



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

One day a frog decided to reach for the top of a tree. All the frogs shouted 'It's impossible, It's impossible...' Still the frog reached the top... How? Because he was deaf and he thought that everyone was encouraging him to reach for the top.

But in order to be able to go against such odds, we first need to believe in ourselves. In the story above, our deaf frog really believed he could do it once he **DECIDED** to climb a tree. And that believe which he had in HIMSELF, made the criticism and disbelief of the frogs below, appear as the support to keep on going. He believed so realistically in his ability to climb a tree that he assumed they must be cheering for him because he was certain that they do believe in him as well. That's the power of having a strong belief, it turns everything into a steppingstone to keep moving forward.

Have a deaf ear to the obstacles and negative comments, rather use them as motivation to achieve your goals.

Teacher Gabby

Grade R News

Our theme this week was 'Trees & Wood' our little curious minds were out and about exploring the fruit and flower trees in our school. We learnt about the different parts of a tree, how important they are to us and how to take care of them. The Grade R's even planted their very own seeds in which they will take responsibility as they learn to take care of their plants daily. Keep an eye out soon, we will be posting our baby plants once they are grown.



Important Dates

Term 3 – 26 July – 22 September (Teachers 23/09)

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

Women's Day 9 August (Public Holiday)

Special announcement

Tuesday 10 August – We welcome our grade 4 – 6 learners back to school.

These learners will return to school as normal, and they will wear their full winter uniforms.

Please note that we will follow the Covid regulations as previously instituted, so allow a few minutes for this to happen on arrival.

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. No sport and extra murals until further notice

Stars of the Week

Grade 00/000	Evan Wu
Grade R	Keyan Govender
Grade 1	Nicela Naude
Grade 2	Ria Ramaya
Grade 3	Leah Scholtz



Happy Birthday!



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

Gr 4	Anie Inyangudo	30 July
Staff	Mr Swart	2 August
Staff	Mrs Boake	2 August
Gr 4	David Pillay	3 August
Gr 2	Abigail Nash	5 August

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Be open to the good and the positive energy that surrounds you every day! Monday morning was one of those days on which I was pleasantly surprised by a totally random act of love. It happened when I walked into Applebee Kids and was greeted by the children all shouting "surprise" at the top of their lungs and then singing happy birthday to me!

It was the most incredible moment and I just realized anew how important it is to be fully present in each moment. Often we are so busy and distracted that we don't see or notice the small things around us that actually have the potential to change our lives for the better.

This is just one small example of how positive, loving energy can lift our mood, elevate our energy and the energy of those around us, for the better. I had a better day as a result of the children singing to me and sharing the love that they carry inside.

We are all stressed, and we all wonder what we could be doing better, faster and for more profit, but we need to take time and celebrate the small things, learn to appreciate the experiences and the moments we have as these are the things that join us together as families, friends and special beings.

I hope that you will enjoy the long weekend and take a moment on Monday to celebrate woman's day and to share your light and your energy with that special woman in your life!

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Keep safe

Primary School Staff

PRESCHOOLERS G000 - GR R

Planning for the week 10-13 August

Theme for the week:

Land Transport

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:

Letter: Qq

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