



Riverside College

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19 November 2021

Dear Parents,

Blind men and an elephant

A group of blind men heard that a strange animal, called an elephant, had been brought to the town, but none of them were aware of its shape and form. Out of curiosity, they said: "We must inspect and know it by touch, of which we are capable".

So, they sought it out, and when they found it, they used their hands to feel the strange animal. The first person, whose hand landed on the trunk, said, "This being is like a thick snake".

For another one whose hand reached its ear, it seemed like a kind of fan. As for another person, whose hand was upon its leg, said, the elephant is a pillar like a tree-trunk.

The blind man who placed his hand upon its side said the elephant, "is a wall". Another who felt its tail, described it as a rope. The last felt its tusk, stating the elephant is that which is hard, smooth and like a spear.

The men began to disagree with one another and believed that they were correct while the other blind men were lying which made them more annoyed.

A passerby heard the commotion and came to investigate the source of the noise and they found the blind men standing in front of the elephant arguing about what they think it looks like.

The passerby then told the men that they were all right AND wrong because they were each only able to visualize parts of the elephant but not the full animal. The individual stated that each of the blind men's statements about the elephant were correct but only described a small section of the large animal which influenced how they saw it.

So, what is the moral of the story? The blind men were very quick to make an assumption about what the elephant looks like even though they had only felt a small section of it. They refused to listen to the opinions and observations of their fellow men and believed that the sections they interacted with were the true depiction of an elephant.

These types of interactions can be seen regularly in daily life, but only once a person is sure that they have interacted with a substantial amount of a specific topic or object can they make an informed observation about it. They also shouldn't be too quick to discredit another person's perspective about a topic just because they have a different interpretation.

Mr. A Edwards

Important dates

Term 4	12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)
15 November	School finishes at 13:30. NO MORE EXTRA CLASSES.
Textbook Sale (PS & HS)	07 December 2021
Carols by Candlelight	13 December & 14 December
Christmas Market	15 December & 16 December
Fun Run	04 December
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 & 14th 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.

Learner achievements

Congratulations to the following learners for their impressive achievements:

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- Lia Swart in Grade 8 competed in the TFKA Karate competition as well and was awarded a bronze medal for her Kata.

Miss Teen Belly dance South Africa

My name is Farah Burton, I am 13 years old and in grade 7. Recently I participated in the Miss Belly dance South Africa competition which was hosted online.

Usually, the event takes place in Johannesburg Gauteng, but it shifted to an online platform due to the Covid-19 restrictions which still allows me to compete against other dancers. Fortunately, I was the winner of my category and was crowned as the 2021 Miss Teen Belly dance South Africa.

My next goal is to compete and win the title of Miss Queen Belly dance South Africa as well as inspire other young children to follow and achieve their dreams.

Message from the Principal Mr. Dave Swart

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We have a very busy few weeks coming up and we look forward to sharing all these experiences with you. The Christmas market will bring joy, magic and Christmas cheer to not only our parents but everyone in our neighborhood too. Please come and join us and help us create a Christmas season to remember.

School Schedule:

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Tuesday	23 November	07h55 – 13h30
Wednesday	24 November	07h55 – 13h30
Thursday	25 November	07h55 – 13h30
Friday	26 November	07h55 – 13h30

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