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Dear Parents,

The following story was widely spread on social media. I found it very insightful and wish to share it with you.

An elephant and a dog became pregnant at same time. Three months down the line the dog gave birth to six puppies. Six months later the dog was pregnant again, and nine months on it gave birth to another dozen puppies. The pattern continued. On the eighteenth month the dog approached the elephant questioning, "Are you sure that you are pregnant? We became pregnant on the same date, I have given birth three times to a dozen puppies, and they are now grown to become big dogs, yet you are still pregnant. What's going on?". The elephant replied, "There is something I want you to understand. What I am carrying is not a puppy but an elephant. I only give birth to one in two years.

When my baby hits the ground, the earth feels it. When my baby crosses the road, human beings stop and watch in admiration, what I carry draws attention. So, what I'm carrying is mighty and great." Don't lose faith when you see others succeed in life. Say to yourself "My time is coming, and when it hits the surface of the earth, people shall yield in admiration."

L. Ortell

Winter School:

Dear Parents, a letter was sent out on May the 30th with information about the winter school program. Please see the attached schedule for more details. The winter school is compulsory for grade 10-12.

Winter School

SESSION 1 (08H30-10H30)

GRADE	MONDAY 26/06	TUESDAY 27/06	WEDNESDAY 28/06	THURSDAY 29/06	FRIDAY 30/06
10	CAT HIST(E1)	LO	PHYSICS B. STUDIES DESIGN (E2)	AFRIKAANS	LO
11	ENGLISH	AFRIKAANS	LIFE SCIENCES VA (E3)	LO	MATH MATH LIT
12	MATH/MATH LIT	MATH/MATH LIT	CAT THEORY VA(E1)	PHYSICS/HIST	CAT PRAC

SESSION 2 (11H00-13H00)

GRADE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10	LIFE SCIENCES VA (E3)	ENGLISH	MATH/LIT	ENG	LIFE SCIENCES VA (E3)
11	MATH MATH LIT	PHYSICS B. STUDIES E(2)	CAT	CAT/HIST(E1)	ENG
12	ENGLISH	AFRIKAANS	LIFE SCIENCES (E3)	LO	B. STUDIES DESIGN (E4)

Winter accessories:

Dear Parents,

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.

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

Absent during the exams:

Please provide us with a doctor's note when your child is absent during the exams.

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** and **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 and plaque:



Principal's message:

On June 16, South Africa will be celebrating Youth Day. We pay tribute, not only to the events of June 16, 1976, but also to the important role that the youth play in building a new democratic South Africa now and in the future. It is time to remind our youth that this day and the days that lie ahead are not simply there for them as individuals, but rather to remind them as the collective about the important role that they will be playing in the future. They are busy shaping the future and they are needing the guidance, the knowledge and the wisdom from all who walk before them to help them achieve the dream of a fair, safe and rewarding future. Please don't stop setting a healthy and well-balanced example for your children now, this is only the beginning.

Top 5 facts about Youth Day in South Africa

1. ANC supporters at first called it Soweto Day, but the government changed it to Youth Day during Nelson Mandela's regime.
2. Nelson Mandela declared Youth Day an official public holiday in 1994.
3. Hector Pieterse, the schoolboy that the police killed in the Soweto Uprising protests that day symbolizes the consequences of oppression around the world. The Hector Pieterse Memorial Museum is in Orlando West, Soweto.
4. Mzansi's states used to celebrate Youth Day on different days. The government made the 16th of June the official Youth Day date, and the UN made the 12th of August the International Youth Day.
5. June 2022 is the Soweto Uprisings' 46th anniversary since the incident happened. The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) annually acknowledges the day through its Youth Action for Economic Freedom in Our Lifetime programme.

We need to appreciate Youth Day in South Africa by embracing the sacrifice of those who died for this country. To build a non-racial society and support young adults because South Africa needs these changes to grow.

At Riverside College, we are going to celebrate this Youth Day by writing a message to our older self, which we will then put into a time capsule box and bury on the school grounds until a future date when it will be dug up and the contents thereof revealed.

The first-time capsule box was buried in June 2016, by our then primary school learners - many of them still with us today in Grades 11 and 12 - and they are currently digging up that original time capsule box on the original site where our school started.



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 – 29

This is going to be an amazing “blast from the past” moment for those who were part of the original experience. It is going to be very interesting to see how they have changed over the past few years and how they feel about the things they buried on that day. The lesson



for all of them in this exercise is: Life is no different: - what we put in today is what we are going to see in the future!

Special message:

Don't forget to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday the 18th of June. Please accept our thanks and our appreciation for ALL who stand in those shoes every day, ready to stand up and be the example, make the sacrifices needed to help protect, shape and guide the many children that we deal with every single day, regardless of whether we are parents, teachers, spiritual caregivers or just ordinary people who are helping to shape and guide the future moms, dads, leaders and societies, people who will look back one day with gratitude in their forward to make an even of the efforts we are putting in difference, lets show them

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

19 June – June Exam Ends
20 June – Gr. 7-12 Bo-Kaap Museum Excursion

hearts and then move greater difference because today! Dads do make a some love!

We wish you a wonderful long weekend!

Staff and management.