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Dear Parents,

We have made it halfway through 2023! Not too long ago, our lives were consumed by curfews, masks and mass chaos. Life looks very different now. As time passes so quickly, we must stop and appreciate the things we have and the people we hold closest to us.

This week's letter is a little more light-hearted than usual. Too often we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, but what if we made a conscious effort to connect with those we love and be happy?

Below, I have listed some of the celebratory days of August:

- National Night Out Day (1st of August)
- National Ice Cream Sunday Day (2nd of August)
- National Sisters Day (6th of August)
- National Friendship Day (6th of August)
- National Happiness Happens Day (8th of August)
- National Book Lover's Day (9th of August)
- National Son and Daughter Day (11th of August)
- World Elephant Day (12th of August)
- National Dog Day (26th of August)
- National Toasted Marshmallow Day (30th of August)

I challenge you to celebrate all of these celebratory days this month. Come up with some out-of-the-box ideas and fun family activities. Once we allow ourselves to relax, we will reconnect with those around us and make happiness happen.

Ms. Scheepers

Upcoming Olympiads:

We would like to remind all learners about the following upcoming Olympiads that will be written during the course of the next few weeks:

- Proverto Business Olympiad – Round Two: Wednesday, 2 August
- Conquesta Olympiads: from Monday, 7 August to Monday, 21 August.
- Mathematics Olympiad – Grade 7 to 9: Wednesday, 30 August and Thursday, 31 August.

Learners **must** be sure to check the dates of the Olympiads on the bulletin board.

Parent Meetings:

Thank you to each and every parent who made the effort and took the time to join us for the parent meetings that were held this past week. Even though it is bitterly cold to have to come out in the evenings these meetings are a vital part of your child's academic success and the only way to keep in touch with the educators that are teaching and supporting your child at school. Emails and telephone calls don't always convey the messages that a face to face meeting does and in order for your child to have the full benefit of his academic journey these meetings are important. Please do not hesitate to contact our

teachers or our principal if there is anything that you need assistance with regarding your child's academic performance and wellbeing.

Grade 12 Prelim Examinations:

The Departmental dates have been confirmed and the Grade 12 timetables have been drawn up accordingly. It is a tough timetable and we must ask that you keep on top of what is expected of your grade 12 child.

Please be mindful when planning outings, family trips, holidays and other events that might take your child away from his/her studies for an extended period. Our grade 12 learners have a very busy schedule covering the next few weeks leading up to the start of their final exams. I have included important exam dates below for easy reference, and to give you an idea of how little time we have left before we sit for our final NSC exams.

From Monday the 31st of August our Grade 12 learners have exactly 51 school days till they start their final examinations.

Final Life Orientation examination – 04th Sep – School days – 22 days.

Prelim examinations – 04th Sep to 29th Sep – School days to start of prelims – 22 days.

Final C.A.T practical examination – 05th Sep

Final NSC examinations – 30th October to 08th of December – School days to start – 51 in total.

Please remember: Your child may not be absent without a Valid Doctors certificate for any of the prelim or final examinations. The dates and times are set and we cannot make any exceptions or alterations to these dates and times. Please do not keep your child at home “to study” as they will be missing out on vital information that will be shared in the classrooms. No teacher will or is in authority to give a child permission to stay at home, so please do not be misled by misinformation regarding such issues. Your child must attend school every day!

Winter accessories:

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

- White or maroon scarves. (Black is not a part of our school colours.)
- No beanies.

Also, kindly keep to white or flesh toned undergarments and not coloured T-shirts. As well as socks – any other color sock must be worn underneath the grey socks and must not stick out in any way.

We do understand that it is cold, but please adhere to the school rules regarding our uniform.

Grade 12 Fundraising Events:

Our Grade 12 class of 2023 have reached the end of their academic journey at Riverside College and as a way of saying thank you for all the support received during the year with their fundraising events, they wanted to collaborate with the community on their last event. This gesture of gratitude was planned to not only raise money, but also celebrate the changing of the seasons with Spring Day on the 1st of September!



The theme for spring day this year is - Rainbow Day and we have decided to celebrate this day by incorporating the wearing of funky socks into the mix.

The cost of R30 is payable by Wednesday the 30th and the proceeds will be split as follows:

R20 will go to the grade 12 farewell fund.

R10 will go to the Home of Hope – which is an organisation that takes care of children, provides education to children with special needs in order to help them build a brighter future.

What a beautiful way to end your schooling career by helping the next child continue theirs...

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.

School Photo's:

If you missed the opportunity to order your child's school photos, there is still time to do so. Please send your order to: **info@framedbyclaire.co.za**.

Saturday Sport Matches:

We are looking forward to the following sporting events this term. Parents are encouraged to come along and support their children.

5 August 2023 – Wellington Prep & College – Netball (u/15 & u/19) and Soccer (u/16 & u/19)

19 August 2023 – Simond Private School – Netball (U/19)

Principal's message:

This week I was listening to a meditation that made me think a little deeper about life.

Every morning I get up, get ready, and do what is required for the day. I never really think about what gives me energy and what diminishes it. With my goals in mind, I focus and try my best daily.

In the meditation that I was doing, it was highlighted that things – people, clutter, work, family, friends, and so many other aspects – either give you energy or diminish it.

I went through my own personal daily routine and realized what was taking too much energy from me, and I decided to either reduce the power it has over me or cut it out of my life.

This week, I would like to encourage you to focus on what gives you energy and what takes it away from you. I think if you can make small changes, it can make a huge difference daily. I know that it is easier said than done, but if we are aware of it, we can change it.

Small steps are all that is required. Every small step we take, contributes to the bigger picture of being a healthy, motivated, and a driven individual. Our children see how we operate in our daily lives and that eventually becomes part of their lives too.

I believe that every parent just wants to be the best version of themselves for their children at the end of the day.

Have a blessed Term 3!

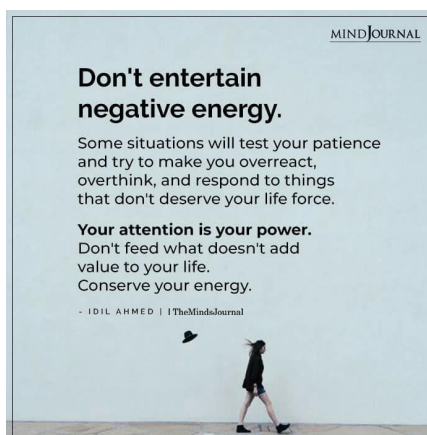
Enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards.

Staff and management.

Monday	Day 1	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	Day 2	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	Day 3	07:55 – 15:15

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Thursday Day 4 07:55 – 15:15
Friday Day 5 07:55 – 14:00

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

04 Aug – Extra classes Grade 12 - English
04 Aug – Cake sale
09 Aug – Women’s Day celebrations
10-11 Aug – Midterm Break
14-18 Aug – Job Shadowing Grade 10 & 11
18 Aug – Extra classes Grade 12 - Math’s and
Math’s Literacy
25 Aug – Extra classes Grade 12 – Afrikaans
01 Sept – Extra classes Grade 12 – CAT
01 Sept – Funky socks day in aid of Home of Hope
04 Sept – Life Orientation Grade 12 Exam
06 Sept – Trail Exams start – Grade 12

2023 Term Dates:

Term 3:

Start Date: Learners – 19
July
10, 11 Aug mid term
End Date: Learners - 28
Sept

Term 4:



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