



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

Happiness comes from solving problems

If there is anything guaranteed in life, it would be problems. Problems are a constant in life, and they never stop, they merely get exchanged or upgraded to a bigger problem. Example, you have a health problem, you get a gym membership, but now your problem upgraded to having to wake up earlier, do a complete workout and then shower and get ready for work.

Happiness comes from **solving** problems. Happiness is a form of action; it is an activity. It does not magically appear when you make enough money.

Happiness is a constant work-in-progress; same as how solving problems are a constant work-in-progress. The solutions to today's problems are in the foundations for tomorrow's problems.

True happiness comes from finding problems you enjoy having and solving. Sometimes these problems are simple such as eating good food or winning the new video game you just bought. Other times these problems are complicated and somewhat abstract, such as fixing a relationship with a family member or finding a career you can feel good about.

Whatsoever the problem may be, the concept stays the same: Solve problems = be happy.

Adapted from the chapter *Happiness is a problem* by Mark Manson

NALA TESTING FEEDBACK:

Feedback for grade 4 to grade 10 will commence from the 25th of July, the office will contact parents to set up appointments.

I look forward to these feedback sessions and to sharing with all of you the insights that we have gained through the process as well as how we are going to assist and support each one of our learners during the new term.

INSPECTION:

Please ensure that you child is dressed in full winter attire, in line with the code of contact. Inspections are done daily to ensure that the learners are always neat and tidy, this also includes the sport uniform.

CAKE SALE:

We are happy to announce that our first cake sale of Term 3 will take place on Friday the 5th of August. The grade 8's will be hosting the cake sale, delicious treats and bakes need to be brought to school Friday Morning to ensure we are ready for break. The cake sale is a day that is enjoyed by everyone at Riverside, from Grades 000 – 12 and the staff, a perfect way to start the weekend.

UNIFORM SALES / CLOTHING BANK:

As parents are aware, uniform sales are done from the school office and it is not the best arrangement. It is for this reason that we are setting up a clothing bank where parents can buy uniform at dedicated times in a space separate from the office.

Please note that the new times to purchase uniform are as follows:

Mondays: 7:15am – 8am & 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday: 2pm – 4pm only

Wednesdays: 2pm – 4pm only

(NO uniform sales on Thursdays or Fridays)

Important Dates:

23 July – Open day

27 July – Parent Meeting

27 July – Robben Island excursion

5 August – Cake sale Grade 8 class

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8 August – School holiday
9 August – Women’s Day
15-18 August – Job shadowing Grade 10&11
19 August – World Photo Day
20 August – Riverside Road Runners and Open day

Robben Island Excursion

In celebration of Mandela Day, we would like to take the learners to Robben Island to experience a part of South African heritage and the role Nelson Mandela played in our history.

The excursion will be on July 27, 2022. It will be a typical school day with a later departure for home time. Please make sure that your child has a packed lunch and is properly attired in winter uniform. Transport for students to and from school is provided.

The cost of the excursion will be R300 per learner, payable before or on the 26 of July 2022.

Grade 12 fundraising events

The grade 12 class will be having fundraising events on the following days. Please allow your child to participate and contribute towards their fundraising campaign. The funds raised will be used towards their Matric farewell. The cost per event will be R10 per learner payable before the event.

Anything but a bag day 29 July 2022
Funky hair day 26 August 2022

Parent Meetings

The teachers will be in contact with you, as a parent, if it is necessary to have a parent meeting. If you would like to see your child’s teacher, please let complete the form and send back to the teacher.

Extra lessons, sport and culture

We will commence with all activities on Monday, 1 August. Please ensure that you child attend extra classes.

Message from the Principal Carlien Ellis:

Break out the pens and open the books! Put on your school clothes, and your bright happy looks! It's time to cheer for the second half of the year!

A new term awaits, and I hope we make beautiful memories together in term 3!

Welcome back to all our teachers, parents and learners! We hope you had a fantastic winter holiday filled with laughs, family, friends and happy times.

I wish for each student this term to do their best because your best is always good enough. Stay focused in the classroom, do your homework, hand your projects in on time, and enjoy the ride. Pursue your dreams with a fire in your belly and keep pushing forward toward your goals. Stay true to yourself while remaining open to new experiences. Work hard and don't give up on your aspirations, even if no one else believes them possible.

We are looking forward to a term filled with many memories and activities. Finally, our long-awaited camp is happening! We are excited for our learners to be part of this experience, from the bus ride to the late-night adventures.

We will emphasize sport this term, with a few friendly games on the cards and even some competitions amongst our learners. Other activities will include a Pirate Day, Teddy Bear Drive and Positive Thinking day!

School Schedule:

Monday	25/07	Day 6
Tuesday	26/07	Day 7
Wednesday	27/07	Day 8
Thursday	28/07	Day 9
Friday	29/07	Day 10

Have a lovely weekend!
High School Staff