

# Riebie Chatter



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*"What people remember is the beginning and the end....."*

*How we START, and how we FINISH....*

*Therefore, START FAST and FINISH STRONG."*

*~ Gary Ryan Blair ~*

One of our former Presidents, Nelson Mandela, once wrote:

*"I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way, but I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb."*

As a country we have already encountered two devastating waves of the COVID-19 infection virus. We have overcome these waves by reacting swiftly and decisively, and by working together to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect our families, our communities and ourselves.

We are now being faced with yet another challenge, there is a mountain in front of us and it is a steep climb.

Let us overcome it together.....

### **COVID-19**

It is with great sadness that we were notified of children who lost parents or grandparents, who passed on during the last few weeks. Many of us, directly or indirectly, struggled with the effect of the virus.

Learners, staff, and parents experienced the daily effects of the widespread uncertainty that exists. Staff must now, more than ever, wear the "hat" of mom and dad, in a time where children are scared and anxious.

It would naturally cause anxiety when a parent hears sad news like this. I want to assure parents that our staff is motivated to face this term with its challenges.

We are however making an earnest appeal to our parents to support us and to continually remind yourself and your children that we are in the middle of a pandemic which takes its toll every day.

Remember to only stick to the facts and not to get involved with all kinds of fake news. We have made a decision, in conjunction with the Governing Body, that we will only react to confirmed cases and valid medical documents and not on hear-say.

As parent community you must be aware that the Riebies always act responsibly and would never want to put anyone’s life in jeopardy. In the event of confirmed cases, the school will immediately contact the Department of Health and the Department of Education.

REMEMBER, to apply the COVID-19 disciplines at all times. The wearing of a mask is compulsory, social distancing must be maintained, and hands must be sanitized regularly. Unfortunately, this protocol has become an inevitable part of our lives and we must make a point of properly educating our children in this regard.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2021**

The late re-opening of schools in South Africa caused concern regarding the remainder of the schoolyear and school activities. The Minister of Basic Education, Ms. Angie Motshekga, published the latest school calendar on 15 July 2021, addressing this concern.

The re-opening of schools for the third term will run from 26 July 2021 to 01 October 2021.

The school calendar creates a good balance for the Riebies’ to be able to complete the basic skills which each learner will have to master.

<b>School Calendar 2021</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1	15 February – 23 April
2	3 May – 9 July
3	26 July – 1 October
4	11 October - 15 December
Re-opening 2022	10 (12) January 2022

Monday, 9 August 2021 : National Women’s Day  
Friday, 24 September 2021 : Heritage Day

*“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with rain.”  
~ DOLLY PARTON ~*

### **GOLF DAY: 17 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The annual Riebie Golf Day will take place at the Modderfontein Golf Course on Friday, 17 September 2021. This Golf Day became a tradition over the years and is ONE fundraiser that should not be missed!

We worked very hard over the years. The Golf Day expands every year, and it is all thanks to you – our parent community.

In the few weeks ahead, before 17 September 2021, we have lots to do, and we need your assistance. Teamwork makes the dream work!

### How can you help?

The school needs one teacher per grade, and one or two parents per grade, for the Planning Committee. This team will help with the planning of the Golf Day, decoration of the holes, and the activities during the Golf Day. The team must draw up a roster, indicating the time which each parent will work, to avoid one or two parents having to be on the course alone the whole day.

The grade teacher and parents will meet in their respective grade order, with the parents of the other grades, to finalize holes and games.

The school needs prizes and sponsors in various formats. Items such as wine, bottled water, energy drinks (e.g. Energade or similar), sport bags, holidays, gift vouchers, etcetera, will be highly appreciated.

Please send details of your sponsorship [what you require (sponsorship/four-ball), total amount, full particulars for invoice and booking purposes] to [golf@riebie.co.za](mailto:golf@riebie.co.za). Please indicate clearly: **Riebies Golf Day 2021. You can also visit our website for more information and costs, and online bookings can also be done at [www.riebie.co.za](http://www.riebie.co.za).**

Together we plan the new TOMORROW!

## **GRAAD R – 2022**

Applications opened on 5 May 2021 and closed on 9 June 2021. Successful applicants have already been notified and we are busy finalizing the enrolment process. Due to Covid protocol, the collecting of enrolment documents will take place via a drive-through between 08:00-09:00 on 4 August 2021 and between 08:00-09:00 on 5 August 2021. Details of the drive-through will be communicated in advance, by email, to successful applicants.

## **APPLICATIONS GRADE 1 – 2022**

The MEC for Education will make an announcement to the media on Sunday morning, 1 August 2021, regarding the planned roll-out of the online applications for Grade 1 and Grade 8 learners for 2022. The media release will also be available on [www.gauteng.gov.za](http://www.gauteng.gov.za).

Please keep watching the media and the school communication and newsletters for the opening date and for more information.

**We once again request the school's prospective Grade 1 - 2022 parents, who have not yet submitted the following documents to the school, to please send it to the school urgently.**

- **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.

## **LOSS OF FORMER RIEBIE STAFF MEMBER**

Laerskool van Riebeeckpark opened its doors in April 1986. On that day, a teacher, Teacher Hantie Le Roux, started teaching at the Riebies. Quite a few of our current Riebie parents were learners in Teacher Hantie's class. Teacher Hantie became the Head of Department for the Foundation Phase and eventually finished her career at the Riebies. Last week we received the sad news that our Teacher Hantie passed away.

Teacher Hantie, thank you for all the children's hearts you have touched. Thank you for your sense of humour and your ability to always make the staff in the staff room laugh. Thank you for the support and guidance to young members of staff, and for helping them to develop into stalwart teachers. Teacher Hantie, your footprints will always be on the Riebie terrain.

Greetings until next week.....

## **V BOTHA - SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



## **ACADEMICS**

### **FOUNDATION PHASE**

Learners will receive their second academic report on 30 July 2021. Parents must please sign the reports and send it back to the school on 2 August 2021.

Parents who are invited to interviews, will receive an invitation together with the academic report. We request parents to please keep to the appointment times. All Covid-19 protocols are applicable during interviews.

A sincere thank you to parents for positively supporting our Riebie learners with their academics. A big thank you also to all our hardworking Teachers. Parents and Teachers are indeed a formidable team in our Riebies' academic progress.



# Culture

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The following learners qualified for the Gauteng Regional Finals of the Radical Public Speaking competition. The Riebies' are truly proud of our little "chatter boxes" who do not shy away from taking a stand. Congratulations!

The organizer of the competition however informed us that this regional final will not go ahead.

### **Grade 2**

Oratile Maloisane  
Elzaan Fourie  
Amika Theron

### **Grade 3**

Jean-Miné Brits

### **Grade 4**

Zwivhya Mashavha

### **Grade 5**

Alex van Tonder

### **Grade 6**

Tertius van der Walt (Afrikaans & English)  
Kylie Casimiro

### **Grade 7**

Jacinda Ruthven  
Darian Valentini  
Lesedi Mokgathane  
Ashleigh Engelbrecht

The school is also "*Super*" Proud of the following two speakers who qualified for the **National Final**.

### **Grade 1**

Okuhle Ntuli

### **Grade 5**

Chloe du Toit

You set the world on fire and kept our Riebie flag flying high! Congratulations!

## **EISTEDDFOD**

Learners who entered for the eisteddfod, and who have paid, will receive a letter within the next two weeks, with details of the date and venue for their performance. Please make a note of this important information.

Good luck to all the participants! Remember to send the results after conclusion of all the items to the school. Place the results in an envelope and mark it for the attention of: Mrs. Ansa Mulder.

## **CHOIR AND REVUE**

As soon as the school receives further directives from the Department of Education with regards to Choir and Revue practice/participation, the school will inform parents accordingly.



# SPORT

## CRICKET PRACTICE

All boys are welcome to attend the practice. Please bring your own cricket ball and equipment, if possible. Cricket equipment will be supplied as far as possible.

Practice times are as follow:

Mondays	U/11, U/12, U/13	14:15 – 15:00
Tuesdays	U/9A and U/10	14:15 – 15:00
Wednesdays	U/11, U/12, U/13	14:15 – 15:00
Thursdays	U/9A and U/10	14:15 – 15:00

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Practice times are as follow:

Mondays – Thursdays	14:15 – 15:00
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## TENNIS

Practice will take place as follows:

(Grade 4 – Grade 7 **boys and girls**)

Tuesdays and Thursdays	06:00 – 07:00
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Remember to bring your own water bottle and tennis racket. Learners may wear their PT clothes.



## SPORT PHOTOS

Due to the schools closing earlier last term, Rugby and Netball photos could not be taken. The new date will be communicated to parents and learners in due course.

Parents who have not paid for these photos, may still pay next week.



## GENERAL

### RIEBIE

We have decided to have a **FUNKY NEON DAY** on **30 JULY 2021**, which is a **CARING DAY** for our foodbank for our needy community.

The learners may wear civvies on this day, preferably **NEON COLOURS**, to reflect our hearts shining bright, and to show that we care for those less fortunate.

Learners will not be charged to wear civvies, but we do request that learners bring a donation, in the form of one of the following products, as entry fee.

Please see the following items as suggestions for each Grade, but you are welcome to send any other non-perishable products, as it suits your circumstances.

- Gr R - Bread spreads, Breakfast Cereal (Pronutro; Corn Flakes, Weetbix; etc).
- Gr 1 - Longlife Milk; Mielie-meal; Cake Flour; Self-raising Flour.
- Gr 2 - Coffee; Sugar; Tea; Rice; Pasta.
- Gr 3 - Canned Food (Tuna; Spaghetti; Corned Beef; Meatballs; Beans, etc.)
- Gr 4 - Canned Food (Tuna; Spaghetti; Corned Beef; Meatballs; Beans, etc.)
- Gr 5 - Bread spreads, Breakfast Cereal (Pronutro; Corn Flakes, Weetbix; etc).
- Gr 6 - Toiletries (Shampoo; Toothpaste; Soap; etc).
- Gr 7 - Cleaning Materials (Washing powder; Jik; Dishwasher; etcetera).



Thank you that we can always count on your positive contribution which enable us to support our Riebie families in need.

### RIEBIE RAKKERS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE

The After-School Centre was a hive of activity during the school holiday. Learners were kept busy with art activities and also had a fun games day.

Thank you to the After-School staff who worked throughout the extended school holiday to accommodate the learners and parents.

The After-School Centre is open again according to the normal timeslot up until 18:00. We kindly request parents again to please contact the After-School Centre if, in case of an emergency, you are going to be late. Please also remember to phone when you are at the gate to pick up your child, unfortunately parents are not allowed on the school terrain.

#### 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: 02 – 06 AUGUST 2021

MONDAY	BOBOTIE & RICE	FRUIT & JUICE
TUESDAY	SOUP	SANDWICH & JUICE
WEDNESDAY	CHICKEN A'LA KING	FRUIT & JUICE
THURSDAY	MASH & MINCE	SANDWICH & JUICE
FRIDAY	COLD MEAT ROLLS	CHIPS / FRUIT & JUICE

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