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Headlines

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

~ Albert Einstein ~

ACADEMICS

The learners' first two weeks back at the school was truly a positive experience. I would like to congratulate and sincerely thank every parent and teacher, for the motivation and support given to our children.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the Information sessions. The seriousness with which you are approaching the academic year with us, is remarkable and heart-warming.

The atmosphere at the school is one of: “It is nice to be back and we are ready to learn!!!”.

The academic pace here at the school will increase slowly but surely, and through their positive approach, the learners, staff, and parents will quickly adjust to the tempo again.

I would like to remind parents that the Grade 2 and Grade 3 learners will fully return to school from 1 March 2021. The plan is for Grade 4, 5, 6 and Grade 7 learners to fully return to school on 8 March 2021. ***Please read more about this in this Riebie Chatter....***

Please keep in mind that this plan can only realise within the announcements from government level and that it could be revoked at any time.

Thank you for your positive support.

EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

You will note that the school puts a lot of emphasis on the maximum development of children (Academics, Sport and Culture). Staff are already busy creating opportunities for learners to engage in extramural activities in the afternoon.

The challenge of being involved in activities, is that there must be discipline, and a fixed routine for homework, study time and practice. Since children function best within rules, it is important that parents set these boundaries.

A sincere thanks for your great contribution in the development of our learners.

PERSEVERANCE WILL BE REWARDED

Life is full of challenges and it requires perseverance. In a time where immediate satisfaction is a strong driving power, it becomes increasingly important that parents teach their children to persevere until a task is completed. Even if it is not always fun.

Deep-rooted in each parent's heart is the desire to make your child's life as easy as possible. A little voice saying that there are more than enough challenges in this life – "I will be on my child's side!". That is good and right.

But, we also live in a time where technology teaches our children that what you do must give immediate satisfaction. Otherwise you give up on it.

Combine the above and you have a typical situation where your child, after half a term of ballet classes, come and say: "I don't feel like doing it anymore!" – and you easily agree that it may be stopped. "It is ok, my child, you don't have to do anything you don't want to."

Is it good and right? Is it really the best thing you can do for your child?

JUST-LET-IT-GO

Although it may cause less conflict to let your child give up an activity that he/she does not like anymore, it is not a good life lesson. It may teach your child that it is okay to give up on other things in life, when he/she does not feel like it anymore, or if it gets too difficult.

Such a child may have the same attitude towards learning that demands effort and time, or with a difficult school project. It may even lead to a just-let-it-go lifestyle – and later extend to relationships, academics, and careers.

Ms Wietske Boon, a spell therapist of Centurion agrees with this. She adds:

"Children must learn that what they take on – whether they do it voluntary or not – it must be completed." In a lot of cases the child has not practiced long enough and then they throw in the towel. It is possible that they will master it with more practice. If that is not the case, it creates the opportunity for the child to learn how to deal with disappointment.

Children must learn from a young age to finish what they started. It should be part of their thought pattern and attitude towards life. If your child decides to build a puzzle, it must be completed, even with help. Colour-in pictures must be coloured in completely. Not a little on one picture and a little on another picture.

It teaches children from an early age to get into the habit of completing their tasks. It also gives a feeling of achievement and typical satisfaction, upon completion of an activity.

- Discuss the mutual expectations at the beginning of the term, or at the beginning of a new activity. Hockey, netball and rugby, for example, must be played for the whole season. There is, after all, the other team members and the coach, who rely on the child's participation.
- Teach your child to plan and set short-term and long-term goals. Set a bite size principal: When your child struggles with an activity, divide it into smaller portions and confront it one by one.
- Acknowledge participation and enthusiasm. If you focus primarily on the end result, or ultimate achievement, children may become despondent.
- Do not be afraid of the emotions or discomfort when your child struggles. Discuss the frustration with your child. Help him or her to express their feelings of despondency.

LEARNERS AFTER SCHOOL

It is worrying to see how many children are waiting for their parents outside the school in the afternoons. I am really concerned about the safety of these learners. It is the case that most of these learners are not involved in school activities in the afternoons, but still have to wait outside for their parents to pick them up.

The school cannot guarantee the safety of these learners.

I ask parents to ensure that they are aware of their children's school programs in the afternoons and to make the necessary arrangements for their children to be picked up.

For parents who are unable to pick up their children, the school has an After-School Centre that can be a safe haven for the children in the afternoon, where they can complete their homework under supervision and can enjoy a nutritional lunch. Please make use of this facility.

I have sincere appreciation for your positive support in the above regard.

TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

Your children and our learners are our most precious possessions, and their safety and security are of utmost importance.

Please be keep in mind that our Grade 2 and Grade 3 learners will return to school 100% on Monday, and congestion will certainly increase.

With the high volumes of traffic (mornings and afternoons) around the school, the safety of our learners could be jeopardized if we do not use sound judgment. We make an urgent request to our parents to follow the rules of the road when driving around the school.

"Patience" is virtue! Please take all road users, vehicles, and especially pedestrians, into consideration.

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 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).

RETURN OF LEARNERS

- **SCHOOL HOURS AND MORNING ROUTINE**

- Entrance gates open at 06:45 in the mornings.
- Learners' hands are sanitized at the gates.
- Learners' temperatures are scanned at the gates.
- Temperatures are scanned in class again and recorded.

ENTRANCE GATES WILL CHANGE FROM 8 MARCH 2021 – INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN NEXT WEEK'S RIEBIE CHATTER.

Not all heroes wear capes,
some teach children.



WHAT HAPPENS 1 MARCH 2021 – 5 MARCH 2021 WITH GRADE 4 – GRADE 7?

- 1 March: Roster day 5 for Grade 5 & 7
- 2 March: Roster day 1 for Grade 5 & 7
- 3 March: Roster day 2 for Grade 4 & 6
- 4 March: Roster day 3 for Grade 4 & 6
- 5 March: Roster day 2 for Grade 5 & 7



V Botha | School Principal



Academics

GENERAL

A friendly request to parents to following the correct communication protocol, as follows:

FOUNDATION PHASE (GRADE RR – GRADE 3)

Class Teacher → Head of Department-Foundation Phase (Ms A Opperman) → Deputy Principal-Foundation Phase (Ms E van Niekerk) → School Principal (Mr V Botha).

INTERSEN PHASE (GRADE 4 – GRADE 7)

General wellbeing of learners:

Class Teacher → Head of Department-Educational Guidance (Ms A Mulder) → Deputy Principal-Intersen Phase (Mr H van Staden) → School Principal (Mr V Botha).

Academic enquiries:

Subject Teacher → Head of Department (Ms A Mulder; Mr W Bester, Ms J Ruthven) → Deputy Principal-Intersen Phase (Mr H van Staden) → School Principal (Mr V Botha).

Sports enquiries:

Sports coach → Head of Department (Mr W Bester) → School Principal (Mr V Botha).

Culture enquiries:

Culture coach → Heads of Department (Ms A Mulder for Public Speaking and Eisteddfod; Ms J Ruthven for Choirs and Revue) → School Principal (Mr V Botha).

“READ TO LEAD” PROGRAM

6 Reasons why Riebies should read:

1. Reading builds vocabulary.
2. Reading improves concentration and help us relax.
3. Readers spell better.
4. Reading can also be a social activity.
5. Words are building blocks - even in technology.
6. Reading is the key to education, tuition, and a quality life.

*“Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible.”
~ Barak Obama ~*



Sport

ATHLETICS

Herewith a short summary from the latest Athletics South Africa meeting that took place on 17 February 2021:

- No schools may have athletics;
- No school competitions may be held;
- No school, provincial or national athletics events may be held;
- Recommendation that Primary School athletics be postponed until the last week in November 2021; and
- Schools may start with athletics programmes in September 2021, after the Cross-Country Championships.

In view of the above information, Van Riebeeckpark Primary School reached the following decision regarding athletics.

Regrettably, no athletics practice will take place from 25 February 2021, since the club athletics indicated that provision will probably not be made for primary school learners at the club events.

NETBALL PRACTICE

Herewith the practice times for the various practice groups. Parents and girls must take note that practice will only consist of skills practice. Girls must please make use of the sports gate, behind the long jump tracks, when entering and exiting the terrain.

Monday: 1 March 2021

TIME	HOCKEY ASTRO TRACK	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
13:45 – 14:45	U/7 & U/8				
14:15 – 15:00		U/10 Trials	U/11 A & B	U/12 A & B	All the U/9's
15:00 – 15:45		U/13 A & B	U/13 C & U/12 C	U/11 C & U/10 C	

Tuesday, 2 March 2021 to Thursday, 4 March 2021

TIME	HOCKEY ASTRO TRACK	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
13:45 – 14:45	U/7 & U/8				
14:15 – 15:00		U/12 A & B	U/11 A & B	U/10 A & B	All the U/9's
15:00 – 15:45		U/13 A & B	U/13 C & O/12 C	U/11 C & U/10 C	

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.

Practice Times:

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

Practice Times: U/7 and U/8

MONDAYS	13:40 – 14:15
WEDNESDAYS	13:40 – 14:15

TENNIS

Keep calm... tennis practice is about to start! 😊

Practice will take place at the school, from 06:00 – 07:15, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Learners may wear their school PT clothes with tackies. Bring your own water bottle and tennis racket.

You only live once, but you get to serve twice!



Culture

REVUE

Thank you to all the learners who attended the final auditions. The school is very excited to kick off the revue year! Learners who were selected will receive a congratulatory letter. Please read the letter with the detailed information.

The revue will be divided into two groups for practice purposes. It will happen occasionally that the groups will be rotated, so that group 2 does not always have the late practice session.

Practice will only start on 8 March 2021

Group 1 17:00 – 18:30
Group 2 18:30 – 20:00

CHOIR

Junior Choir

The school is looking forward to starting with choir practice. We trust that each choir member is just as excited! The first practice will take place on 4 March 2021 from 13:45 – 15:00.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 learners will proceed to the school hall at 13:30 already, where we will sanitize and do the attendance register. Grade 3 learners will proceed to the hall at 13:45 and the same procedure will be followed.

Senior Choir

A big thank you to everyone who attend choir auditions! Choir letters will be distributed to choir members who passed the auditions. There will be no choir practice on 25 February 2021.

The first practice will take place on 4 March 2021. Learners will be divided into three groups. Please see letter for voice groups.

16:00 – 16:40 Soprano
16:40 – 17:20 Mezzo
17:20 – 18:00 Alto

Please note: Each choir member must purchase a 50-pocket “*Flip File*” for choir practice and bring it along to the first practice.

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	Think
	Voetspore	Proud
	Voel	Save
	Kaalvoet	Beauty
	Wonder	Cloud
	Fees	Boxes
Grade 6 – 7	Toekoms	Toxic
	Liefhê	Trash
	Afronding	Face
	Letters	Think
	Voetspore	Proud
	Voel	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

RIEBIE FOODBANK

The Riebie foodbank is empty again. We would like to take the courage to ask our parents to assist us with this, if possible. Parents can send non-perishable products with your child to school, on any day from next week.

The following products will be welcome, but you are most welcome to send any other non-perishable products to the school:

“Instant” Mealie meal, Pasta, Rice, Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Powder milk, Canned food (meat, vegetables, and fruit), Spreads for bread (Marmite, jam, etc.), Cleaning materials and Toiletries.

Thank you in advance for your noble contributions – The Riebies will not be able to do this without the assistance of our parents!

LOCKERS

Lockers will again be supplied to learners from Grade 4 – Grade 7. Arrangements around the use of the lockers will be communicated to parents and learners.

- We request that learners please remove their locks and empty their lockers. Learners have until 1 March 2021 to do this.
- If a lock is not removed, the school will personally remove the locks on 2 March 2021.

RIEBIE RASCALS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE

The Riebie Raskers is almost in full swing again and the numbers are steadily increasing. The homework supervision classes are also starting this week.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 both has two half-hour classes to accommodate everyone.

14:15 – 14:45 and 14:45 – 15:15

Learners are fetched from the After-School Centre and accompanied to the homework class. They are also accompanied back to the After-School Centre.

Grade 3 to Grade 7 learners have homework class from 14:15 – 15:00.

For learners who are involved in sport activities, there is also a second session, from 15:15 – 16:00.

Encourage your child to attend the homework classes.

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: 1 – 5 MARCH 2021

MONDAY	Macaroni & Cheese	Sandwich and Juice
TUESDAY	Burgers	Fruit and Juice
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Pie	Sandwich and Juice
THURSDAY	Russian & Chips / Sandwich	Fruit and Juice
FRIDAY	Rolls with cold meat	Milk tart and Juice

*** The menu is subject to changes.