



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents

I came across a very inspiring story about "FAIRNESS" that I thought to share:

There was a farmer who sold a pound of butter to a baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting the right amount, which he wasn't. Angry about this, he took the farmer to court.

The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure to weight the butter. The farmer replied, "Your Honour, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale."

The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?"

The farmer replied;

**"Your Honour, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it is the baker."**

## **Moral of the story:**

In life, you get what you give. Don't try and cheat others.

Mrs Struck

## **Important dates**

10 August	Public Holiday
Term 3	14 July – 22 September – <i>Teachers return on 14 July – 23 September</i>
Term 4	06 October – 2 December – <i>Teachers return 05 October – 4 December</i>
11 August	Grade 2 returning to school everyday
11 August	Grade 1 – 3 attending school everyday
17 August	Grades 4 – 6 returning to school
24 August	Aftercare will start operating at Riverside College – there will be NO holiday care at this time.
31 August	Grade 7 to 9 returning to school

## **Letter of exemption**

Please remember to request the letter from the office and to return the signed document as soon as possible to ensure that your child is not deregistered from the Education Department.

## **Extra Lessons**

Please remember that it is compulsory for learners who achieve less than 50% in a subject to attend extra lessons. The only time a learner will be excused from these lessons is if they are off sick and have a medical certificate. Until further notice all extra lessons will take place via teams in the afternoons as arranged.

## **School Hours**

We have staggered the starting times for the different phases to avoid our children crowding together at the entry points. Please understand that the process of allowing learners into the premises are very strict and we cannot have children arriving late for school every day. The High School children

start their classes at 09:00 and thus they need to be at school no later than 8:50 in order for all the procedures to be followed and for our teachers not to be late for their classes.

### **Tuck-shop**

Tina will start serving food to the children from Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. The children must please place their orders with her before school.

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

I know that there is still a huge amount of fear and anxiety surrounding the pandemic. We are not sure of how much risk we are at of contracting the virus, how our children will cope, what it will do to the economy if it carries on much longer, what the future look like for our Gr 12 learners or how or children will pass if they are not at school? These are just a few of the questions that we have running around in our minds every second of every day, and that does not even start to express the amount of stress that we are under financially and in terms of our jobs or businesses. What we are experiencing is FEAR.

FEAR paralyzes...it steals our hopes and dreams and crushes our believe in ourselves and in all that is good and positive.

FEAR limits us to a reality in which we only see the negative and the scary stuff in life. A reality that causes us to panic and hide from the world and all that is in it.

FEAR takes our joy, our laughter and all that we once thought possible and it leaves us sitting in darkness...all alone.

The only weapon against this fear is YOU!

I personally did not experience the lockdown as negative at all because I got to share so much valuable time with my loved ones. I got to witness and experience a beautiful miracle – growth! Growth is the most beautiful thing to behold and to experience and I know that it is also one of the things that FEAR steals from us, but if we hold on and work through the fear then it is one of our most precious weapons!

Give yourself permission to grow and allow yourself to be awed by the growth in others, without the FEAR - also known as jealousy, self-loathing and feelings of not been enough. The journey you undergo when you allow this miracle to happen in your life is so precious that you will not allow FEAR to ever take it from you again.

Have an amazing long weekend!  
High School Teachers