



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is almost the end of the term already? Time does really fly, doesn't it? With only a couple of assessments left, we wish all the learners the best of luck for the remaining ones. Please ensure that the learners have a nutritious breakfast at home and are well rested in the morning for their assessments.

Grade 000/00 news

The little ones have been having so much fun with the weekly themes and catching up with their friends. Even though it has been only a couple of weeks in the term, it seems like every day back at school is their 'first day'. They really seemed to have missed it. The little ones have adjusted so nicely into the new normal, and I am so proud of them!



Important Dates

22 September

Last day of term for learners

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*

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

8 – 11 September

Test Series for Foundation Phase

8 – 15 September

Test Series for Intermediate Phase

Aftercare and Shuttle Service

Applications are now open to apply for aftercare or shuttle service. Forms are available from the office. Please note that we need to wear our masks at all times while on the school shuttle. We also need to sanitize our hands before we get onto the bus.

Under lockdown level 2 we are still only allowed 70% capacity on our shuttle and this might cause a delay in your child's arrival times at the drop off/collection points.

September Test Series

The test series starts on the 8th of September. Please ensure that your child has the correct stationery: two blue pens, two pencils, colour pens, a ruler, eraser, glue, scissors and pencil crayons.

If you have completed an exemption form for your child and he/she does not attend the test series to write the assessments, they will not be resulted with their own or the class average marks. Their marks will be calculated by a formula inserted on the marksheets as determined by the WCED.

Gr 000 – R Assessments

Gr 000 – R informal assessments will begin next week, from the 14th to the 18th of September. Please ensure that your child is at school every day.

Tuck-shop

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

Other news

During Birthday celebrations at school, it would be preferred that cupcakes are brought instead of a cake to minimize contact during Covid.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Grade 00/000	Yveley Posnack	Grade 3	The whole class have been superstars!
Grade R	Sienna Simpson	Grade 4	Kaobimdi Ihezue
Grade 1	Alexis Smit	Grade 5	Aiden Stother
Grade 2	Ndikhangele Madlingozi	Grade 6	Ruby O'Connor



Happy Birthday!

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

7 September	Tendai Msomi	Grade 5
11 September	Rumbidzai Chironga	Grade R
11 September	Isabelle Woudberg	Grade 5
12 September	Zamandla Mbele	Grade 3



Times and Afternoon Collection

31 August:	School times go back to normal with no extra-murals and no sport		
	Grade 000-R	08h15 – 13h00	
	Gr 1+2	Monday to Thursday	08h15 – 13h45
		Friday	08h15 – 13h15
	Grade 3-6	Monday to Thursday	08h00 – 14h40
		Friday	08h00 – 13h20

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.

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 14th 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.

Some learners are coming in sweaters only on really cold days. Please ensure children are dressed warm enough and avoid material shoes like Uggs etc. on rainy days.

Please make sure that your child wears clean clothes daily as the wearing of civvies is there to help protect us against the Covid virus. It defeats the object if they are going to wear the same clothes every day and it leads them to developing an unpleasant body odour.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

As we excitedly wait for the announcement by the President of the new lockdown level and regulations that go with it, please let us not drop our guard altogether. With the holidays that are approaching we must still be careful of where we find ourselves and how we protect ourselves. Crowded places are still out, while social distancing and sanitizing is going to be with us for some time to come and we ask that our parents keep up with these routines in order to make sure that we do not expose ourselves unnecessarily.

We have seen very few people with colds and flu this winter and that is directly linked to our new hygiene routine of washing and sanitizing regularly, so please let us keep the good habits that have come from the bad experience we have had with the pandemic.

Have a wonderful weekend

Keep safe

Primary School Staff