



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

As we draw closer and closer to the end of the term; it is a time to reflect on all the good that has happened thus far, and the bad that we have had to overcome. Many people have had to opt for new ways of doing things to match this new way of life we find ourselves in now. The learners have also had to overcome many challenges this term and have shown great promise and success while doing so.

As the journey of this year continues, here is something to remember:

‘If you want something you’ve never had, you have to do something you’ve never done’ – *Thomas Jefferson*

Ms Dos Reis

Grade 3 news

This week the Grade 3's had great fun learning about and celebrating their Human Rights. The learners enjoyed sharing their understanding of what it means to have Human Rights and the equal responsibility of practicing those rights themselves. As they celebrated Human Rights Day with their families, they celebrated too with their Riverside College Foundation Phase Family by dancing together to *Heal the World* by *Michael Jackson*. The learners had great fun performing together and working together to heal the world and make it a better place for you and me.



Important Dates

Tuesday 30 March Primary School finish at 11h00

Term 2 – 12 April – 15 June (Teachers 18/06)

26 April will be a school holiday

Term 3 – 20 July – 22 September (Teachers 23/09)

Term 4 – 12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)

Parent Teacher meetings – Term 2

Meetings will take place on the 13th and 14th of April at the following times:

Intermediate Phase – 14:00 – 18:00

Foundation Phase – 15:00 – 18:00

The teachers will send home tear off slips for you to book your 15 minute slot.

The High school will see parents on the 13th from 15:30 – 19:00 on a first come first serve basis.

Reports

Reports will be emailed to parents during the school holidays. It is important to remember that this will only be done once all financial obligations to the school have been met.

Sport – Term 2

Please note that all sport and PE will commence in term 2, unless something drastic happens and we are placed into hard lockdown. This means that all learners will need to have the appropriate sport uniforms ready by the start of Term 2.

Only learners who have a valid – not older than 3 months – medical certificate will be excused from sport and only for the duration covered by the certificate.

PE for all grade's forms part of the Life Skills syllabus and marks are rewarded for every lesson which forms part of the report mark each term. Therefore, the same rule applies with regards to the medical certificate needed for non-participation.

Other news

- **School uniform** – Learners are reminded to wear the correct Summer uniform until further notice.
- **School bags have arrived so if your child needs to get a bag you can contact the office.**
- A friendly reminder to parents dropping their child off in the mornings, please don't park or wait in the teacher's parking. The school bus needs to exit from the gate and cannot get past the parked cars.
- Please note that the gate will only open at 7:30am for learners to enter the school's premises.
- Please ensure to pack a spare mask in your child's school bag.

Stars of the week

Gr 00/000	Kim Mthethwa	Gr 3 Inganathi Menze
Gr R	Kelly Chen	Gr 4 Aquamile Bonongo
Gr 1	Eliel Manuel	Gr 5 Tadisa Mhererwa
Gr 2	Isabella Stemmet	Gr 6 Genevieve Clarke



Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

We have reached another end point on this academic journey, and that is the end of Term 1. The children are writing their final tests and doing the best they can to produce that which they set out to achieve at the beginning of the term. We did not know what to expect from this term, but in general it has progressed very well and with very little disruption and upset.

Many of our learners had to start from scratch again when they returned to school as they had forgotten many of the rules that we follow at school. They had become comfortable with working at home and having their comforts around them. They have settled into the routine again and we trust that they will be ready to hit the ground running in Term 2.

We have managed very well to keep Covid 19 out of our school and have to date not had a single infection that has threatened our learners or teachers directly. We will continue to follow the Covid 19 Safety Protocols and ensure that we do everything possible to keep everyone safe. In saying this we must appeal to you to be very cautious during the holidays to not expose yourselves or your children any more than is necessary and to please notify us immediately should you or your child become positive. It is only through working together that we will get to the end and be able to celebrate our successes.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Keep safe
Primary School Staff