



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

This week, Mrs Menton gave the learners a wonderful lesson about friendship and how important friendship is. It is important to always trust in your friends and to communicate with them through any difficulties and conflicts that might arise. When you think only about yourself and your needs, then you can not only hurt your friends and their friends, but there are also other people whose feelings are hurt as a consequence that may not even be part of your conflict. We hope that the learners will take this message and be the best friends they could possibly be!

Miss Steyn

News from the Grade 2 Class

The Grade 2 class has been learning all about our Country and how we have changed over the years. This week they had to present an oral where they had to sing the National Anthem and describe the way they would walk home from school. I was extremely proud to witness how proud they are of their country and how well they know their surroundings. Great job, Grade 2's!



Important Dates

Term 4	12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)
1 November	Public holiday
22 November	Interhouse Athletics
23 November	Prize Giving
Term 1 Start 2022	17 January (Teachers 13/01)

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. Please ensure that the correct P.E uniform is worn to school. Many children are wearing secret socks, which is not part of the uniform.
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.
7. Thank you for your patience in connection with the new extra mural, Booster Kids. The response was extraordinary.

Library

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

Gr 1 & 2	02/11
Gr 3	03/11
Gr 4 & 5	09/11
Gr 6	06/11

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.

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 comes to children.

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

Prize Giving

We will be hosting the annual Prize Giving on the 23rd of November 2021 on the field across from the school. Invitations will follow soon. We hope to see you all there.

The times for each phase will be as follows:

Foundation Phase: 8am – 10am

Intermediate Phase: 11am – 1pm

Trophies

Please return all trophies by the 5th of November 2021

Absentees

If your child is going to be absent, please email the class teacher and the office staff admin@riversidecollege.co.za, a.human@riversidecollege.co.za in order to keep our records up to date. A reminder to send doctor's notes in as soon as possible.

Stars of the Week

Grade 00/000	Evan Wu	Grade 3 Ivanka Rhoda
Grade R	Buhlebenkosi Mofu	Grade 4 Sam Africa
Grade 1	Pako Matlhatsi	Grade 5 Anotida Munakandafa
Grade 2	Eden Sinclair	Grade 6 Liam Holden



Message from our principal Mr. D 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 endeavoured 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.

Keep safe
Primary School Staff

<u>PRESCHOOLERS GR000 - GR R</u> Planning for the week 2 - 5 November
<u>Theme for the week:</u> Water Animals
<u>PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:</u> - Message Books daily
<u>PLEASE REMEMBER:</u> - A change of clothing every day - A healthy snack + Water/Juice - No fizzy cooldrinks or sweets
<u>WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:</u> Letter: X - Z Number :1 - 20, Counting to 100