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Dear Parents,

Riverside College stands in gratitude and celebration that the pandemic along with the hardships that it brought to many is now over. The decision to go back to our roots and start implementing and elevating the experiences for all learners and teachers again was the best decision ever! We did this by bringing back all field trips, excursions and cultural outings for all learners. Some of the events we hosted this term included our long-standing annual Art Auction, Africa Day celebrations and also the sporting events that we were a part of. We want to create that wholesome feeling of happiness again, so that our learners can get on with the task of passing and achieving their ultimate goals and dreams!

As I sat here trying to decide what message I wanted to end this term with I was once again struck by the simple power of gratitude! Yes, we could approach each day with fear, anger, resentment and even envy, but would that leave us feeling good about ourselves, about the people we share our lives with or the people we work with? Would it improve the way we treat and deal with the teachers, caretakers and other significant role players that we have chosen to help us bring up our children or look after our elderly parents? Would this help us to be better law-abiding citizens or even more courteous and respectable road users? Would this make you a better person, parent or partner?

Being an adult and a parent is often be very challenging and even difficult, but so too is being a child and a young adult when the only example you have comes from someone who sees everything as negative and unfair, so it all depends on what you are focusing your energy on...Shifting your perspective and starting your day from a position of gratitude can and does make all the difference in the world!

It is so easy to get bogged down by the mundane tasks of parenting and living life that we often lose sight of the bigger picture – which is ultimately to live a respectable, fun filled, well balanced and productive life as a caring member of a healed society. A society that we have helped to heal through our focused efforts to be the positive change that we would like to see in the world around us.

Please remember that each day is a new opportunity to make a positive impact and difference not only in your child's life but also your own and by maintaining a positive outlook, you are creating a more enjoyable, fulfilling and loving environment for you and your children.

A positive attitude is a self-fulfilling prophecy: the more you embrace it, the more happiness and success you will experience in your daily life and human encounters.

Grade 6 News:

It was yet another great term with the Grade 6's. They continue to shine in everything they do. Their positive attitudes are inspirational to everyone around them. They make me proud in many ways, but they still have much to learn. I hope the positivity and determination will always remain with them. Rest well this holiday, as Term 3 is going to require a lot of energy and brain power.



Other news:

Goodbye:

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to two of our Primary School teachers - Miss Steyn and Miss Booysens.

You will be missed by all.

We wish you both all the best with your new endeavours!

Honourable mention:

After a rough spell with her health and missed training sessions, Ziya Fataar (Gr.2) showed us exactly what she is made of when she took part in her first official gymnastics competition, Cape Town District Trials, and won a gold medal. She now qualifies to compete at the Western Cape Champs in Saldanha in July 2023.

Well done on your hard work and determination, Ziya! We are very proud of you.

Parent meetings:

Parents will be invited to attend the parent meeting, however, if you would like to have an appointment with your child's teacher, please email or send a message to the teacher concerned.

Rugga Roots:

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to the following learners who celebrate their birthday this week and those who will celebrate theirs in the holidays!

Ruvarashe Chironga	Grade 000	15 June
Mukundi Mhererwa	Grade 1	20 June
Angella Tshabalala	Grade 5	01 July
Cruz Daniel	Grade 5	08 July
Akani Khoza	Grade R	15 July

These are our Rugga Rugby heroes. They have enjoyed their term of learning some rugby skills.



Lost property:

Kindly note that we will be selling items in the lost property on Wednesday, 19 July and Thursday, 20 July from 3pm – 6 pm.

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 colour sock must be worn underneath the grey socks and must not stick out in any way.

shirts.
socks

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

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.

- 21st of July PJ Day.
- 1st 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 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.

Principal's message:

I would like to thank everyone who played a part in making this a successful term. We all worked hard and pushed through, and I hope the reports reflect that.

To the staff members, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your dedication and commitment to our learners. You give so much of yourselves, and you deserve a break. Enjoy your time with your families and do what makes you happy.

To the learners, I wish you a happy holiday filled with lots of fun and laughter. Thank you for being the light in our days. Thank you for your love and commitment to your schoolwork. We cherish each and every one of you.

To the parents, I want to thank you for your support and commitment to our school. We appreciate that we can always count on you. I hope you have a good rest and a break from the routine.

I hope you enjoy your holidays in good spirits and come back refreshed and rejuvenated.

Happy Holidays!
Staff and management.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events:

19 July – Term 3 starts for learners
19 July – Foundation Phase parent meetings
19 & 20 July – Intermediate Phase parent meetings
19 & 20 July – Lost property sale
21 July – PJ Day

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



2024 Term Dates:

Term 1

Term starts: Learners – 17 Jan
End date: Learners – 20 March

Term 2

Term starts: Learners – 10 Apr
End date: Learners – 14 June

Term 3

Term starts: Learners – 10 July
End date: Learners – 20 Sept

Term 4

Term starts: Learners – 09 Oct
End date: Learners – 06 Dec