



# Riverside College

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**Dear Parents,**

We have all heard the phrase “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” We might say this to others to put up a brave front, but the truth is words have the power to hurt us, even if they are said by mistake or as a joke. As the saying goes, “if you have nothing nice to say, don’t say anything at all.” We sometimes forget this and tend to speak without thinking, not realising the impact our words have on others. However, we also should remember that words also have the power to heal and make others feel good about themselves. This week we challenged our learners to focus on saying positive things and to let our words bring joy to others instead of despair.

**Miss Bloem**

## News from the Grade 1 Class

We are only in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the term and the Grade 1 class has done so much already. From having a Robotics demo to doing the Tik Tok Challenge and celebrating Founder’s Day it has already been a busy term, but the Grade 1s have handled it very well. This week the Grade 1s went to the library for the first time. They enjoyed getting to see all the books and deciding which ones they wanted to read. As they get closer to the end of the year, I’m so happy with the progress they have made. They are more confident and independent and are ready to take on the challenge of going to Grade 2 next year.



## Important Dates

Term 4	12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)
1 November	Public holiday

## 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. Learners should wear the P.E sports uniform on their allocated P.E days. If you are unsure of what days your child does P.E, please follow up with the classroom teacher.’
6. The weather is starting to get hotter, please ensure your child wears their Riverside College cap and brings an extra bottle of water, especially on the days they do sports and P.E.

## Library

The learners will be returning to the Library from next week.

Gr 4 & 5	26/10
Gr 6	27/10

## **Summer Uniform**

A reminder that all learners must wear their full summer uniform from now on. The shirt must be an open collar and not have a top button. Boys must wear long grey socks that must be folded at the knee. Parents, please ensure that if your daughter is wearing a skirt it should fit correctly and it should not be shorter than 2cm above the knee.

## **Honourable Mention**

Congratulations to the following learners for receiving 55 merits. Ria Ramaya – Gr 2, Sam Africa – Gr 4, Sarah Hart – Gr 5, Simthandile Tshishonga -Gr 5 and Meloney Branford -Gr 6. Well done on your wonderful achievement! Keep it up. We are so proud of you.

## **Parents visiting their children at break**

It has been noticed that parents are stopping to visit their children and chat next to the field. We request that you refrain from doing this as it creates difficulty for the teacher on duty and creates a scene for the other children. As teachers, we do not know who all the parents are, and you might be greeted in an unfriendly fashion.

## **Sport and Extra Mural Lessons and Robotics**

All sport and extra lessons started on Monday 18 October. Please refer to the extra mural timetable for times. Tuesday and Wednesday sport are part of the school day. Please check Wednesday times for the school day, which now ends later.

**Please note** that Art club for Grade 1 and 2 has now been moved to Tuesday instead of Wednesday and will finish at 14:45.

## **Absentees**

If your child is going to be absent, please email the class teacher and the office staff [info@riversidecollege.co.za](mailto:info@riversidecollege.co.za), [office@riversidecollege.co.za](mailto:office@riversidecollege.co.za) in order to keep our records up to date. A reminder to send doctor's notes in as soon as possible.

## **Late Comers**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. The bell rings at 8am for morning line-up and then the learners go to class for registration. The Gr 00/00 – Gr 2 classes start at 08:15, therefore all learners need to be at school before 08:15 as it can be disruptive to the rest of the class when a learner arrives late.

## **Stars of the Week**

Grade 00/000	Aria Seocharon	Grade 3 Keanu Petterson
Grade R	Kayden Lang	Grade 4 Kendra Rainier
Grade 1	Skylar Mahwehwe	Grade 5 Nyiko Khoza
Grade 2	Abigail Nash	Grade 6 Matthew Pietersen



## **Happy Birthday!**

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

Gr 2                      Daisy Karombo                      22 October



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

2021 has been a difficult year for our learners and has certainly once again challenged them and driven them out of their comfort zones. They were expected to perform under tremendous pressure of been on-line and at the same time dealing with Covid and the effects that it had on our lives. Some families lost family members and loved ones, while other families fought the virus within their homes.

Our children have been placed under much pressure to perform and to achieve even under the extraordinary circumstances they found themselves, and many might be worried about how they are going to pass this academic year.

I want to remind them that life is a journey and not a destination! It is important to remember and to remind our children that the end results are not what determines their worth. The year as a whole, as a journey, along with the effort, the homework, the studying, the focus and concentration, the perseverance and determination to succeed that went into everything is what counts. The fact that they might have struggled, but persevered, failed, but tried again and carried on until they mastered the content or the task until they were satisfied that they understood or could perform, that is what determines our worth and our character. It is important that parents, educators and learners keep this in mind with the upcoming results. Success is not determined by a single factor but rather by a culmination of many factors that are all added together to produce an end result.

We are now preparing for the year end exams and many children are under pressure because of the expectations that we place on them, please remember to be kind, to be positive to be supportive and to love unconditionally!

Keep safe  
Primary School Staff

<b><u>PRESCHOOLERS GR000 - GR R</u></b> Planning for the week 25 - 29 October
<b><u>Theme for the week:</u></b> Vegetables
<b><u>PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:</u></b> - Message Books daily
<b><u>PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b> - A change of clothing every day - A healthy snack + Water/Juice - No fizzy cooldrinks or sweets
<b><u>WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:</u></b> Letter: Uu Number :1 - 20