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Dear Parent/Guardian

IMPORTANT



From the Principal's Office

Welcome back to all our educators, parents and learners after the winter holiday! Every day in this new term brings us closer to spring. Best of luck for all the academic, sport- & culture activities that will take place during this term. Thank you to every parent for your support and encouragement with your child's participation in all the activities that lies ahead.

A sincere welcome to all our new parents and learners from other schools at Riviera Primary. We trust that you will feel at home and grow with your child in every way possible.

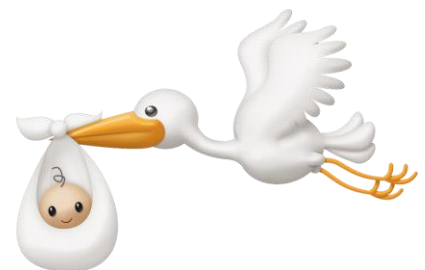
Thank you to every staff member for all your hard work and dedication during the previous term. I am extremely grateful for all your time, effort and endless contributions to our school and learners.

A. Staff Matters

Congratulations to Ms M Swanepoel, Ms L Bann, Ms M Wernich and Mr J Mabunda who recently welcomed a new addition to their families. Wishing you and your families much joy and happiness with your new arrivals. Ms M Swanepoel as well as Ms L Bann will be returning to school during this term and Ms M Wernich is currently on maternity leave until the end of term 3. A special word of welcome to Ms C Kriel in her capacity as substitute educator for Ms M Wernich. We are grateful for your hard work and the positive attitude that you portray to the staff and learners.

The stork has certainly been busy at our school this year!

Ms P Botha, Ms C Erasmus, Ms O Malebye and Ms M Prins will be leaving for maternity leave during this term. Wishing you and your families much happiness during this special time.



Please rest assured that the necessary arrangements have been made to ensure that a qualified substitute educator will be taking over while the educators are not at school, as quality learning and teaching remain our priority.

Please note that Mr P Malherbe is still on extended PILIR leave. We appreciate your understanding and support during his recovery period. Mr M Wernich is currently assisting with Mr P Malherbe's curriculum responsibilities.

B. Staff Birthdays for Term 3

Mr M Maja	General Assistant	21 July
Mr M Wernich	Grade 7 Educator	23 July
Ms S Boshoff	Grade R Educator	24 July
Ms W Theunissen	Grade 4 Educator	2 August
Ms C Smit	Grade 1 Educator	7 September
Ms S Sekhu	Social Worker	7 September
Ms R Bezuidenhout	Grade 1 Educator	18 September



C. School Uniforms

The school uniform and general appearance symbolizes the identity of the school and therefore every learner should be dressed according to the school dress code. Learners are encouraged to wear their school uniform with pride. **The correct uniform is to be always adhered to.** (Refer to the school diary.)

Parents should please consult and inform the relevant Departmental Head in writing if and when they require temporary deviation from the guidelines in the Code of Conduct.

For the correct school wear, please visit one of the following outfitters:

Parktown Stores: 012 335 2740 / 084 678 6421 (Khaki uniform, school dress)

Riviera Primary: 012 945 3964 (Jackets, beanies etc.)



Learners must wear their winter clothes until the end of August. There will be a transition stage until 13 September 2024, after which summer uniforms must be worn.

The School Governing Body (SGB) is planning to amend the current school uniform to make it more accessible and cost-effective. More information will be provided in due course.

D. School Hours

Grade R, 1 & 2	Monday – Friday 7:25 – 13:00
Grade 3 - 7	Monday – Thursday 7:25 – 13:40
Grade 3 - 7	Friday 7:25 – 13:00



Please take note:

1. Learners who arrive after 7:25 need to enter at the admin office via Ms D de Jager, whereby their names will be entered onto a data basis for future reference.
2. Administration period is from 7:25 – 7:35. Educators use this time to do the attendance register. If your child is going to be late, please call the office OR inform the relevant teacher via WhatsApp.
3. Parents are reminded that they are expected to ensure that the learner attends school daily, on time and for the whole school day unless there is a valid reason for absence.

4. Learners that need to leave the school premises before the end of the school day must be signed out at the reception by a legal parent and/or guardian.
5. Learners will not be allowed to leave the school premises with i.e. relatives/friends without the written consent of the legal parent and/or guardian.
6. Educators will only provide supervision, as indicated on previous communication to the remaining learners until 14:30. Learners must then either be actively involved in school activities, at home or in our after-care facility. If your child is not enrolled at the after-care facility at the school you **MUST** pick up your child before 14:30.

As per previous communication the following arrangements were implemented by the SMT and SGB in 2023:

7. Parents/transport have until 15:30 to pick up the learners that are waiting in Rose Street.
8. Learners who are not collected by 16:00 will be escorted to Daddy Day Care Aftercare where they will be supervised (at a fee of R50 per half an hour) by Mr C Gertholtz and the aftercare staff.
9. We ask that every parent please adhere to above mentioned arrangements and take responsibility for their child/children.

E. Public & School Holidays (no school)

9 August 2024	Women's Day
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F. School Fees

Riviera Primary is a section 21 school (fee paying school). We kindly remind all parents of the importance of timely payment of school fees. These fees are crucial for maintaining the high standards of education and resources we provide for our learners. Your prompt payments ensure that we can continue to offer the best possible learning environment for your children. **Riviera Primary cannot function without the financial support of our parents.**

Non payment of school fees is not an option. Should you experience a challenge with regards to paying your child's school fees we strongly advise you to contact the financial office a.s.a.p. **We want to express our sincere gratitude to all our parents who pay their school fees on time.**

School fees for 2024: R10 800.00 per child per year / **R 900 x 12 months**

Thank you 

G. Mini Test Series (Gr 4 – 7)

Our Mini Test Series will commence on Monday, 26 August 2024. Learners will receive a timetable and demarcations for the respective subjects. Please monitor and support your child at home and ensure that he/she prepares for the assessments in advance.

The school day will function as normal with a test period at the beginning of the day. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child arrives at school on time for the test. If your child is absent a doctor's letter is required. The demarcations will also be available on the school's website. Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant subject educator should you require more information.

H. Poetry Festival

Our annual poetry festival will take place on the following dates:

Gr R – 3: 31 July 2024
Gr 4 – 7: 1 August 2024



Should you require more information please contact the organiser, Ms P Botha.

I. Gr 4 – 7 Revue “SA Music Stars Through the Ages”

We are very excited and cannot wait for this wonderful event!
Our Gr 4 – 7 learners have been practising extremely hard and will be performing various dance items on the 16th of August 2024.



Ticket sales opened on Monday, 15 July 2024 and are selling fast!
Please do not wait until the last minute to purchase your ticket(s), as there are only a certain number of tickets available due to the limited seating space in our school hall.

Tickets are only R50-00 per person and are available at the reception desk with Ms D de Jager.

J. Activities for Term 3

Soccer

Teams	Coaches	Practise Times	Where?
Mini Soccer Coordinator: Ms R Bezuidenhout (Training commences on 22 July 2024)			
U/7 U/8	Ms M Bester Ms F Mvasa	Monday (13:00 – 13:40) Wednesday (13:00 – 13:40)	Netball Field
League Teams Coordinator: Mr J Mabunda (Training commences on 22 July 2024)			
U/11	External Coach	Monday(14:00 – 15:00) Wednesday (14:00 – 15:00)	Rugby/Soccer Field
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We are looking for sponsorships for our soccer teams. We need soccer balls as well as basic training equipment to enhance our learners' skills. PLEASE contact Mr J Mabunda/Ms R Bezuidenhout if you are interested in donating to the school OR if you know of a company that might be willing to assist us.

Hockey

Teams	Coaches	Practise Times
Mini-Hockey Coordinator: Ms M Swanepoel (Training commences on 16 July 2024)		

U/8	Ms E Nell	Tuesday & Thursday 13:50 -14:30
U/9	Ms L van Zyl/Ms M Swanepoel	
Senior Teams Coordinator: Ms J Jordaan (Training commences on 16 July 2024)		
U/11	Ms J Jordaan Ms D Yssel (Assistant Coach)	Tuesday & Thursday 13:50 -15:00
U/13	Mr M Wernich Ms D Yssel (Assistant Coach)	

Cross Country

Coordinator: Ms W Theunissen

Coach: Ms O Malebye

Training takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 13:40 – 15:00.



K. Leader Identification & Development Day (“LID Day”)

The grade 6 learners will have a Leadership and Identification Day on Saturday, 31 August 2024. The purpose of this day is to identify as well as teach leadership skills through challenging team building sessions and problem-solving activities. Grade 6 parents received written communication on 12 June 2024. Please contact Ms C Erasmus should you require more information.

L. Grade 8 (2025) Survival Course

Many learners are totally unprepared to cope with the transition from primary- to high school and to cope with the new challenges facing them.

These challenges could include:

- A strange new environment with senior learners, many teachers
- Much faster work tempo and increased workload
- New, difficult and complex subjects

If learners are emotionally, mentally and academically ill prepared to face these changed conditions, fear, uncertainty and stress could result.

To help and assist learners in managing and coping with these changing circumstances, a ‘Survival Course’ has been developed for grade 7 learners which addresses the following aspects:

- ⇒ Personality and my study style
- ⇒ My attitude toward high school, fears, motivation and self-image development
- ⇒ Planning and time management
- ⇒ Summarising, how to study, memorising techniques, mind maps
- ⇒ Preparing for the exam, how to interpret and write the exam paper.

The programme is presented in a structured environment by skilled and experienced educators who can identify problem areas and suggest remedial actions. Learners use their own subject textbooks for practical work and receive a training manual. This interactive programme includes individual as well as group work and is presented for two consecutive afternoons at school. This is the second consecutive year that this programme is to be presented at Riviera Primary School and positive feedback was received from previous attending learners.

The next grade 7-programme will be presented at Riviera Primary on 21 and 22 October 2024, from 14:00 to 17:00 on both days. Both days are to be attended. The cost of the program is only R350 per learner for both days.

Please contact Ms M Prins (Head of Grade 7) should you require more information.



M. Family Movie Night

Back by popular demand! You asked and we listened...

A date has been scheduled to ensure that no rain, hail or storms spoil our evening.

Please mark Friday, 30 August 2024 on your calendar and keep an eye on the class WhatsApp groups as more detailed information will follow soon.

N. Discipline

The school acknowledges and supports the right of every learner to education but the right to education also places the responsibility on every parent (and learner) to ensure that their child:

- Attends school regularly, to learn, and to work hard
- Cooperate respectfully with teachers and fellow learners
- Works hard and do his/her best in everything he/she does
- Recognizes that living a good and successful life involves hard work, and that anything worthwhile only comes with effort.



We ask every parent to please promote the importance of self-discipline at home to ensure that quality learning and teaching can take place at school.

O. Liaison with the school

We have several channels of communication to ensure effective and timely communication:

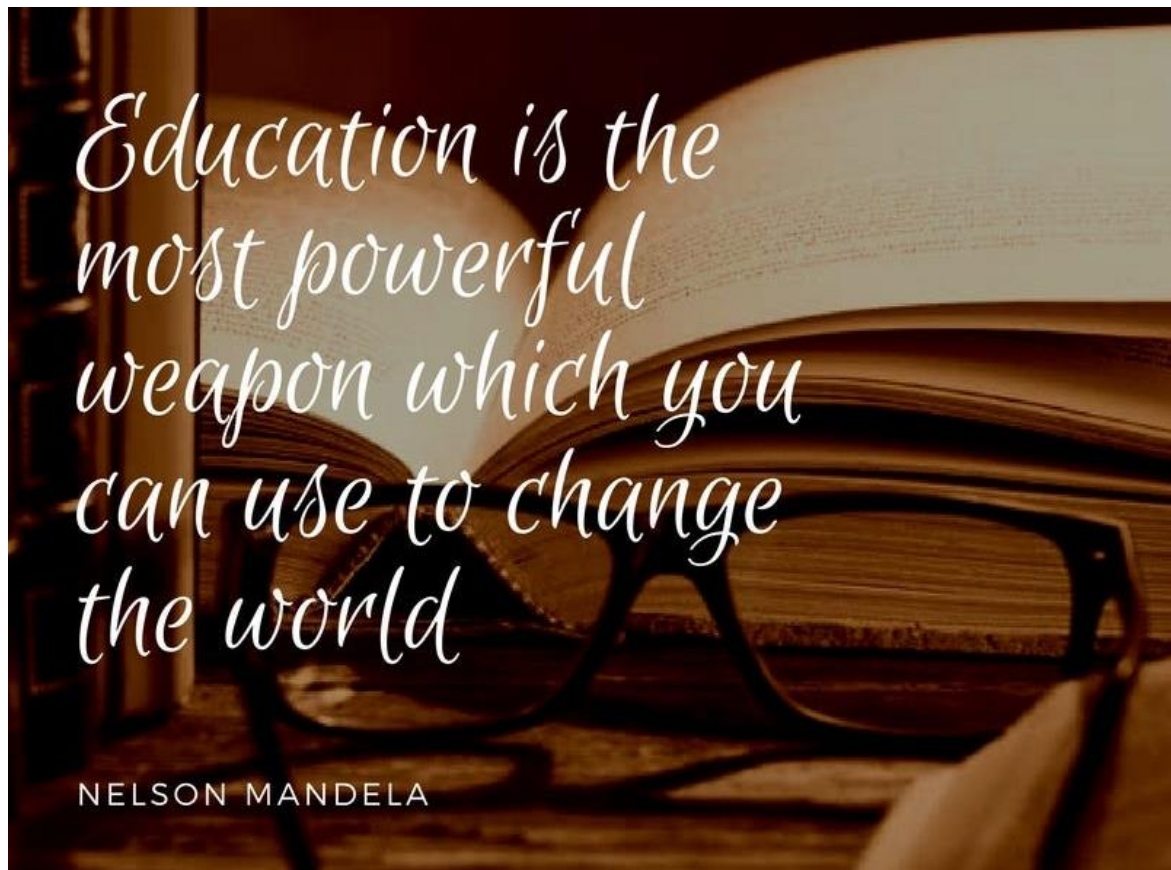
1. **Class WhatsApp groups:** For important updates, announcements and notifications.
2. **E-mail:** For direct communication with specific staff members. Please refer to the front of the learner diaries for detailed contact information.
3. **Parent-teacher meetings:** Teachers send meeting requests regularly for discussing student progress and concerns. (Academic and/or discipline)
4. **School newsletters:** Distributed via class WhatsApp groups to keep parents informed about school events and important news.
5. **Phone calls:** For urgent matters or quick inquiries.
6. **Social media:** Follow our official Facebook page for updates and community engagement.
7. **Letter box in school foyer:** For questions, complaints and compliments please make use of the letter box in the school foyer at the reception desk.

Parents must please remember that the school has established channels of communication therefore the SMT and SGB invite every parent to become involved in their child/children's education. Your participation and input are invaluable in helping us shape the future of our school and ensure the best educational experience for our children.

Thanking you in advance for your continuous support. We are looking forward to a wonderful new term!

Kind regards

Ms N Breet
Principal



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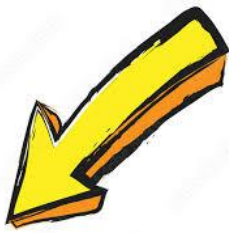
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*We See You.
We Hear You.
We Support You.*



Gr R - 3 Learners & Staff
Make a card & bring a special treat
for an elderly person that lives in an
old age home.

Gr 4 - 7 Learners & Staff
Bring any donation for abandoned
pets at the SPCA.
(Dry or tin food)