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Campus News

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Dear Curro Parents / Guardians

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1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

The year is almost at an end with the **final examinations** that are starting today for the High School and within a week for the Primary School learners. Please encourage your child to study each day and adhere to their programme in a disciplined fashion.

As there are always numerous requests from parents for learners to **leave early** once the examination has been completed, we have decided that the normal school day during the examination period (21 November to 7 December) will be until 13:00. However, with permission from the parent, we will allow your child to leave after writing his/her examination at 11:00. We ask that parents do not interrupt the school day by requesting to collect their children between 11:15 and 13:00. **School transport** will depart at 13:15 during examinations, and we ask that parents please make alternative transport arrangements should this pose a problem.

Our **Orientation Day** for new learners for 2017 will take place on **Saturday, 19 November** with details as follows:

Castle:	09:00 to 11:00 (Castle)
Group 5 and Grade R:	08:30 (Reception Phase classes)
Grade 1:	08:30 to 10:15 (PS Hall)
Grades 2 to 7:	11:00 to 12:15 (PS Hall)
Grades 8 to 11:	08:30 to 10:15 (HS Hall)

Learners who will be in **Grade 1 and in Grade 8 respectively in 2017** are deemed new learners and must please attend the Orientation Day.

A reminder to all parents about our **Outreach project**, the **Christmas shoe boxes**, that need to be brought to school by **Friday, 25 November**. I would like to appeal to our parents to please support this worthy cause.

Our annual Honours evening for the Primary School took place last week and I want to congratulate all the parents and learners on their outstanding results. Herewith some of the top achievements in the Primary School:

TOP ACHIEVERS : GRADE 4	TOP ACHIEVERS : GRADE 5
1 Hannah Frost	1 Adam Langson
2 Caitlyn Pietersen	2 Senthon Mankum
3 Kaveshni Naicker	3 Katleho Teleko
TOP ACHIEVERS : GRADE 6	TOP ACHIEVERS : GRADE 7
1 Tsholofelo Seoposengwe	1 Tebogo Mokgatlha (Dux Scholae)
2 Nyasha Ziki	2 Karismah Naicker
3 Phetolo Leshabane	3 Kirah Mankum
SPECIAL RECOGNITION	
Tshilidzi Netshianbo and Brandon Nyandoro (Blue Bulls u/13 Rugby Team)	
Keletso Nthuthang (SA Gymnast – Participate in USA	

Our learners are working exceptionally hard to make sure our school's motto, **Through hard work great heights are achieved**, comes to life in their achievements.

Mrs Marlene Gerber

3. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD CURRO CASTLE

The end of 2016 is slowly creeping closer.

Thank you to all our parents who **donated books** to our school. The learners thoroughly enjoy all the new stories which are being read to them.

Thank you also to all our parents who took the time out of their busy schedules to listen to **Dr Dereck Jackson** who shared his wisdom about toddler discipline with us recently. I am sure it was worth your while.

Our **Christmas market** will take place on **Saturday, 3 December 2016**. Please come and join in the fun-filled morning. Your child's Christmas art work will also be available on that day. Don't forget to book your own stall if you would like to sell some items. Kindly check availability of space at Reception.

Take a deep breath and enjoy the last few weeks of 2016.

Mrs Sonette Pretorius

3. FROM THE DESK OF THE RECEPTION PHASE HEAD

As we are nearing the end of the 2016 academic year, rather exhausted, I would like to bring a few matters to your attention.

Our **Grade R Graduation** was a special event for our "school leavers". It did our educators proud to see how their learners have blossomed into delightful young ladies and gentlemen.

We are **saying goodbye** to two of our Grade R educating staff members at the end of the term, i.e. Mrs Ruzelle Grobler as well as Mrs Anje Swanepoel, who are both taking up positions closer to home. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication which they have put into Curro Thatchfield. We wish them and their families all the very best in their future endeavours.

Hope you have a blessed week.

Mrs Sylwette Kotze

4. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL OPERATIONAL HEAD

Thank you to all the participants, parents and educators who made our **Spring Festival** such a memorable occasion. It was wonderful to meet and spend time with our parents. My heartfelt thanks go to Mr Musa Mabaso and Mrs Marinda Basson who organised this splendid event!

Our learners thoroughly enjoyed their Term 4 **Excursion** and it was evident that learning outside the classroom can also be much fun.

Good luck to our Grade 4 to 7 learners who will be **writing examinations** during the next two weeks. We wish you all the best and we have faith in each one of you that you will do your best and succeed with flying colours. I ask our parents to please keep their fingers on the pulse and support their children during this stressful time.

Please remember to fill up the **Santa Shoeboxes**.

Thank you, Ngiyabonga, Keyaleboga, Ndo levhuwa, Wazvita aka, Ndzi khense ngopfu, Dankie.

Ms Sylwette Kotze

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

As we are very quickly wrapping up on 2016 and slowly turning our gaze to 2017, I can't help but think how blessed we have been in the last two years. We have done some good things, made many mistakes, but most of all learnt a lot!

Next year is going to be a watershed year for our young school. It will be the year where all our endeavors of the last two years are going to come to fruition. 2017 is the year we release our **first set of matric learners** on the world! I must say I am quietly confident and somewhat excited to share this first year matric class with all the parents.

On behalf of the staff of the High School, I would like to say a heartfelt **thank you** to all our parents for your continued support during this year. By all accounts I think we had a great year!

Until next time...

Mr Dayne van Schalkwyk

6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)



The question may not be "Should we praise young children?", but rather "*How* should we praise young children?"

A lot of research has shown that process praise motivates children to work hard, learn, explore, and have a healthy outlook on their abilities. In addition, praise that is sincere and conveys realistic expectations can promote a child's self-motivation.

Here are some ways to translate these ideas about effective praise into your everyday life with your child:

- **Describe your child's behaviour and effort, not his or her attributes.** Statements like "good girl" or "great job" undermine self-motivation, and don't provide your child with specific information that will help him or her continue the desired behaviour. Instead, say what you see, by providing a simple, evaluation-free statement like "You used a lot of bright colours in your picture" or "Your tower is so tall!". Even a simple "You did it!" tells the child that you noticed, without providing a judgment
- Bayat suggests that **paying positive attention to appropriate behaviour** that is valued can be effective. An encouraging description such as "I can see you are working very hard on that puzzle" or "Wow! You are sharing the toy truck with your brother" tells a child that effort, cooperation, and positive relationships are valued in your home.
- **Avoid praise for low-challenge activities or error-free success** – This tells a child that he is only praiseworthy when he completes tasks quickly, easily and perfectly, and does not help a child embrace challenge.
- **Be careful when praising after failure or mistakes** – Praise such as "Well done. You did your best" can convey pity. It can also contribute to a child's belief that his or her mistakes are a result of an underlying fixed ability or intelligence (which can't be improved or changed) rather than due to effort (which can be improved). And telling a child to "Try harder" does not give the child any information about how to improve his or her effort. It may be best to provide process praise and identify what the child did accomplish in this case. For example, "You missed the goal, but it was very, very close!"
- **Praise must be sincere** – Praise should reflect the amount of effort the child puts in. When praise is meaningless and "over the top", it loses its effectiveness

Excerpt from Article by Dr Mojdeh Bayat -"Clarifying Issues Regarding the Use of Praise with Young Children"

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

7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High School	Primary School
Wed 9 Nov	Grade 4-7 Honours Evening		X
Thurs 10 Nov	Examinations start for Grade 10 and 11	X	
Fri 11 Nov	Grade 4 Funky Day (selling Candyfloss @ R10)	X	
Sat 12 Nov	Grade 1 Merit Awards @ 08:00 Grade 2 Merit Awards @ 10:30 Grade 3 Merit Awards @ 13:00		X
Sat 19 Nov	New Learner Orientation Day for 2017 Castle: 09:00 to 11:00 (in class) Group 5 and Grade R: 08:30 (Reception Phase classes) Grade 1: 08:30 to 10:15 (PS Hall) Grades 2 to 7: 11:00 to 12:15 (PS Hall) Grades 8 to 11: 08:30 to 10:15 (HS Hall)	X	X
Mon 21 Nov	Examinations start Grade 4 - 9	X	X
Mon 28 Nov	Grade 7 Panarottis Evening		X
Wed 30 Nov	Exams end		X
Thurs 1 Dec	Grade 7 Outing		X
Fri 2 Dec	Grade 7 Final Assembly School closes at 13:00 for Staff Meeting	X	X
Tues 6 Dec	Academic Prize giving	X	
Wed 7 Dec	School Closes @ 11:00 for Christmas Holidays Reports to be issued	X	X

8. GENERAL

Staff Matters

We wish to congratulate Mrs Carol Purdon (Gr 1) on the birth of her gorgeous baby boy. A further congratulations goes to Miss Justine van Staden (Gr 6) who recently got engaged. We wish you all the best with this exciting change in your life.

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 discarded.

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 has been communicated. 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**. 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. 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 Page

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!

General Safety and Security

In South-Africa we are aware that alertness is a pre-requisite to safety. Should you observe any suspicious people or activities please alert us immediately. Parents are please reminded to be alert when locking vehicles, as car jamming is a reality. We had an unfortunate incident where a vehicle was stolen over the weekend and hence the request for vigilance at all times. As a school we are actively assessing and upgrading our security, and hopefully in the near future you'll see the product of this.

Soccer Training Camp

Supersport United Soccer Schools will be hosting a soccer training session from 12 – 15 December. All learners aged 4 to 13 are welcome to attend. Kindly see attached information brochure.

9. IN CONCLUSION

In closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to all our learners who are studying for the upcoming examinations. May you reap the fruit of your year's hard labour.

Albert Einstein once said, “*Never regard study as a duty but as an enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later works belong.*”

Yours in Education



**MRS M. GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD**



-through hard work great heights are achieved-

General Information - Curro Thatchfield Independent School

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<p>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</p>	
<p>Urban Life Church Services on Sundays in the Primary School Hall @ 10:00 danie@urbanlife.org.za www.urbanlife.org.za</p>	



CSIR Sport Facility Centre & Curro Thatchfield Primary
Camp Date: 12 – 15 December 2016
Days: Monday – Thursday
Time: 08:00 – 12:30 ⚽ Ages: 4 – 13 years old
Cost: R650/child

Camp drop off time: 7:30am. Players are required to bring football boots, shin pads and sunblock.

Contact Peter Chiveso M: 079 254 9355

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