



Campus News

17th October 2016

Dear Curro Parents / Guardians

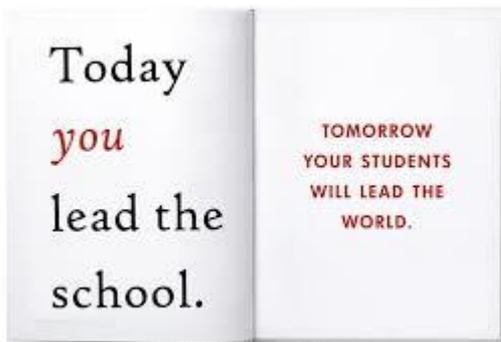
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1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

I extend a warm welcome to all parents, learners and teachers. We have started this final term with the speed of lightning! Before we know it, our learners will be preparing for their final examinations.

In this final term we will continue to provide our learners with quality education, where high achievement is fostered through quality teaching, academic rigour and opportunity.



With the help of all stakeholders, we want to create a school environment which is calm, friendly and based upon mutual respect and tolerance. I am seeking the help of our parents to communicate this message to their children – that they try to Be their Best, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. There will be a continued focus on rewarding positive and expected behaviours within the school. However, if students disrupt the learning of others, are disrespectful towards a teacher or are aggressive towards any member of the Curro Family they can expect severe consequences #NoRespectMustFall

In view of the above, I would like to invite all parents of toddlers, to attend a very informative talk on **Toddler Discipline on Saturday, 5 November at 09h00** in the High School Hall. Our guest speaker, Dr Derek Jackson is well-versed in this field and has presented many lectures locally as well as abroad. He is also the author of a best-selling book, *“Parenting with Panache.”* Please don't miss out on this empowerment opportunity.

The term started on a high note for our High School as our first **Student Council for 2017** was chosen. I was overwhelmed by emotion to think that our Grade 8 “babies” of 2013 will next year write their final Grade 12 examinations. The Student Council is led by two Vice-presidents and a President.

Tumisang Maake and Praise Kufahakurambwi were elected Vice-Presidents, and Gomolemo Khasebe, as our very first Student Council President. Congratulations to these learners and their parents!

I am very pleased to see that the majority of our learners dress smartly and wear their **proper school uniform**. Please note that summer school uniform is now compulsory, and if your child is still in need of certain items I request of you to purchase at the Grit-Lounge as soon as possible.

As we are in the final stages of the school year, I cannot emphasize the necessity of 100% school attendance. Absence from school affects your child's learning and assessments. **Due dates** will be given for the submission of final assessments. Please note that it is important that learners adhere to these dates as there is no time for "second chances".

This time of the year we also take time to reflect, improve and plan for the year ahead. You have already received the **link to our survey**, and I would like to encourage you to please take part. Your feedback will assist us in improving our service to you.

On the note of planning, you are informed that the school will **close earlier on Friday, 4 November at 11h00**. All School Management and Subject Heads will attend a training session on 21st Century teaching that has been arranged by Curro's Curriculum Department. There will, however, be a few teachers on duty at school to take care of those learners who will not be able to leave earlier. I would like to thank our parents in advance for their understanding.



The **safety of our learners** is of the utmost importance to us and therefore we have identified dangerous zones where children should not be dropped off. By ignoring our requests, incidents may occur where children can be injured. The pedestrian crossings are always the safest areas to cross a road. We ask that you please talk to your children about their safety and the importance of looking out for cars when crossing roads. After numerous reports from parents of vehicles speeding in the school grounds, we have strategically **installed a number of speed humps**. Thank you to those parents who embraced this initiative.

Apart from the Spring Festival, most extra-curricular activities (especially sport) will slow down, as most of our time will be spent on academics. Other activities for this term include, but are not limited to, excursions for the Primary School, Christmas Market for the Castle and Pre-School, Honours' Evenings and of course the final examinations.

Curro as a group and Curro Thatchfield in particular are committed to getting involved in the community. We would like to thank our parents for returning the Judea Hope tins and will advise you about the handing over process in due course. In Term 4 we will have the **Santa Shoebox Outreach project** again where parents fill **shoe boxes** with various items suitable for children from 4 to 8 years old. You will soon receive the "goodie" list and I would like to appeal to our parents to please support this worthy cause. The last day to bring the filled shoe boxes to school is **Friday, 25 November**.

Mrs Marlene Gerber



3. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD CURRO CASTLE

Welcome back to all Parents, Castle staff and learners.

I am excitedly looking forward to the final term of 2016 where a lot of activities still need to happen before the curtain closes on the end of the year.

A few dates to diarise:

Library's birthday – Friday 28 October
Nativity Play – Thursday 24 November
Christmas Market – Saturday 3 December
Return Feed-a-child can – Wednesday 7 December

Due to the heat, some cases of stomach upsets have been reported. Please remember our medical policy that if your child is not well, to rather keep him/her at home. Also, a reminder to please send your child to school with a hat and water bottle.

Enjoy the last term of 2016!

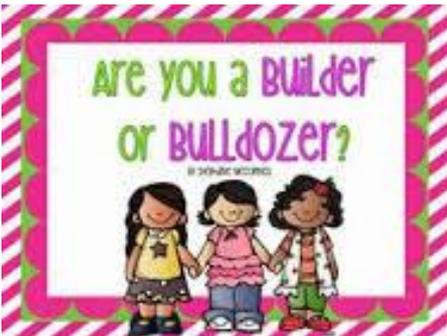
Mrs Sonette Pretorius



3. FROM THE DESK OF THE RECEPTION PHASE HEAD

Welcome back to the last term for 2016. A short but busy term indeed.

We would like to welcome Mrs Siva Govender and Tarralyne Oliphant who will be our relieving teachers in the Sea Buddies and Dinosaurs classes respectively. I am sure that they will enjoy their Curro Thatchfield ride.



Please diarise all important dates as indicated on the term planner on our website. A few dates for the next few weeks include:

Fantasy dress-up day / Tuckshop – Friday 21 October (Theme for week: Fantasy)
Tuckshop – Friday 28 October (Theme for week – PreSchool Science)
Tuckshop – Friday 4 November (Theme for week – The wonder of Technology)
Gr R Graduation – Saturday, 5 November

Keep well and God bless

Mrs Sonette Kotze

4. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL OPERATIONAL HEAD

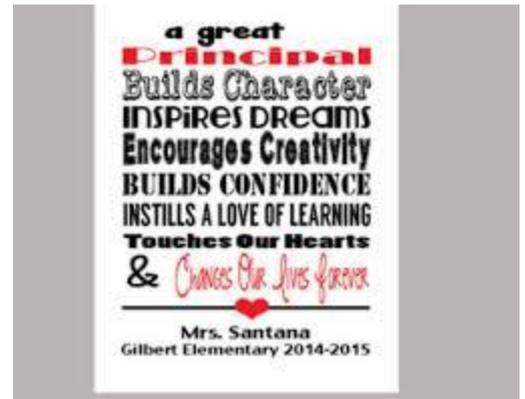
Good day, Goeie dag, Sanibonani, Dumelang, Avuxeni, Thobela, Ndi Matsheloni, Molweni - I'd love to do all 11, but I'm afraid I'll have to stop here...

I am honoured to greet you as the newly appointed **Operational Head** for the **Primary School** and I look forward to meeting our parents at the **Spring Festival on Saturday, 29 October**. We would like to invite our parents to join us and encourage interaction on a more social level with our educators. The day will start with a family fun walk, followed by hockey and soccer matches to end off the season on a high note. Food and cold drink stalls will be available. Please make sure that you diarize this date, as it will be a **lovely family day** where families can come with their picnic baskets, camping chairs, umbrellas, cooler boxes, etc. and just enjoy the much needed time with their children. Don't forget the parent teams that will also be showing off their ball skills!

I sincerely hope that our learners have re-energised themselves during the **Spring break** and that they are ready for what this term will bring.

As you would have seen on the Notice Board, we only have **8 weeks left until the end of term** and I ask that you support your children 100% as examinations start in a little over a month (see examination schedule on website).

Reports were issued on the last day of term and parents were invited to attend scheduled meetings with teachers where needs were identified. Please be reminded that parents are always welcome to visit their child's teachers to discuss any matters of concern.



We can feel the excitement with our **Educational Excursions** taking place on **Friday, 21 October**. This day is always a highlight for our learners.

The **prize giving** for the **Intermediate Phase** will be held on **9 November** and for the **Foundation Phase** on Saturday, **12 November** (details to follow).

It was wonderful to see our Grade 6 learners who came back with raving reviews from the **Adventure Camp** which they attended at Warthog Inn recently.

Please remember about filling up the Santa Shoeboxes (see Mrs Gerber's comments earlier).

Until next time...

Ms Siza Ntshabo

5. FROM THE DESK OF THE OPERATIONAL HEAD: HIGH SCHOOL

The last term for 2016 has begun!



Within four and a half weeks we will be starting with our **final examinations** for Grade 10 and 11 learners and within five and a half weeks we will be starting with our final examinations for our Grade 8 and 9 learners. It is truly mind boggling to see how quickly time flies!

I am very proud to share with our parents that we have announced our 2017 leadership group who will be known as the **School Council**. We decided to move away from the prefect model of leadership where the Student Council will embrace the Servant Leader philosophy. They will be expected to build on the School's heritage and enhance the portfolios to which they were elected. Each portfolio will have a teacher as

mentor to give the council members the necessary guidance to fulfil their tasks. Congratulations to all our learners who were elected – as well as their parents. You have the privilege of starting a legacy that will last for many years.

This time of year is stressful for learners, parents and teachers alike. I urge you to support your child during this stressful, but important time.

Mr Dawie van Schaalkwyk

6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)



Whether your kids are just starting nursery school or entering the final year of high school, there are many good reasons for parents to volunteer at school. It's a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause.

Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community while showing their kids the importance of participating in the larger community.

Not only will the school reap the benefits of your involvement — you will, too. By interacting with teachers, administrators and other parents on a regular basis, you'll gain a first-hand understanding of your child's daily activities. You'll also tap into trends and fads of school life that can help you communicate with your kids as they grow and change (all without intruding on their privacy or personal space).

Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start. In fact, it may be more important than ever to get involved when kids reach primary school. Many parents who volunteered a lot of time during their kids' early years return to full-time careers by the time their kids are teens, so there's often a shortage in the senior primary stage at school.

Tips for Working Parents - Even if you cannot help out at school very often, try to do so at least once in a while. Even participating in one activity a year can mean a lot to your child. It will make him/her feel that his/her activities at school matter to you.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Despite numerous requests, we are sad to see that some of our parents are still **not abiding by the traffic rules**. Below are two cars parked on yellow lines, while the other parent simply stopped in the middle of the road to drop off his/her child, disrupting traffic and pedestrians.



We would like to hear from you and are awaiting your suggestions, complaints or compliments. So contact us at Curro.thatchfield.pac@gmail.com

Parent Advisory Council 2016

7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High School	Primary School
Tues 25 Oct	Spur Evening	X	
Wed 26 Oct	Grade 4 Panarottis Evening		X
Sat 29 Oct	Annual Spring Festival – Meet and Greet Ms Siza Nlapo		X
Tues 1 Nov	Golf Day (tbc)	X	X
Wed 2 Nov	Grade 6 Panarottis Evening		X
Thurs 3 Nov	Sport and Culture Photos	X	
Thurs 3 Nov	Inter-house Sports	X	
Thurs 3 Nov	Merit Tea / Learner Tea with Exec Head		X
Fri 4 Nov	Prefect Year-end Function / Grade 7 Funky Day School closes at 11:00 for staff training	X	X X
Sat 5 Nov	Information Talk : Toddler Discipline at 09h00 @ High School Hall		X
Wed 9 Nov	Grade 4-7 Honours Evening		X
Thurs 10 Nov	Examinations start for Grade 10 and 11	X	
Sat 12 Nov	Grade 1-3 Honours Evening		X
Sat 19 Nov	Orientation and welcoming all 2017 Learners		X
Mon 21 Nov	Examinations start	X	X

8. GENERAL

Staff Matters

We wish to congratulate Mrs Busi Mgidi (Finance) on the birth of her gorgeous baby girl, as well as Mrs Bridget Skelton (Grade 3), Mr Regardt Allers (Grade 6) and Mrs Corne Mulder (Castle) on the births of their beautiful baby boys. A further congratulations goes to Miss Alet-Mari Venter, now Mrs Grobbelaar, who tied the knot during the holidays. We wish you a long and happy marriage. Mr Spaarwater and Mrs van Zyl made us extremely proud as they went on a hiking experience to Mount Everest base camp where they planted a Curro Flag at the foot of the Mount Everest Mountain!

Lost and Found

The amount of clothing items in our lost-and-found room is astounding! Please make an effort to come and look whether your child's marked clothing might be there. Remember, only marked clothing can be claimed. By the end of the Term we will have a total clean-up and all unclaimed items will be destroyed.

Market @Thatchfield

We would like to invite you to the market on **Saturday 5th November** at the Primary School premises. This market is organised by UJU LaMangwe Services and promises to be a place to relax with family and friends. Should you be interested to set up a stall please contact Pugiso Ntsele on her cell **083 304 3352** or email pugiso.ntsele@gmail.com. Come and enjoy good music, good food and beautiful arts and crafts made by talented people. Refreshments will also be on sale.

Loyalty Cards

Our school is linked to **MAKRO and MY SCHOOL**. These are opportunities to raise funds for our school without any effort – just swipe your loyalty card! You can visit the respective websites to register, or if you already have a card, kindly change the beneficiary to Curro Thatchfield.

<https://www.myschool.co.za> AND <http://www.makro.co.za>

Financial Matters

The 2017 School Fee schedule will be available in November 2016. Kindly note that a strict **no-return policy will apply at the end of the year**. Changing schools can have a devastating effect on children, so please make the **paying of School fees top priority**. You may also pay your **School Fees** account with your credit/debit card by using the **My Hub** website where you open your statement, click on the “pay now” button and follow the instructions accordingly. We are pleased to advise that the Finance department now has a **speed point service available**. Parents are welcome to use this facility to pay for school fees or any additional monies due to the School.

Stationery 2017

As per last year, **Stationery** for **Group 1 to Grade 3 learners** will be ordered at the School for the learners. Parents **are not required to buy** any stationery for these groups/grades. Stationery costs will be charged to your school fee account. We are awaiting the final costing from our service provider and will convey this to parents soonest. I want to assure parents that prices are very competitive, and because we purchase in bulk, we have negotiated even better prices. Stationery lists for **Grade 4 to 11 learners** will be handed out with final reports and parents may purchase stationery at **any service provider**. Please ensure that your child has all the necessary stationery items on the very first day of school.

Facebook Pages

By visiting our Curro Thatchfield Facebook Page regularly you will stay up to date with all the activities that are taking place on our Campus. Interesting articles and photos are posted regularly and you will be amazed to see how busy we are!



9. IN CONCLUSION

As I read the following quote by Robert Fulghum, “Don’t worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you”, I once again realised the very important task laid upon us when we decided to become parents.

Yours in Education

**MRS M. GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD**

-through hard work great heights are achieved-

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Curro Banking Details:**School Fees Account**

(Enrolment, Transport, Aftercare & Curriculum Tablet Fee)

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield

Bank: FNB

Acc No: 623 5878 0403

Branch Code: 250-655

Reference: Family Code

Funds Account

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield Funds Account

Bank: FNB

Acc Number: 623 8523 8269

Branch Code: 201-410

Ref: Family Code

Please note that school fees are due in advance on the 2nd of every month for 12 months (e.g. July school fees are payable on 2nd July)

NB: A R150 payment allocation fine will be added to all accounts that do not use the family code as reference when making an EFT payment

Outside Providers

Grit Uniform Lounge: info@gritprocurement.co.za

Located in the High School Admin Office

Mon – Thurs: 07:30 to 09:00 and 12h30 to 16h00
Fri: 12:30 to 14:00

Afro School Books:

ldreyer@afroschool.co.za or 011 708 6334

Educational Support Team:**Educational Psychologist**

Elmarie Moss-Dormehl on 082 920 4929

Occupational Therapist

Karen Liebenberg on 083 651 0876

Speech Therapist

Liesl Turner on 072 124 7646

Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za

Play Therapist

Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313

anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com

If you think your child might suffer from depression contact

South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) 08:00 to 20:00
0800 567 567 or 0800 205 026 or 0800 708 090 and 0800 121 314 or
sms 31393 and they will call you back

Urban Life Church Services on Sundays in the Primary School Hall @ 10:00

danie@urbanlife.org.za

www.urbanlife.org.za

