



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Once upon a time, a man found a butterfly that was starting to hatch from its cocoon. He sat down and watched the butterfly for hours as it struggled to force itself through a tiny hole. Then, it suddenly stopped making progress and looked like it was stuck.

The man decided to help the butterfly out. He took a pair of scissors and cut off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily although it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings.

The man thought nothing of it, and he sat there waiting for the wings to enlarge to support the butterfly. However, that never happened. The butterfly spent the rest of its life unable to fly, crawling around with small wings and a swollen body.

Despite the man's kind heart, he didn't understand that the restricting cocoon and the struggle needed by the butterfly to get itself through the small hole were the way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings to prepare itself for flying once it was free.

Out of your vulnerabilities will come your strength. Without struggles, we never grow and never get stronger, so it's important for us to tackle challenges on our own, and not be relying on help from others.

One day, in retrospect, the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful.

Mr C. Marais

Important dates

Term 4	12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)
Prize-giving Evening	10 November
Carols by Candlelight	13 December – 15 December
15 November	School comes out at 13:30 for High School Learners
01 November	Please return all trophies to class teacher
Term 1 Start 2022	17 January (Teachers 13/01)

Examination dates

Matric NSC exams	27 Oct – 1 December
Grade 7 – 11 exams	15 Nov – 03 Dec

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.

Carols by Candlelight

On the evenings of the 13th to the 15th of December we will be hosting an Angelic Carols by Candlelight event at Riverside College. Please be so kind as to donate all empty 2L plastic bottles that we would like to use as holders for our candles. We hope that you are all as excited as we are to make this festive event an experience to remember. This event is for the parents, teachers and learners of not only Riverside College but also our community. Please spread the word and invite all your friends and family members to join us and add their voices to our choir.

Santa's Shoebox

After all the anxiety, anguish and pain experienced by so many during the pandemic, we would like to change the narrative and bring some love and joy to the less fortunate children at the Durbanville Children's Home this Christmas, with our very own Santa's Shoebox campaign. We are asking parents who are able and willing, to help us spread a little Christmas magic with a shoebox of goodies for these children. We have girls and boys of all ages in the home and it would be an amazing experience to share our hearts and our magic with them. It would give us the greatest pleasure to help spread the love and make a child's dream of having something small to look forward to this Christmas come true. It is not the size or the cost of things that count or matter to those that cannot provide for themselves, but rather the fact that someone else took the time and made the effort for them that warms the heart and soul of the receiver, especially when it come to children.

We will soon send a letter out with all the details and information regarding this project.

Prize-giving Evening

There will be a prize-giving on the 10th of November in the evening. Invitations will follow shortly.

Extra lessons

Take note that extra lessons commenced on the 18th of October 2021. Your child would have received a letter for the extra classes. Anyone is welcome to join.

Tik Tok and Emblem challenge

Thank you to each learner who participated in these competitions. Winners for the Emblem design will be announced by the end of October.

Tik Tok has been uploaded on Facebook, voting has started! Please go and like and share your child's video.

Message from the Principal Mr. Dave Swart

With the recent relaxing of the restrictions, we are able to look into the near future and plan a few events that will bring back the cheer as well as the love and joy that we once enjoyed as communities and families. Riverside College has always endeavored to be a part of the community through our many outreach programs that we have tackled in the past. Currently we have the festive season upon us and what better time to spread some magic than right now. We know many families have struggled through Covid, but the only way to move on from this is to look ahead and to start living again.

Thank you to all our parents who supported us by paying their fees throughout the pandemic, who found it in their hearts to help others who were less fortunate than themselves and who despite the sadness and the loss have managed to find new hope again.

If nothing else, we can all stand back for a moment and just be thankful that we all survived the devastating effect of the last 18 months. Thankful that we are all still alive and well and able to work another day. Grateful for the many blessings, the love and the growth that we have all experienced.

Please help us celebrate life, love and hope and together bring exactly that...HOPE...to the lives of a few individuals in our community who are forced to rely on others. Let's spread the love and the joy with all that we encounter and let us look to the future with forgiveness, hope and gratitude.

School Schedule:

Monday	1 November	Day 6	07h55 – 15h15
Tuesday	2 November	Day 7	07h55 – 15h15
Wednesday	3 November	Day 8	07h55 – 15h15
Thursday	4 November	Day 9	07h55 – 15h15
Friday	5 November	Day 10	07h55 – 14h00

Have a lovely weekend!
High School Staff