



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Do you know that you are your child's champion? Do you know that they look up to you and look to you for advice and counselling? This week, in assembly, we were encouraged to have more self-control and Simon the Seal suggested to us to: "*Stop, think and breathe.*" When we are at the end of our tether with a child, as simple as these words are, we need to *stop* and remember that the next words out of our mouth may crush or build the child's spirit. That is when *thinking* and *breathing* become so important. A child often automatically thinks they have done something wrong. Have they? Or has their champion just lost a little self-control? Let us keep our champion status...

Mrs Boake

Grade 4 News

The Grade 4's have been very busy in Natural Science and Technology over the past two weeks learning about structures. We made hollow pillars and placed textbooks and writing books on top of each to see how much each pillar could hold. We have built struts to see if we could reinforce ordinary paper. We have learnt that a triangle is a more rigid structure than a square and that triangles can reinforce a square to make it more rigid. Some interesting experimenting happened. Well done, Grade 4's!



Important Dates

Examinations for Grade 1-3 start on Thursday, 7 June - 10 June

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

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

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

Examinations

- Learners are reminded to wear clean and appropriate casual clothes for the duration of the term.
- Masks are an absolute must, and they need to be changed/washed regularly.
- Stationery items may not be shared with another learner –please ensure that your child has everything they need.
- A reminder to collect your child timeously after exams and assessments at 11:00.

Other news

1. A friendly reminder to parents dropping their child off in the mornings, please do not park or wait in the teacher's parking. The school bus needs to exit from the gate and cannot get past the parked cars.
2. Please note that the gate will only open at 7:30am for learners to enter the school's premises.
3. **Please pack a spare mask** in your child's school bag. The school does not have spares.

4. Be reminded as per our COVID-19 policy, if any learner shows symptoms or has come into contact with someone who has the virus, they need to self-isolate and go for a COVID-19 test before returning to school.
5. All learners need to remember to bring their own stationery for the assessments. Grade 1-3 need to bring two new pencils, an eraser and a ruler. Grade 4-6 to bring two blue pens, new pencil, eraser, and ruler.
6. Grades 3 – 6 learners may start paying in advance to book their place in Science Club for Term 3. There are only 40 spaces available so please send your child to school with R70 to book their slot as soon as possible if your child is interested.

Happy Birthday!



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

Gr 1	Ndinawe Netshivhangoni	3 June
Gr 2	Hunter Lee Gengiah	4 June
Gr 2	Peyton Govender	2 June
Gr 3	Keanu Petterson	2 June
Gr 3	David da Silva	3 June
Gr 4	Laurette Cecile Dongmo	5 June
Gr 6	Tiaan du Preez	1 June

Stars of the week

Grade 00/000	Evan Wu	
Grade R	Christian Muthenha	
Grade 1	Ndinawe Netshivhangoni	
Grade 2	Dominic Newalani	
Grade 3	Joey Chen	
Grade 4	Aryan Brijmohun	
Grade 5	Simthandile Tshishonga	
Grade 6	Tiaan du Preez	

PRESCHOOLERS GR000 – GR R

Planning for the week 7 - 11 June

Theme for the week: Winter

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

- Message Books daily

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- A change of clothing every day

- A healthy snack + Water/Juice

- No fizzy cooldrinks or sweets

WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:

Assessment Week

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Gillian is a seven-year-old girl who cannot sit in school. She continually gets up, gets distracted, flies with thoughts, and does not follow lessons. Her teachers worry about her, punish her, scold her, reward the few times that she is attentive, but nothing. Gillian does not know how to sit and cannot be attentive. When she comes home, her mother punishes her too. So not only does she Gillian have bad grades and punishment at school, but she also suffers from them at home.

One day, Gillian's mother is called to school. The lady, sad as someone waiting for bad news, takes her hand and goes to the interview room. The teachers speak of illness, of an obvious disorder. Maybe it's hyperactivity or maybe she needs a medication. During the interview, an old teacher arrives who knows the little girl. He asks all the adults, mother and colleagues, to follow him into an adjoining room from where she can still be seen. As he leaves, he tells Gillian that they will be back soon and turns on an old radio with music.



As the girl is alone in the room, she immediately gets up and begins to move up and down chasing the music in the air with her feet and her heart. The teacher smiles as the colleagues and the mother look at him between confusion and compassion, as is often done with the old. So, he says: "See? Gillian is not sick; Gillian is a dancer!"

He recommends that her mother take her to a dance class and that her colleagues make her dance from time to time. She attends her first lesson and when she gets home, she tells her mother:

"Everyone is like me, no one can sit there!"

In 1981, after a career as a dancer, opening her own dance academy and receiving international recognition for her art, Gillian Lynne became the choreographer of the musical "Cats." Hopefully all "different" children find adults capable of welcoming them for who they are and not for what they lack.

Long live the differences, the little black sheep and the misunderstood. They are the ones who create beauty in this world.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Keep safe

Primary School Staff