



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

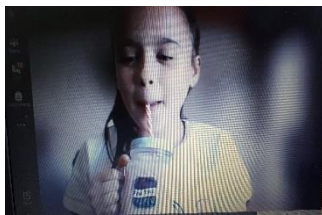
Welcome back to all the Grade 4 to 6 learners. We hope it has been a great week back at school and even though it is something new to get used to again, we really hope that you get used to the routine quickly. Keep on top of your work and make good use of any work time that you have as it is time to prepare for the test series that will be starting in September.

## Grade 4 news

With the return of children to the classroom this last week, it has forced us to look at the last few months and think of skills we have acquired. To me, two things have made the largest impact with the Grade 4's. The first being their independence and ability to continue with the work. The second being their technology skills. Initially it must have been difficult for you, as parents keep on helping your child through Term 2. I'm sure that they required little or no help in Term 3! Keep up with the hard-earned skills. Well done Grade 4's. You are stars!

## Hot Chocolate and Cookies day

Friday, 14 August, was hot chocolate and cookies day. Some tasty munchies and interesting drinks were enjoyed by many.



## Important Dates

Term 3

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

Term 4

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

24 August

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

Morning aftercare will not be available.

Afternoon aftercare will run until **17h30**.

8 – 11 September

Test Series for Foundation Phase

8 – 15 September

Test Series for Intermediate Phase

## September Test Series

The rules and regulations have gone out for all learners from grade 4 – 11 and need to be returned to the class teacher signed by both learner and parents.

These are all formal tests and we cannot re-schedule a test to suit individuals. The only acceptable excuse for not attending will be a valid Doctors note. Please do not make any appointments during this period.

## Tuck-shop

Toasted sandwiches will be served in the tuck-shop and we ask that children please place their orders with Tina before school.

# Happy Birthday!

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

19 August

Kwanda Dlodlo

Grade 000



## Miss Crause is leaving

It is with great sadness that we take leave of Miss Crause at the end of Term 3. We wish her everything of the best as she returns to her hometown of Port Elizabeth. Thank you, Miss Crause, for your amazing and positive contribution to the school over the past year.

## Times and Afternoon Collection

**24 – 28 August: School times will be 08h30-13h00 (learners to arrive from 08h00)**

**31 August: School times go back to normal with no extra-murals and no sport**

<b>Grade 000-R</b>	<b>08h15 – 13h00</b>	
<b>Gr 1+2</b>	<b>Monday to Thursday</b>	<b>08h15 – 13h45</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>08h15 – 13h15</b>
<b>Grade 3-6</b>	<b>Monday to Thursday</b>	<b>08h00 – 14h40</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>08h00 – 13h20</b>

Please ensure that you drop your child to school timeously in the mornings and collect your child timeously in the afternoons. Thank you to the parents for your patience. There is a process to be followed and it takes time to enter and release a child.

## Safety and Covid 19 Regulations

Please remember that in order to keep the rate of infections down we need to obey the rules and regulations as prescribed.

1. Temperature checks are done on arrival at school – anything 37.5 and above and we will send the learner/teacher/staff member home immediately after they have been placed in quarantine.
2. The wearing of masks is compulsory at all times. Please ensure that masks are washed or changed regularly.
3. A clean set of clothes must be worn every day.
4. Sanitizing of hands at regular intervals is of the utmost importance. Sanitize before eating, after using the bathroom and between lessons.
5. Social distancing – there must be at least 1.5m between individuals at all times. I know we forget easily, but this is very important to your health and the health of other people.
6. No physical contact at all – NONE – no kissing, hugging, holding hands or leaning on one another.

In order to keep everyone safe we need to be strict about the policies that are in place and we ask that everyone encourage and obey these policies and procedures.

## School Uniforms/Dress code

We will continue to wear civvies until further notice as this is a precaution against the Covid 19 virus. Learners do however need to meet **all** other dress code regulations. From Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> we will be doing inspections and monitoring the following:

- No jewellery to be worn – no rings, bangles, chains, earrings or any other form of accessories allowed – for boys or girls.
- Hair may not be worn hanging loose, it must be out of the eyes and neat and tidy at all times.
- No makeup allowed – including nail polish, eyeliner, lip gloss.
- Civvies must be clean, neat and respectful at all times.
- Masks must be worn at all times.

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

These have been extremely trying times for all involved at schools where we are trying our utmost to ensure the safety of all the learners. Please remember that we can't do this alone. We need the help and support of all our moms and dads if we are going to beat this thing and keep everybody safe.

It is with a happy and satisfied heart that we report back to our community that we have not had a single case of the virus at school. We have not had to quarantine anyone or send anyone home because of high temperatures or any other symptoms.

Thank you for taking the much needed and sometimes annoying steps that have helped to keep us all safe, because this virus does not affect individuals, but whole families and even communities

Have a wonderful weekend

Keep safe

Primary School Staff