Dear Parents

Christmas is a time for nostalgia, but it is also a time for making new memories. I trust that you enjoyed the fellowship of new friends, and cherished the company of family in this season of loving and sharing.

**Curro Rivonia Management:**

In my first newsletter I mentioned the importance of working closely together as a school and community and the fact that it takes the whole community to be involved to raise leaders that will make a difference in the world they will one day live in. With this invitation to engage with us in mind I am proud and excited to introduce the following members of the Curro Rivonia management team who will assist me in making your experience and transition into the new community as seamless as possible.

Ms Lizell Erwee will be heading up the Curro Castle and comes to us with a great deal of experience in managing nursery schools and was recently the manager of Opti Baby in Morningside.

Mrs Kathy Abraham will be managing the Foundation Phase with more than 19 years’ experience in heading up the Foundation Phase at Redhill Preparatory.

Mr Leroy Botha will be in charge of the Intermediate and Senior Phase within the Preparatory School. Mr Botha has more than 10 years international experience where he was involved in teacher’s training and staff development in the UAE.

**Staff Matters:**

Curro Rivonia has secured the services of South African Olympic swimmer George du Rand. He will be starting a swimming academy at Curro Rivonia school.

George du Rand:

- South African Olympic swimmer

- South African record-holder 200m Backstroke

- 2008 Beijing Olympic Games finalist

- Multiple World Championships finalist

- Short-course World-record, 2009

- Commonwealth Games silver medal, 200m backstroke

George will be responsible for both school swimming and establishing a club/swim school at Curro Rivonia for parents and pupils who would be interested in taking the sport seriously. We are starting construction on a Learn-to-Swim pool early in January to allow for George and his team to teach every child who is interested in how to swim and then escalating it to more competitive swimming in the formal club system.

His main focus will be to set up the academy structure as well as establish swimming as a sport at Curro Rivonia.

The Academy focus would be to:

- Develop elite age group swimmers who are motivated to get to the higher levels.

- Teaching everyone the tools they need to build achievement-confidence through swimming.

- Developing a team culture geared towards high-level achievement.

- Promoting happiness and enjoyment in swimming.

- Teaching young swimmers the importance of self-discipline, respect and personal responsibility.

Lessons will be offered for beginner, intermediate, advanced and adult/masters swimming.

Fees:

* Additional school swimming outside of the school programme: R 650 per month, 2 sessions per week
* Additional school swimming outside of the school programme: R 800 per month, 3 sessions per week
* Competitive swimming: R 950 per month, 6 days per week
* Adult / Masters: R 700 per month, 2 sessions per week
* Adult / Masters: R 850 per month, 3 sessions per week

For more information, please contact George directly at george@athleticedge.co.za,

or 072 577 6928

**Important Dates:**

* 5 January 2017 Staff Development Day 07:30
* 6 January 2017 Staff Development Day 07:30
* **7 January 2017 Parent/Pupil Information morning at Curro Rivonia 08:00-11:00**
* 9 January 2017 Staff Development Day 07:30
* 10 January 2017 Staff Development Day 07:30
* 11 January 2017 School Opens for Pupils 07:30
* **18 January 2017 Parent/Teachers welcome cocktail evening 18:00**

**Information Morning 7 January 2017:**

**08:00**- Meeting parents and pupils in the school hall.

**08:15**- Pupils to meet the teachers in the classrooms

**08:45**- Parents to join the pupils in the classrooms for a school tour.

**09:45**- Parent and pupils to join the staff for tea in the cafeteria.

**10:15**- External service providers to demonstrate activities on offer.

**11:00**- End of open morning

**Transport:**

We are finalizing the route and cost with an external service provider to ensure we are cost and route effective. Many thanks to the parents who did forward us the information for the school transport. If parents can please complete the attached survey to help finalize all the request and needs for us to make the best and more informed decisions. Please click on the link below:

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RivoniaRoute>

**Clothing Shop:**

Please note that the clothing shop will be opening the first week in January and is fully equipped to deal with any queries you might have with regards to school uniform. See the website for dates and times.

**If you and your children are half as excited as we are about starting, it is going to be a good year.**

Warm regards

Brian O’Neil

Executive Head- Curro Rivonia