

# Riebie Chatter



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



*Small steps are also steps...*



### THE RIEBIES' ARE GOING AHEAD...

We are living in uncertain times. The impact of COVID-19 is something that no one could have predicted, or still cannot predict, and which definitely affects us all. Every week there are more questions than answers, and it would appear that the effect of this is going to be with us for some time to come.

Our current school attendance is constantly around 94% - certainly a motion of trust from our community. Our school's infection rate (positive cases for the past two weeks) is at 0.3%. We are in telephonic contact with positive cases and is very grateful that they recover and return to school safely.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the School Governing Body, Management Team, Educators, Administrative- and Terrain Staff, for the amazing work they have done, and continue to do. The quality of tuition, communication to parents, and safety of everyone at the Riebies', are still of outstanding quality and this brings about peace of mind for our parents in this time of uncertainty.

The road ahead certainly comes with challenges. Not only is there uncertainty about the impact on the school program, but also aspects such as sport, culture, and the social aspects of being a child. We have special empathy for our Grade 7-learners, in particular, for missing out on a lot of "last time" events this year.

As School Management and Governing Body, we are guided by the Government, Department of Education and Department of Health, for our day-to-day decisions. Here the emphasis is on the safety of our learners and educators, and that is not negotiable.

Our Administrative Staff are working equally hard behind the scenes, to ensure that the latest communication is shared with parents, as accurately and as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, the unknown of this pandemic forces us to change our planned program from time to time, to confront the changed circumstances in alternative ways. We thank you for your patience in this regard.

Our Terrain Staff have extraordinary challenges, and we are extremely proud of the team for being highly motivated and for working hard in completing their busy daily schedule to sanitize and clean the classrooms, bathrooms, and the terrain as a whole.

Further to the above, we are also thoroughly aware of the impact that this awkward time has on everyone's finances, and we are sincerely grateful that parents still make every effort to honour their obligations. To ensure the survival of a school like Laerskool Van Riebeeckpark Primary's excellence, we make an appeal to everyone to continue upholding your contributions. The heartbeat of the school is essentially to supply quality education to all learners, and for that we need your positive support in this regard.

If we stand together and work together during these uncertain times, we will come out stronger together, on the other side. Be responsible and stay safe.

## **APPLICATIONS GRADE 1 – 2022**

Our school's current Gr R-parents received a communicate this week, which must be returned with the following **compulsory supporting documents** to your child's class teacher before or by 29 June 2021, if you are planning to apply for our school for Grade 1 - 2022.

Parents who do not have children in Grade R, but are planning on making application for our school for their child for Grade 1 - 2022, must please also send the relevant documents, together with your contact details, to Naomi van Niekerk at the school office.

➤ Parents must note that this is not an application, but is just to simplify and expedite the documentation part of the process. Parents will still have to apply on the Department of Education's online platform [www.gdeadmissions.gov.za](http://www.gdeadmissions.gov.za) once the opening date has been announced, and will also have to upload the documents online, and/or hand it in at any other schools applied for.

- **Certified** copy of child's Unabridged Birth Certificate.
- Copy of Immunisation record.
- **Certified** copies of **both** parents' ID documents.
- **Proof of residential address**, not older than 3 months (W&L account in parent's name or lease agreement on official agency letterhead in parent's name).
- If you are not the biological parents, documents as proof of legal guardianship.

Current information at our disposal suggests that the online applications for **Grade 1 - 2022** will only open in the third term. The specific opening date will be announced by the Department of Education in due course. Parents will have to apply **ONLINE** at [www.gdeadmissions.gov.za](http://www.gdeadmissions.gov.za) in line with departmental criteria.

As soon as the school receives any further information, parents will be informed accordingly.

## LEADERS 2021

The election of leaders at our school is a democratic process, but also a process that never ends. Learners develop constantly, and the school gives acknowledgement to our learners in this regard, as far as possible.

Congratulations to the following three learners, who also became part of our current council:

Minenhle Njeya  
Owen van Zyl  
Carika van Rooyen

*“Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts.  
It is about one life influencing another. “*  
~ John Maxwell ~

Greetings until next week.....

## V BOTHA - SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



## ACADEMICS

### INTERSEN ACADEMICS

Formal assessments for the week 28 June 2021 – 2 July 2021:

28 June 2021	Grade 4 – Grade 7	Additional Language Home Language Gr.7E
29 June 2021	Grade 4, 5, 6 & 7	Geography
30 June 2021	Grade 7 Grade 4 – Grade 6	EMS SOC
1 July 2021	Grade 7 Grade 4 – Grade 6	Art Normal school day
2 July 2021	Grade 4 – Grade 7	Normal school day

A friendly request to parents to ensure that learners are dropped off on time for school in the mornings. Precious time is lost to complete formal assessments if a child is late for class. Unfortunately, no extra time will be allocated to these learners.



# SPORT

## CRICKET PRACTICE

Please note the following:

Practice will take place daily from 12:00 – 12:45, whereafter learners must go to their respective gates and go home.

- \* ALL boys are welcome to attend practice in their age group, as indicated below.
- \* Please note that cricket practice is currently not compulsory, and no boy will be disadvantaged.

28 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/11, U/12 & U/13
29 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/9A U/10
30 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/11, U/12 & U/13
1 July 2021	12:00 – 12:45	U/9A U/10

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Practice is from 12:00 – 12:45 from Monday - Thursday.

## TENNIS

Practice for boys and girls will take place as follows:

28 June 2021	12:00 – 12:45
29 June 2021	06:00 – 07:00
1 July 2021	06:00 – 07:00

- \* There is no Mini-Tennis practice until further notice.



## GENERAL

### GOLF

**REMEMBER:** GOLF DAY – 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 at MODDERFONTEIN GOLF COURSE !!!

For now, please diarize this date in your diary. Please direct any enquiries to: [golf@riebie.co.za](mailto:golf@riebie.co.za)

### RIEBIE RAKKERS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE

#### Contact Numbers:

- 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](mailto:teresa@riebie.co.za)

#### MENU FOR THE WEEK: 28 JUNE 2021 – 2 JULY 2021

MONDAY	MACARONI & CHEESE	SANDWICH & JUICE
TUESDAY	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISSE	FRUIT / SANDWICH & JUICE
WEDNESDAY	VETKOEK WITH FILLING	PUDDING / SANDWICH / JUICE
THURSDAY	HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH	SANDWICH & JUICE
FRIDAY	HOTDOGS	CHIPS / JUICE / FRUIT

\*\*\* The menu is subject to change \*\*\*