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Headlines

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

~ Abraham Lincoln ~

PENCIL AND ERASER

I would like to share the following with parents and teachers:

Pencil : I'm sorry!

Eraser : What for? You haven't done anything wrong....

Pencil : I am so sorry that you get hurt as a result of me. If I make a mistake, you are always there to fix it. But while erasing my mistakes, you lose a part of yourself. You just become smaller and smaller....

Eraser : It is true, but I don't really mind. I was made for that purpose. I was made to help you whenever you do something wrong. And even though I will be totally gone one day, and you will replace me with another one, I am actually very happy in my work... Please stop worrying now. I hate it when you are sad!

This discussion between the pencil and the eraser is just so applicable to parents and children...

- ♥ Children are the pencils and parents the erasers.... Parents are always there for their children....
- ♥ They handle the mistakes and sometimes they get hurt themselves, as a result thereof....
- ♥ In the process they get smaller (parent) and eventually they are not there anymore....
- ♥ Children will in time find someone in place of their parents (spouse), but parents are still there for their children and will always do everything in their power to lessen or resolve their children's concerns and sadness....

I have been a pencil my whole life. And it hurts me tremendously to see my parents, who are my erasers, shrink away under my eyes! I realize all too well, that one day I will only sit with the eraser shavings and the memories of what I once had....

.....And this praise goes to each parent who gives their utmost best to their children!!!

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

A sincere thank you to each parent (Grade 1 – Grade 3) who attended the parent information sessions last Saturday. Contrary to previous years, the school decided to present the information sessions on Saturdays, to reach as many families as possible, within the COVID-19 regulations.

On 20 February 2021, the Grade 4 – Grade 7 parents will have the opportunity to attend an information session. We look forward to seeing you at the school.

ACADEMICS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Remember: Parents, teachers, and learners are continuously busy to adapt to the new challenges to ensure effective academic progress, within the framework of health and safety. Here at the Riebies we set the pace last year, and with the faith of our community and enthusiastic staff, we are certainly going to do it again.

Parents and teachers' overwhelming instinct is to protect their families, especially the learners. I remind parents that the responsibility rests with each individual to stay healthy during this time.

If your child shows any of the following symptoms, you must please keep your child at home and consult a medical practitioner if necessary.

- High fever
- Fatigue
- Cough
- Body aches
- Blocked nose
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Diarrhoea (runny tummy)

COMORBIDITIES & LEARNERS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all parents who, under difficult circumstances, assist their child/ren with schoolwork during this trying time. I am tremendously grateful for that.

Parents, staff, and learners are busy adapting to the new norms and standards of education. Safety, health, and academic progression are **common goals**. Discussions at home currently revolves around options of home schooling or returning to contact learning. Please make the right decision in the interest of your family, and not in the interest of the opinion of your circle of friends. Parents' instincts are to protect their families, especially their child/ren. The responsibility lies with each individual to create peace and joy in your household.

Herewith more explanations and guidelines to accommodate and assist learners and parents with comorbidities:

1. LEARNERS WITH COMORBIDITIES

The school is fully aware that there are learners with underlying medical conditions. The following are only a few examples of underlying medical conditions:

- Cardiovascular disease
- Asthma
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Cancer
- HIV
- Obesity (Body Mass Index 40 and higher)

Please contact Mrs. A. Mulder at the school if your child/ren have any underlying medical conditions. **It is extremely important that the school is notified of this and that the necessary documentation is completed.**

2. PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH COMORBIDITIES

There are also parents or guardians who are concerned to send their child/ren back to school, due to personal reasons, for example: grandparents living with the family, safety at the school, parents themselves who possibly have underlying medical conditions, etcetera.

Please contact Mrs. A. Mulder at the school for more information regarding this matter.

3. LEARNERS' SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents who opt to remove their children from the school for the rest of 2021, and who want to apply for the learner to join a mainstream school again, must realize that the learner will have to repeat his/her grade in the coming year, if the learner was not enrolled at a **registered home-schooling establishment**.

Learners between the ages of 7 years and 16 years old (Grade 1 to Grade 9) **are liable to compulsory education**, as contained in the Government Gazette 33150 of the Department of Basic Education.

According to the terms of attendance contained in the South African School's Act 84 of 1996 (SASA), a parent opting not to adhere to the terms of attendance, must obtain permission from the Provincial Education Department. Once permission is granted, the learner will no longer be an enrolled learner at the school and the parents are to register the learner for home schooling at a curriculum supplier, who will in turn have to certify the learner for the relevant grade at the end of the year.

The school will do everything possible to ensure a safe environment for our learners.

Schools are not obligated to support learners who stay at home after the re-opening of schools, unless the learner has an underlying medical condition which makes him/her more vulnerable for COVID-19. The Riebies will in such an instance still ensure that the relevant learner receives the necessary schoolwork. Please note that school fees will still apply, and that the relevant learner will have to come to school when formal assessments are done.

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2021

GRADE 1

- ❖ With enrolment R 1, 450.00
- ❖ 1 January 2021 – 1 November 2021 (R1, 450.00 x 11 months) R15, 950.00
- TOTAL** **R17, 400.00**

OR

- ❖ With enrolment R 1, 450.00
- ❖ Once-off payment of R14, 500.00 of school fees before or on 28 February 2021, to qualify for one-month rebate (R15, 950.00 - R1, 450.00 = R14, 500.00). R14, 500.00
- TOTAL** **R15, 950.00**

GRADE 2 – GRADE 7

- ❖ 1 January 2021 – 1 November 2021 (R1, 450.00 x 11 months) **R15, 950.00**
- OR
- ❖ Once-off payment of R14, 500.00 of school fees before or on 28 February 2021, to qualify for one-month rebate (R15, 950.00 - R1, 450.00 = R14, 500.00).
- TOTAL** **R14, 500.00**

GRADE R

- ❖ With enrolment R 1, 530.00
- ❖ School fees (R1, 530.00 x 12) - R18, 360.00
- the first month's payment must be done before or on 30 November 2020 and the last payment by 1 November 2021.
- TOTAL** **R19, 890.00**

OR

- ❖ With enrolment R 1, 530.00
- ❖ Once-off payment of R16, 830.00 before or on 28 February 2021, to qualify for one-month rebate (R19, 890.00 - R1, 530.00 = R18, 360.00). R16, 830.00
- TOTAL** **R18, 360.00**

General:

Parents must please take note that the school fees for 2021 is debited annually and not monthly.

RIEBIE RAKKERS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE

- After-School Centre Fees (R785.00 x 12) **R9, 420.00**
- TOTAL** **R9, 420.00**

- ❖ R785.00 x 12 months of which the first month's payment must be done before or on 1 January 2021 and the last payment by 1 December 2021.
- OR
- ❖ Once-off payment of **R8, 635.00** before or on 28 February 2021, to qualify for one-month rebate (R9, 420.00 - R785.00 = R8, 635.00).

ARTICLE 18 A

Donations to Van Riebeeckpark Primary School qualify for a deduction against income tax, *in terms of Article 18A of the Income Tax Act.*

The school will provide the donor with a valid income tax receipt, as confirmation of a bona fide donation received.

Parents, any other persons/individuals, or businesses, making bona fide donations to Van Riebeeckpark Primary School, are entitled to income tax deduction of the donation against their taxable income, if:

1. *The claim is supported by a valid receipt for the donation made; and*
2. *The donation does not exceed more than 10% of the donor's annual taxable income.*

SCHOOL HOURS

I remind parents that the school gates are opened at 06:45 already.

Learners' temperatures are scanned as follows:

Hasie Kwassie	06:45 – 07:15
Grade 4 – Grade 7	06:45 – 07:25
Grade 1 – Grade 3	06:45 – 07:40

The school adjourns daily as follows:

Mondays – Thursdays

Hasie Kwassie	12:30
Grade 1 and Grade 2	13:30
Grade 3	13:45
Grade 4 – Grade 7	14:00

Fridays

12:30
12:30
12:45
13:00

There are a few parents who do not pick up their children on time. I am requesting parents not to let your children wait outside at the gates in the afternoon. The safety of our children is very important to us.

The school building is closed at 14:15, in order for sanitizing to be done in accordance with the COVID-19 regulations.

“Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on earth, for what they believe is what they will become.”

~ Brooke hampton ~

V Botha | School Principal



Academics

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.



Sport

ATHLETICS

It would appear that no athletics events will take place during this term. Should there be learners who are interested in joining "club athletics" (where there will possibly be participation at events), you may directly contact Mr. Wilhelm Bester (wilhelm@riebie.co.za) or Mr. Hendrik van Staden (hendrik@riebie.co.za). The registration and procedures will be communicated to you. Provision will be made for learners to practice with their relevant coaches at the school.

NETBALL TRIALS

The time has come for the netball season to start. The school will be having trials for girls next week, and practice will start the following week. We ask parents to carefully study the table below, to ensure that your daughter attend the trials on the date scheduled for her age group. The practice groups (A, B and C) have already been announced.

- Who must attend the trials?
- Girls who were selected for the A, B and C practice groups.
- New learners at the school.
- Learners who did not attend the trials last year.

Please note that only practice groups will be selected for practice and not teams.

If girls are coming in from the outside, they must please make use of the sport gate behind the long-jump tracks. This gate will also be used to exit after practice. Remember to wear your tackies and to bring your own water bottle. All COVID-19 regulations will be applied.

AGE GROUP	DAY AND DATE	TIME
U/10	22 FEBRUARY 2021	14:15 – 15:00
U/11	23 FEBRUARY 2021	14:15 – 15:00
U/13	24 FEBRUARY 2021	14:15 – 15:00
U/12	25 FEBRUARY 2021	14:15 – 15:00

RUGBY PRACTICE

The rugby practice will be focussing on skills and no physical contact will take place. If learners are not at school on a specific day and have practice that afternoon, they must please make use of the sport gate behind the long-jump tracks, where their temperature will be scanned before they will be allowed to attend practice. All COVID-19 regulations will be applied. Boys must bring their own water bottles with.

At this point in time, there will be no practice for the U/7- and U/8 boys. There will however be made provision for these boys at a later stage.

Practice will kick off on 22 February 2022 and the times below will be applicable on a weekly basis.

MONDAYS	U/9 & U/10	14:15 – 15:00
	U/11, U/12 & U/13	15:00 – 15:45
TUESDAYS	U/11, U/12 & U/13	14:15 – 15:00
	U/9 & U/10	15:00 – 15:45
WEDNESDAYS	U/9 & U/10	14:15 – 15:00
	U/11, U/12 & U/13	15:00 – 15:45
THURSDAYS	U/11, U/12 & U/13	14:15 – 15:00
	U/9 & U/10	15:00 – 15:45



Culture

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 are going to be very strict. Due to the COVID-19 regulations, the school is compelled to select **only 80 members for the 2021 revue**.

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 sanitized. Learners who passed the auditions will be informed per letter before/on 26 February 2021. Practice will start on 1 March 2021.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We would like to bring to parents' attention that the Super 12 Public Speaking has been postponed until later this year. **Due to this change, the school decided to postpone the Afrikaans Internal Public Speaking, to the dates indicated below. This will give learners more time for preparation.**

The Afrikaans Internal Public Speaking dates for the different grade groups are as follow:

6 April 2021	Grade 6 & Grade 7
7 April 2021	Grade 4 & Grade 5
13 April 2021	Grade 2 & Grade 3
14 April 2021	Grade 1

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.steredenaars.co.za



General

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Mrs. Ansa Mulder, from the bottom of her heart, thanks each and every mom who offered to get involved with the school's sandwich project. We sincerely appreciate you !

RIEBIE RASCALS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE

Contact numbers as follow:

- 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 at teresa@riebie.co.za

MENU FOR THE WEEK: 22 – 26 FEBRUARY 2021

MONDAY	Hamburger	Fruit / Sandwich and Juice
TUESDAY	Spaghetti Bolognese	Sandwich and Juice
WEDNESDAY	Macaroni and Cheese	Fruit and Juice
THURSDAY	Chip Roll	Fruit / Sandwich and Juice
FRIDAY	Vetkoek with filling	Ice cream / Chips / Jam vetkoek

*** The menu is subject to changes.