



# Riverside College

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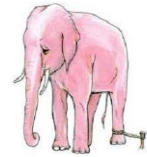
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**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to Term 3. We know we are still facing uncertainty in terms of the Covid 19 pandemic, and we know that there is fear and apprehension around sending our children back to school, but we are looking forward to a happy and successful term, with great results achieved by all.

## **The Elephant Rope (Belief)**

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp, and he spotted that the elephants weren't being kept in cages or held by the use of chains.



All that was holding them back from escaping the camp, was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants didn't just use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. They could easily have done so, but instead, they didn't try to at all. Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and never tried to escape.

The trainer replied.....

"When they are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The only reason that the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they adopted the belief that it just wasn't possible.

## **Moral of the story:**

No matter how much the world tries to hold you back, always continue with the belief that what you want to achieve is possible. Believing you can become successful is the most important step in achieving it.

**Mrs. Ellis**

## **Important dates**

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

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

Women's Day 9 August (Public Holiday)

## **Important Information**

Welcome back to Mr. Cobus Cronje who will be teaching Life Sciences to our Gr 10 – 12 learners and Natural Sciences to our Gr 7 – 9 learners. We hope that his stay with us will be happy and successful!

Our Grade 12 learners will soon receive information regarding their Prelim exams, and we urge them to continue working at a steady pace to ensure that they reach the goals that they have set for themselves. It is vitally important that they attend classes every day and that they keep up with the workload. Falling behind will cause unnecessary stress and discomfort at a time when they should be focusing their attention on passing grade 12 and stepping into a new chapter in their lives.

Please encourage them to talk to you or to someone that they are comfortable with, regarding issues that are causing stress or anxiety, as an unhealthy buildup will lead to issues that could hamper them at this crucial stage in their journey.

### **Covid 19 Safety Policy**

Your child needs to have a mask on at all times that covers their nose and mouth. Each individual also needs to regularly wash their hands and sanitize. They are not allowed to physically touch, kiss, hug, or share food with one another. Our safety protocols are there to keep everyone safe and we need everyone to play their part!

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

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

Our online teaching has been going very well this term, so thank you once again for the assistance and support that you as parents have given. We will return to school shortly, but until we do please remember that all the work done on the online platform needs to be done in the workbooks. Learners must please make sure that they are up to date with all work as there is not enough time for teachers to go back to work that has already been completed. We will be marking all books within the first week of our return and work not done in the workbooks will be considered to be homework not done, which is punishable with Friday detention.

Please make sure that your child attends the extra lessons that he/she has been prescribed to do so that we can assist them in the areas that they are struggling. This is very important if we want them to achieve good results at the end of the year.

### **School Schedule:**

Monday	02 August	Day 6	07h55 – 14h30
Tuesday	03 August	Day 7	07h55 – 15h15
Wednesday	04 August	Day 8	07h55 – 15h15
Thursday	05 August	Day 9	07h55 – 15h15
Friday	06 August	Day 10	07h55 – 14h00

Have a lovely weekend!  
High School Staff