for the day.

The teachers discussed being kind to each other and doing something for someone else on Mandela Day.



Funny Hat Day brought out the seriously creative. Thank you to parents that helped make the interesting hats, or, at least, supervised the making. The children enjoyed visiting in other “classes” and seeing children they might not have seen for a few months.



## **Message from our principal Mr. D Swart**

Please remember that it is against the law to keep your child out of school for any length of time without a valid reason. The pandemic we are experiencing has however forced many parents to keep their children at home because of medical comorbidities. At Riverside College we do understand that it is a very stressful time for parents to have to send their children back and for those who have a valid reason to be concerned there is a document that needs to be requested from the office, completed and returned to school which allows you to keep your child at home for a while. This document is required by the Department of Education to keep your child registered and by the school to support your child academically through this uncertain time.

Examinations will take place at the end of the year and your child will need to be on par with his/her classmates in order to be successful in these exams. We will continue to support the learners on Teams after their return to school but there will not be dual teaching at this time. Our teachers cannot teach face to face and virtually at the same time, so you as parent will have to collect and drop off work from school on a weekly basis. Teachers will mark and give feedback on all work received in this manner.

Please make sure to pack a lunch for your child when they return as there is no food available at present.

Masks must please be washed regularly, and if you wish to send your own sanitizer to school with your child you are most welcome to do so.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Keep safe  
Primary School Staff