



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

As the term draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on knowledge. We are all familiar with the saying: "*Knowledge is power*", but I am here to challenge that. Knowledge is not power. Having knowledge means nothing without applying it. For example, having all the knowledge about the best diets in the world will mean nothing if you do not apply it to your own lifestyle.

We are bombarded with knowledge from every side. Be it from the teachers, the TV or social media. There is a constant overflow of information coming our way, but what are we doing with it? My challenge to you is to start using what you learn. Apply the relevant knowledge to your life and you will see positive change!

Plutarch put it this way: "*The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.*" We need to take our knowledge and do something with it. Otherwise, there is no point in constantly taking in more knowledge. Remember:

***Knowledge is not power.
Applied knowledge is power!***

Mrs. Van Zyl

Important dates

Tuesday 30 March: High School finish at 11h30

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)

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.

Parent - Teacher meetings – Term 2

Grade 12 parent – teacher meetings	12 April	15:30 – 19:00
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Grade 7 – 11 parent – teacher meetings	13 April	15:30 – 19:00
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These meetings will be face to face meetings held at school on a first come first serve basis.

All parents and teachers to wear masks at all times.

Covid 19 Safety Policy

Please remind your child that they need to have a mask on at all times that covers their nose and mouth and that they must regularly wash their hands and sanitize. They are not allowed to physically touch, kiss, hug, or share food with one another. If we are going to keep our children, teachers and parents safe then we all need to comply with the safety protocols.

Masks are not an excuse to have facial hair, so please note that your son still needs to be clean shaven at all times.

Lockers

Lockers are available for High School learners. The price for a locker is R300 for the year. Please hand money in to the register teacher.

Uniform Inspections

Please note that regular uniform inspections are held and when you child if found to not be complying with the school uniform requirements a letter will be sent home explaining what the transgression is and by which date it must be corrected. At this point a demerit is given if the corrective action has not been taken.

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.

Sport takes place every Monday from 14:30 – 15:15 which is part of the school day and this lesson may not be substituted for anything else.

PE for all grade's forms part of the Life Orientation 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.

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.

School Schedule:

Monday	29 Mar	Day 1	07:55 – 14:30
Tuesday	30 Mar	Day 2	07:55 – 11:30

Have a wonderful weekend.
High School Staff