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Headlines

All glory comes from daring to begin.

~ Eugene F. Ware ~

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

The latest school calendar will probably be published in the Government Gazette within the next few days, but the school however decided to share the information herewith, for the attention of our parents:

Term 1	15 February – 23 April
Term 2	03 May – 09 July
Term 3	26 July – 01 October
Term 4	11 October – 15 December

Public Holidays

21 March	Human Rights Day
22 March	Public Holiday
02 April	Good Friday
05 April	Family Day
1 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
9 August	Women's' Day
24 September	Heritage Day

SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR LEARNERS

We are truly grateful that the school is "geared" for the challenges lying ahead in 2021. The excitement of staff the past few days has been noticeable. I can assure you that the school is striving towards "normality" within this temporary, extraordinary, circumstances.

The learners will be returning to school this coming Monday, after a period of two months. Over the past three weeks, the staff and school management “unpacked” the challenges and “re-arranged it in shelves” again, to unlock the learning material systematically and effectively for each learner – we are looking forward!!!

We request parents to please provide the necessary support and motivation at home. Stick with the tempo of the school, our planning is of such a nature that we will be able to easily do all the schoolwork, and more, within the framework given to us by the Department of Education.

The school has various learning support programmes and staff who can support our learners within school hours, should there be a need for additional revision/capturing.

We are very proud that all the learners, in conjunction with the Department of Education, progressed to the next grade or has been advanced to the next grade. This reiterates the school’s ability to reach every learner on individual level.

Enjoy the academic program!

EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Several private and professional institutions are already allowed to resume with sport practice and cultural activities.

Parents must please keep in mind that the Department of Education does not haphazardly give, or has given, schools’ permission to resume activities. You will however notice that the school has, on a small scale, started introducing certain activities, within the framework as allowed by the Department of Education.

Please make use of these opportunities. It will gradually prepare learners for the resumption of any sport and cultural activities as soon as permission is granted.

There will be fitness practice on 16, 17 and 18 February 2021 from 14:15 – 15:15 for: Athletics, Rugby en Netball. Information with regards to further practice will be communicated in a next Riebie Chatter.

GOVERNING BODY ELECTION 2021

Herewith an extract from the Governing Body Election 2021 letter, which was communicated to parents via the d6 Connect: -

Herewith notice of our nomination and election process:

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| 4 March 2021 | Nomination process begins at 08:00.
Parents can come and sign out a nomination form, from Mrs. Zelda de Goede in the office – from 08:00 only. |
| 5 March 2021 | The nomination form must be signed by the nominated candidate, the nominator, and the seconder, and handed in to Mrs. Zelda de Goede at the school office, not later than 13:00. |

The school qualifies for six governing body parent members. If the school receives only six parent nominations, an election will not be required. The relevant nominated candidates will then be elected uncontested. Should the school receive more than six parent nominations, the election will take place as follows:

- 9 March 2021 Full-day election (voting day) from 07:00 – 18:00.
Parents can make use of an electronic platform to vote.
Further information with regards to this platform will be communicated to everyone as soon as possible.
- 9 March 2021 Votes will be counted from 18:15.
- 10 March 2021 The governing body is announced.

DUTIES OF A GOVERNING BODY

The duties of a governing body include, amongst others, the following:

1. The maintenance and development of the school buildings, terrain, and grounds.
2. Division in sub-committees, consisting of other parents, under the guidance of the governing body members.
3. Fundraising.
4. Determining the extramural program of the school.
5. Procurement of textbooks, writing books and other educational material for the school.
6. Drafting of annual budget.
7. Determining the admissions policy, language policy and religious orientation of the school.
8. Payment of services supplied to the school.
9. Support the school principal and staff in the sound management of the school.
10. No governing body member may interfere with the professional duties (educational duties) of a teacher.

NON-ELECTABLE

The following persons will not be electable to the governing body of Laerskool Van Riebeeckpark Primary:

1. Someone who is not a South African citizen;
2. Someone who has been sentenced to prison, due to an offence, without the choice of a fine;
3. Someone who is mentally unfit;
4. An unrehabilitated insolvent person; and
5. A parent whose child is not enrolled at Laerskool Van Riebeeckpark Primary.

TERM OF OFFICE AND MEETINGS

An elected parent will be a member of the governing body for THREE years, and meetings will take place at least once a month.

NOMINATED PERSONS

A parent can only remain a governing body member as long as his/her child is enrolled at Laerskool Van Riebeeckpark Primary. In other words, as soon as the child leaves the school, the parent's membership of the governing body is terminated with immediate effect, and a by-election must be held to elect a replacement.

It is very important that nominated persons, possess the following characteristics:

1. Loyalty and having the school's best interest at heart, as well as the interest of education in general.
2. A parent who will, at all times, adhere to his/her responsibilities in respect of the school.
3. Interest in school matters, learners, and general school management.
4. Participate constructively in discussions and can take a stand.
5. Can work with people, work as a team, and can act as chairperson of a sub-committee of the governing body.
6. Will faithfully attend meetings.

Great leaders don't set out to be a leader.....
They set out to make a difference.
It's never about the role - always about the goal.

~ Lisa Haisha~

V Botha | School Principal



Academics

RIEBIES READ

Riebies have the opportunity to get involved in the Stimulus Maksima online reading program. Since the school is registered with Stimulus Maksima, learners have free access to the reading programs. We recommend that parents register their children. Contact Ms Hannelie van Zyl at 082 335 6978 for more information. Ms Van Zyl will make available reading exercises for Foundation Phase learners on TEAMS from 15 February 2021.

MERIT ACKNOWLEDGMENT BADGES - 2020

Learners who qualified for merit badges and who received merit award letters, can purchase the badges from Ms van Niekerk up until 28 February 2021. Please place the correct amount, as indicated on the letter, together with the merit award letter, in an envelope. Write your child's name and grade on the envelope, as well as: **ATTENTION**: Ms Van Niekerk. Learners must hand the envelope to their class teacher.

WHAT HAPPENS THE FIRST WEEK, 15 – 19 FEBRUARY 2021

General

- Regulations determine that no parents are allowed on the terrain without an appointment. We request parents to please abide by this arrangement.
- Different grade groups have different break times, to avoid congestion of learners on the terrain.
- Learners' hands are sanitized when they enter the class, as well as when they exit the class.
- Learners remain in one class and staff rotates to the different classes for subject teaching, Grade 4 – Grade 7.
- Please ensure that all stationery and clothing are clearly marked.

What must learners bring to school?

Since it is the commencement of a normal school day, learners must come to school wearing school clothes / school PT clothes and must bring their school bags with their Day 1 and Day 2 books, for the subjects as indicated on the subject roster.

15, 16 and 19 February 2021

Entrance gates

Grade R & RR:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 06:45 – 07:15
Grade 1:	Playground gate on North side of the school 06:45 – 07:40
Grade 2, group 1:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 06:45 – 07:40
Grade 3, group 1:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 06:45 – 07:40
Grade 4:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 06:45 – 07:25
Grade 6:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 06:45 – 07:25

Learners' hands are sanitized, and their temperature will be scanned.

Exit gates

We request parents to please not linger at the gates or on the pavements. Learners are accompanied by teachers to the gates and must wait on the pavements until they see their parents' vehicle. Please be very careful and patient to ensure that all our learners get to the vehicles safely.

Grade R & RR:	School Hall gate and motor gate as arranged 12:30
Grade 1:	Playground gate on North side of the school 13:30 on Mondays to Thursdays 12:30 on Fridays
Grade 2, group 1:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 13:30 on Mondays to Thursdays 12:30 on Fridays
Grade 3, group 1:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 13:45 on Mondays to Thursdays 12:45 on Fridays
Grade 4:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 14:00 on Mondays to Thursdays 13:00 on Fridays
Grade 6:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 14:00 on Mondays to Thursdays 13:00 on Fridays

17 and 18 February 2021

Entrance gates

Grade R & RR:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 06:45 – 07:15
Grade 1:	Playground gate on North side of the school 06:45 – 07:40
Grade 2, group 2:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 06:45 – 07:40
Grade 3, group 2:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 06:45 – 07:40
Grade 5:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 06:45 – 07:25
Grade 7:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 06:45 – 07:25

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Grade 2, group 2:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 13:30 on Mondays to Thursdays 12:30 on Fridays
Grade 3, group 2:	Drive-in lane on East side of the school 13:45 on Mondays to Thursdays 12:45 on Fridays
Grade 5:	School Hall gate on West side of the school 14:00 on Mondays to Thursdays 13:00 on Fridays
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Sport

CHESS

Van Riebeeckpark Primary is proud to announce that Mr. Almero Du Pisanie will be our new chess coach. Mr. Almero Du Pisanie is an expert and well-known in chess circles.

We would like to kick off with the chess immediately, since it can take place electronically (online).

Learners from Grade 3 – Grade 7 who would like to participate in chess and who are interested to qualify for the Riebie chess team, is requested to send the following information, to Mrs. Albé Opperman via WhatsApp, before 15 February 2021.

- Learner's name and surname
- Learner's grade in 2021
- Learner's birth date

Take note: These learners must ALREADY be able to play chess and must be able to participate in competitions.

There is unfortunately no chess for beginners at this stage.



Culture

Culture will go ahead at the Riebies, until further notice! We are very excited and happy to be able to offer this opportunity to our learners.

SENIOR CHOIR

Auditions will take place on 18 February 2021. Learners can come for an audition in the school hall any time between 16:00 – 18:00.

All learners who did not attend an audition at the end of 2020, are more than welcome to attend the auditions. We ask that parents please wait for their children, as the audition is a quick process, and we want to avoid groups. All learners must report with their masks on. Learners' temperature will be scanned, and their hands will be sanitised.

Learners who pass the auditions will be informed via letter. Letters will be handed out on/before 22 February 2021. The first practice will take place on 25 February 2021.

Teacher Liza Meyer is the Senior Choir organiser. Direct any enquiries to: liza@riebie.co.za

JUNIOR CHOIR

Auditions will take place on 18 February 2021. Learners can come for an audition in the school hall any time between [13:45 – 15:00](#). All learners who did not attend an audition at the end of 2020 are more than welcome to attend the auditions. We ask that parents please wait for their children, as the audition is a quick process, and we want to avoid groups. All learners must report with their masks on. Learners' temperature will be scanned, and their hands will be sanitised.

Learners who pass the auditions will be informed via letter. Letters will be handed out on/before 22 February 2021. The first practice will take place 25 February 2021.

Teacher Lerentia Brits is the Junior Choir organiser. Direct any enquiries to: lerentia@riebie.co.za

REVUE

Only learners who receive an invitation for a second audition, as well as new learners at the school, may attend this audition. Invitations will go out on/before 19 February 2021.

Auditions will take place in the school hall on, 22 February 2021, between [17:00 – 18:00](#). Learners can dress casually and bring water with. All learners must report with their masks on. Learners' temperatures will be scanned, and their hands will be sanitised. Learners who passed the auditions will be informed per letter on/before 26 February 2021. Practice will start on 1 March 2021.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We, as Riebies, decided to continue with the Internal Public Speaking. The Afrikaans Internal dates for the different grade groups are as follow:

1 March 2021	Grade 6 & Grade 7
2 March 2021	Grade 4 & Grade 5
3 March 2021	Grade 2 & Grade 3
4 March 2021	Grade 1

The names of the Super 12 public speaking learners must be submitted on 5 March 2021. Tentative dates for the Super 12 Public Speaking are 26 & 27 March 2021.

Note: English Internal Public Speaking will take place in the second term.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Themes</u> <u>Afrikaans</u>	<u>Themes</u> <u>English</u>
Grade 1 – 3	Kaalvoet Wonder Fees	Beauty Cloud Boxes
Grade 4 – 5	Letters Voetspore Voel Kaalvoet Wonder Fees	Think Proud Save Beauty Cloud Boxes

Grade 6 – 7

Toekoms
Liefhê
Afronding
Letters
Voetspore
Voel

Toxic
Trash
Face
Think
Proud
Save

Time:

The duration of speeches is as follow:

- Grade 1 – 3 : 2 – 4 minutes
- Grade 4 – 5 : 3 – 5 minutes
- Grade 6 – 7 : 4 – 6 minutes

Private persons and Institutions that you can contact for assistance with the composing of speeches:

- Lydia Swanepoel 073 829 0593
- Anserie Badenhorst 083 501 1913
- Ster Redenaars www.sterredenaars.co.za



General

OLYF

If there are any parents who are in dire need, please contact Mrs. Ansa Mulder by e-mail at ansa@riebie.co.za or by WhatsApp on 073 945 4503.

Moms who would like to get involved with the provision of lunch packs for our needy learners, must please contact Mrs. Ansa Mulder as indicated above.

You provide a sandwich, fruit, and juice, once a month. You will be added to the WhatsApp group, on which the schedule and more information is made available.

CLOTHES BANK AND DONATIONS

Parents who would like to swap or purchase school clothes, must please send an email to Mrs. Sophia Green at sophia@riebie.co.za. Mrs. Green will then contact you to confirm an appointment with you. Textbooks are also available from the clothes bank, only if you are in need of it.

A big thank you for your positive support. Thank you also to parents for all the donations, amongst others, for the Riebie food bank, school clothes and textbooks. These donations make a huge difference in the lives of our learners.

RIEBIE RASCALS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE

The After-School Centre is open daily from 06:30 – 18:00 daily.

The After-School Centre will again accommodate learners, who are at the school on rotation, with effect from 15 February 2021, from 13:00 daily. After-School learners who are not attending school, according to the rotation schedule, will be accommodated from 06:30 on those days. We offer this service especially to accommodate working parents.

- Costs amount to R785.00 per month.
- Warm lunch is prepared and served daily.
- Learners also attend a homework class daily, to do their homework under the supervision of a staff member.

Study classes will only resume from the second week.

- Junior After-School Centre : 076 515 5497
- Senior After-School Centre : 082 265 4909

For any enquiries or complaints, please feel free to email Mrs. T. Abrahams by teresa@riebie.co.za