



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

When we started our theme on "Back to Basics" at the beginning of this term, it never occurred to me that it would also be something that we, as adults, would look at as well.

With the interest rates the way they are and the price of food skyrocketing, it got me wondering how we can change our way of enjoying life but at less cost and get back to basic living. We must all have a family we know that is struggling and that could do with some light relief, so why not extend a hand, and try out one or two of these ideas over the holidays or next few weekends:

- Build a Burger evening. Everyone brings their own raw mince, potatoes and burger filling. Get the children to mix the patties and cook the patties. Pop some cut potatoes in the oven, (if there is no loadshedding) and make your own chips.
- Have a pasta night. Each family brings their own favourite pasta dish.
- Have a soup and, well, your own favourite beverage, night.
- Have a games night and just supply pudding.

We might be able to just make someone, or even a family have fun and relax and forget about hardships for just a moment.

**Mrs. Boake**

## Grade 4 News:

The Grade 4's has been learning about pillars and the reinforcement thereof, with struts. After building cardboard square, cylindrical and triangular pillars and testing their weight bearing ability, we built a rectangular pillar but then inserted paper struts into the pillar for reinforcement.

Then we loaded writing books onto it. It held 55 books before collapsing! We almost ran out of writing books! Here are some images of our tower:



**Stars of the Week:**

Grade 000/R Rudrah Singh  
 Grade 1 Ilmeeyat Sampson  
 Grade 2 Buhlebenkosi Mofu  
 Grade 3 Lerato Mathebula

Grade 4 Mila Anthony  
 Grade 5 Thabo Dlodlo  
 Grade 6 David Pillay



**Happy Birthday!**

Happy birthday to the following learners! It is with apologies that we go back to May:

23 May	Aqhamile Bonongo	Grade 5
23 May	Benjamin Roberts	Grade R
24 May	Nsika Ncwane	Grade 1
26 May	Tyrell Viljoen	Grade 3
28 May	Rudra Singh	Grade R
28 May	Amirah Kapepula	Grade 1
29 May	Azrah Tasriet	Grade R
29 May	Misha Weber	Grade 6
31 May	Diedre Ncube	Grade 1
1 June	Jamie Carelse	Grade 1
4 June	Hunter Gengiah	Grade 4
5 June	Cecile Dongmo	Grade 6
8 June	Joey Chen	Grade 5



**Other news:**

**Early closing time for the duration of Examination:**

Kindly note that the Gr 4, 5, 6 children’s closing time will be 13:00, as from Wednesday 7 June, until Tuesday 20 June. The Grade 1, 2, 3’s closing time will be at 13:00 from 12 June until Tuesday 20 June. Please make the necessary arrangement with your transport.

**Stationary for Examinations:**

Kindly ensure that your child has 2 blue pens, 2 pencils, a ruler, eraser, and pencil crayons.

**Examination tips:**

- Ensure that your child is well rested.
- Ensure that your child eats correctly.
- Now is the time for studying. Playing comes later – no play dates.
- Ensure that your child gets enough exercise.
- Study in a quiet area with no distractions.

Good luck with the upcoming examinations!

**Winter accessories:**

**PRESCHOOLERS GR000 – GR R**

Planning for the week: 12 June – 16 June

**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

Winter

**PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:**

- Message Books daily

**WHAT WE WILL LEARN THIS WEEK:**

Letter: Revision A - M

Number: Revision 1 – 12

We understand that keeping warm is important during the winter months. However, we ask that you please keep in mind our school colors when choosing winter accessories. To ensure that our learners maintain a uniform appearance, the following items are permitted:

- White or maroon scarves
- No beanies

### **Grade 12 Fundraising Events:**

The Grade 12 class of 2023 has put together a list of fundraisers they would like to host for their matric farewell. The cost is R20 per event.

- 15<sup>th</sup> of June Dress up as the first letter of your name.
- 21<sup>st</sup> of July PJ Day.
- 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept Rainbow Day for Spring Day.

### **Absentees Notice:**

Flu season is upon us, and absenteeism is expected. As a friendly reminder, please notify the office by sending an e-mail to both [Info@riversidecollege.co.za](mailto:Info@riversidecollege.co.za) and [hello@riversidecollege.co.za](mailto:hello@riversidecollege.co.za) if your child will be absent from school. This will help us to ensure that your child's absence is recorded and that they do not fall behind in their schoolwork.

### **UPCOMING PARENT WEBINARS**

Mr. Swart is hosting a number of parenting webinars over the next few weeks. During NALA parent feedback sessions many parents wanted guidance on a range of parenting struggles and it is with this in mind that Mr. Swart is inviting the parents of Riverside College to book their spots.

We will shortly release the new dates for all the webinars that will be taking place in the near future.

### **Legacy Project:**

The Riverside College Legacy Project is a way for current and past learners to be forever remembered as being a part of the history, the traditions and the legacies that have formed and shaped the heart of Riverside College.

An institution remains just that when people are not given a space and an opportunity to be who they are meant to be, and this is why Riverside College is not just an institution, but the portal through which many individuals have passed on their way to the future that they envisioned for themselves while building on the traditions and the history of this wonderful school.

In honouring these many boys and girls and the journey that they undertook at Riverside, we would like to offer this opportunity for them to leave a piece of themselves behind for those who will follow in the footprints that they are leaving or have left.

The Legacy plaque is available to any learner who attends Riverside College or has done so in the past. The way a child can leave their legacy for others to be inspired by is to purchase one of the following:

- Plaque outside a particular class (i.e.: a child's name & year on a plaque outside Gr 1 or Gr 12 for instance)
- A buddy bench for the garden
- Planting a tree in your honour with a plaque
- A Plaque in a general traffic area of the school
- Sponsoring a notice board or honours board.

### **Principal's message:**

Please take note that no learner will be excused from school earlier during the exams. It is our policy that every child needs to be at school during exam time, even when they are not writing. It is not possible to make individual arrangements, as it would be disruptive for the rest of the learners.

I urge parents to respect the rules. The school day during the exams for the high school is from 07:55–13:30 and for the primary school from 08:00–13:00. Exams happen between those times. Please ensure that you do not make any appointments during those times.

**2023 Term Dates:**

**Term 2**

**Start Date:** Learners – 12 Apr  
26 April - 1 May school mid term

**End Date:** Learners – 21 Jun

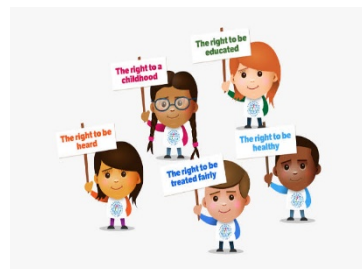
**Term 3:**

**Start Date:** Learners – 19 July  
10, 11 Aug mid term

**End Date:** Learners - 28

We celebrated Child Protection Week. All children are vulnerable to abuse. Child protection extends further than services that intervene in situations where a child is at risk of or experiencing harm. Ensuring the safety of legal

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children is a and ethical concern of all interact professionally or personally with children.

Child protection provides an opportunity to and understand why a child’s safety is so important. Child protection week aims to awareness across society to better ensure protection and care of children.

We are in the final stretch of this term. All need to stay focused in order to make use of the last opportunities available to them to excel in the last few exam papers.

I hope you have a good weekend.

**ts:**  
 12 June – Foundation Phase assessment start  
 13 June – Gr. 1-3 Castle of Good Hope Excursion

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