



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity—the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? "

Moral: In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

Which one are you?

Mrs. Rezandt

Important dates

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

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

Examination dates

Test series for Gr 7 – 11	06 Sep – 21 Sep
Gr 12 Prelims	06 Sep – 21 Sep
Gr 12 Finals	TBA Final LO paper - TBA
	19 Oct Final CAT Practical

Timetables have been handed out to all learners and is available on the website.

Tik Tok Challenge

After all the serious challenges we have faced over the last 18 months we thought it fitting to promote the school in a fun way and for this reason we are launching a Tik Tok challenge for the whole school. Every class will create a fun Tik Tok video with their teacher. Our first Tik Tok is due to be posted on Facebook by our Primary school teachers. Have a look and please "Like" & "Share" with your friends and family.

Emblem Design

In keeping with fun competitions, we have invited all our learners to partake in the design competition which will see the official emblems that will represent our sporting houses, Cobalt (Blue) and Amber (Yellow) been launched by the winners. Riverside College is an institution that we want our parents, learners and teachers to be proud of, and through all these activities we are building a legacy and a story that we are all an integral part of. We encourage you all to be a part of this phase in our development and assist, motivate and encourage your children to play an active role in creating the future of their school. As with all competitions, prizes will be announced shortly.

Important Information

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

I would really like to remind parents, teachers and learners present and past, that we are all part of something very special that is been created on a daily basis.

You ask what we are creating?

We are creating a community, a family, a legacy and a piece of heritage that will be part of your and my story for generations to come. Every child and every family that has ever attended and been a part of Riverside College has contributed to this story! Whether you contributed 1 sentence or a whole paragraph is irrelevant, because only when these pieces are all put together do they become the whole story. They become the Riverside story that tells of the love and dedication that will not allow any child to be left behind, emotionally or academically, even during the tough times we are facing with the covid pandemic, we will always strive to do our best to ensure that each learner has a fair opportunity to perform and to achieve to their best ability.

We are not perfect, and we face many challenges on a daily basis, but we are dedicated to building a positive, supportive and caring legacy that we invite you to be a part of today, tomorrow and for many years to come.

In the spirit of building a great school for your children and for those who will come after them, we invite you to come and talk to Mrs. Ellis or Mr. Swart should you need to bring anything to our attention or should you need assistance of any kind.

School Schedule:

Monday	13 September	Day 6	07h55 – 15h15
Tuesday	14 September	Day 7	07h55 – 15h15
Wednesday	15 September	Day 8	07h55 – 15h15
Thursday	15 September	Day 9	07h55 – 15h15
Friday	16 September	Day 10	07h55 – 14h00

Have a lovely weekend!
High School Staff