



Dear Parents

With the school's academic programme in full swing, parents and staff had the opportunity to meet and share expectations as well as suggestions on the way forward. We had a well-attended evening where parents had the chance to engage with staff. At Curro Rivonia, we encourage our parent body to be part of our children's education and it was encouraging to see the buy-in from our community with the numbers that attended and joined us. We will get together on a regular basis and collaborate on a way forward to ensure the excellence Curro stands for.

I have included some photos of our first meeting below:



On Monday 30 January, we had the first meeting of the Parent Advisory Committee where purpose and direction was given and to allow an additional opportunity for parents to give feedback on the successes and suggestions to enhance the Curro experience.

Operational Matters:

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME FOR 2017

I wish to thank you for your swift response and positive approach towards our co-curricular programme. We are all excited to get the ball rolling and are eagerly awaiting the last pieces of the puzzle to fall into place to have a clear picture of how we will offer opportunities to develop not only the athletic skills, but also the social skills and character of each of our learners.

I do, however, need to clarify some points. Thank you to the parents who expressed their concerns and who made us aware of the confusion.

- Grade R – Grade 2 learners will receive coaching in various sports, but this will happen during their school day (in other words before 13h35). This is known as 'INTEGRATED SPORTS' and will be coached by coaches who specialize in working with our younger athletes. They present the different sporting codes in a fun and enjoyable way, not focusing on the competitive side of sports.
- Grade R – Grade 2 learners will be informally introduced to the different non-sport related clubs and activities offered and managed by our school's staff even though they may only sign up for such clubs from Grade 3 onwards. This is to create awareness of such clubs and their functions.
- Grade R – Grade 7 learners may join any outside club for private coaching, (i.e. Swimming Club, Judo and Soccer Stars) at the parents' discretion but, apart from perhaps supplying a venue, the school will not be liable for any sport or activity offered by outsiders. The times for these private lessons will be from 16h00 onwards on days determined by the outsider coaches in agreement with the parents.

Our Co-curricular Programme for TERM 1:

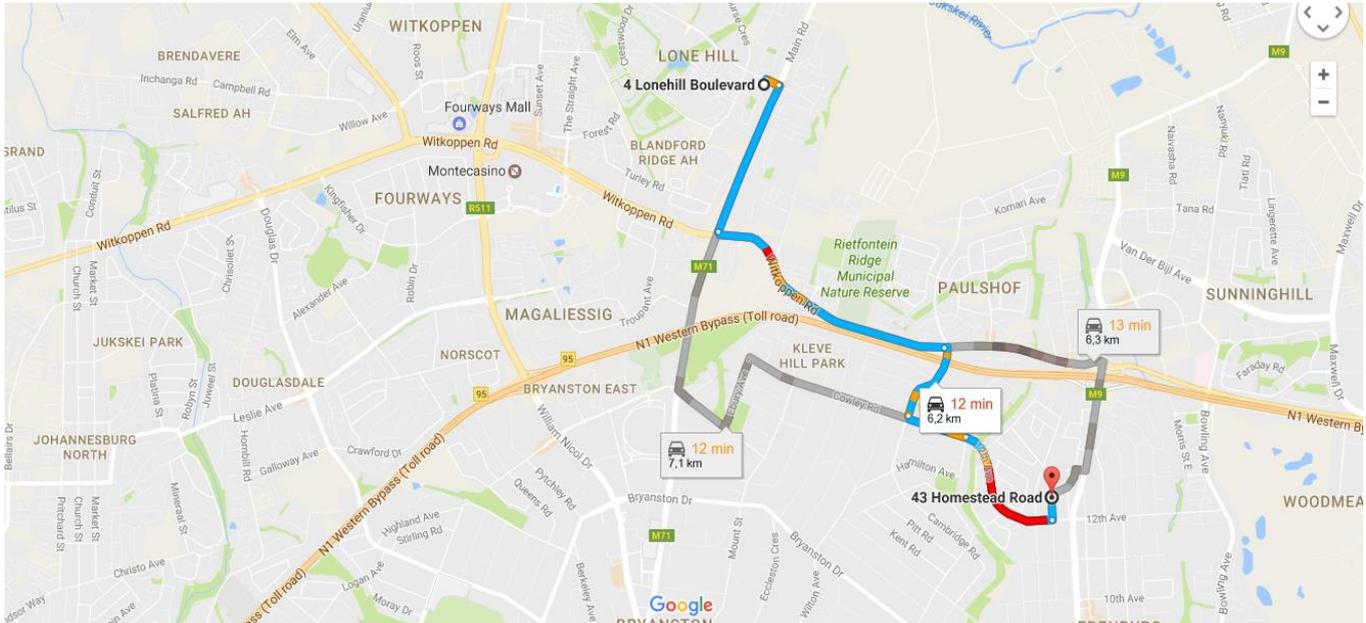
Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Coach/Teacher
Monday	14h00 - 15h00	Boys: Cricket	Waterfall	L. Botha & D. Lourens
		Hockey skills	Rivonia	B. Smith, D. Goddard
	15h00 - 16h00	Swimming Club (G)	Rivonia	G. du Rand
Tuesday	14h00 - 15h00	School Swimming	Rivonia	G. du Rand, C. Kelly, M. Rogers
	15h00 - 16h00	Swimming Club (B)	Rivonia	G. du Rand
		Tennis	Morningside CC	L. West & Curro Specialist
Wednesday	14h00 - 15h00	Tennis	Morningside CC	L. West & Curro Specialist
	15h00 - 16h00	Swimming Club	Rivonia	G. du Rand
Thursday	14h00 - 15h00	School Swimming	Rivonia	G. du Rand, C. Kelly, M. Rogers
		Hockey	Morningside CC	C. Olivier, M. Mahlangu
	15h00 - 16h00	Boys: Cricket	Morningside CC	L. Botha & D. Lourens

The sports above are the most popular choices for summer sports according to the reply slips that were returned to the school. Other popular winter sports will start in the 2nd term. You will notice that there are no non-sports related clubs and activities for the 1st term. Clubs will start in the 2nd term.

Transport:

We have been able to finalize the transport route and cost to and from school. We will commence with the service from Wednesday 1 February 2017. I have attached the map and route for your perusal. The cost works out to be R750 per month per pupil. Please advise if you would want to make use of the service by emailing info.rivonia@curro.co.za with your child's grade and contact number. We are starting to collect at 06:45 from the Engine garage on Main Road and the aim is to be back at school at 07:30. If you are running late, please note that the driver will not be able to answer his phone while he is driving and he would need to follow the schedule. In addition, this is an estimated route determined by the interest we have received from parents. The route might be adjusted if the interest changes. We ask for your support and patience with fine-tuning the process. If parents want to make alternative plans, they may do so using the alternative service providers such as:

- Kids on Board 072 263 6911
- Rubix Transport 082 893 7601
- School Link 082 338 7174



The stops are as follows

06:45 Stop 1- Engen Garage on Main road

07:00 Stop 2- Corner of Sloane & Edbury Bryanston.

07:15 Stop 3- Curro Castle Bryanston, cnr. Cambridge & Cowley

Aftercare:

As we are stepping up the security measures at school, we require all pupils that form part of the aftercare to have registered and filled in the aftercare registration form as well as signing the pupils out at the end of the day when parents come to collect their children. We have to cater at an additional cost for pupils who do not form part of the aftercare and need to look at providing sufficient care for all pupils. Please note that as the demand for aftercare increases, we will make more staff and facilities available. Parents must please note that pupils can be collected from the main reception after 16:00 as this will now become the waiting area.

School Uniform:

Parents would have noticed that the uniform issues have now been resolved and that all sizes and uniforms are ready for collection. Please inform us if you are still experiencing problems with uniforms as we would like all pupils to have the correct uniform as from 3 February. We need to be able to identify all pupils with the Curro uniform as well as ensure we build on the pride of our school. Pupils would need the correct uniform for all sporting events as well as Physical Education lessons. They must ensure that they wear their full uniform at the end of the school day when they travel home. That includes their school shoes and socks. If parents can please assist us with labeling the school uniform, lost property is returned a great deal easier. We have set up a lost property station outside Mrs. Kathy Abraham's office. Her office is on the second floor above the Foundation Phase entrance. If the items are not marked correctly, we will have to return it to GRIT to be resold.

Tuck shop/ Cafeteria:

I am pleased to announce that the tuckshop and cafeteria are now open for parents and pupils to use. We invite parents to drop the pupils in the morning and join us for a coffee and perhaps some fresh baked goods before they head back to work. It will give parents time to wait for the traffic congestion to settle as well as getting some work done. Below I have included the menu for the week and the supper menu if parents want to pre-order food for the evening. Please remember to order directly from the cafeteria using stembile.c@curro.co.za

LUNCH MENU ITEM	PRICE
Toasted Cheese and Tomato on Brown/White Bread	R15
Toasted Chicken Mayo on Brown/White Bread	R20
Toasted Tuna Mayo on Brown/White Bread	R18
Assorted Muffins	R10
Chicken and Bacon Wrap	R30
Omelettes stuffed with cheese and mix veg	R25
Stuffed croissants with tomato, lettuce and cheese	R15
Boerie Rolls	R25
Hot Chips	R17
Hot Dogs	R15
Hamburgers	R25
Chicken burgers	R25
Medium Sausage Rolls	R6
Samosas	R8
Cake of the day: Banana bread / Madeira loaf	R10 per slice
SALADS	
Greek Salad	R25
Pasta Salad	R15
Fruit Salad	R15
Ice cream	R6

Curro's What's for Supper? Menu:

Monday

Beef/ Chicken Chow Mein R70 per head

Tuesday

Sweet and sour pork chops and roasted potato/butternut wedges R80 per Head

Wednesday

Spaghetti Bolognese R60 per head

Thursday

Grilled Salmon with mash or rice and Lemon and Garlic sauce R150 per head

Friday

3 Lamb Chops and Savoury basmati rice with a chef's salad R120 per head
Salad can be ordered separately

Drop off and collecting of pupils:

As part of the security measures, we will be providing two Curro Rivonia discs per family to allow parents into the school as well as the Morningside country club. I will communicate this to parents as soon as it is ready for collection. We also appeal to parents to use the left-hand lane for drop-off and the right-hand lane to continue driving to the exit. As the school is growing, we want to ensure the flow of traffic and when parents only want to drop and go to please do so in the main road in front of the swimming pool area. The same will apply with collection in the afternoon.

School Fees:

Just a friendly reminder to parents who need to make payment for the January and February fees to please contact Marelle Untiedt at marilie.u@curro.co.za to ensure all payments are up to date. We don't want any parent to fall behind due to administration issues. The schools telephone lines are fully operational and parents can use this to communicate to the admin staff. (087 287 9551)

Protection of private information:

We will be distributing class contact lists to parents to assist with improving with our communication. Parents who do not want their contact information to be shared with the class, are to please inform their class teachers as soon as possible. We want to establish a communication list to assist with arranging class functions as well as sharing of important information with all parents. Also if you have any objection to your child's photo being used in any of the marketing material of Curro Rivonia to please notify the class teacher to ensure they are not added to any marketing material. If we do not receive any communication on the above, the school will take it as we have your permission to go ahead as planned.

Castle news:**Theme of the week: My Family and I**

We are also proud to have Mrs Tanya Keating on our staff who is a trained kids kinetics teacher who will be working with our Group 3-5 pupils. She will be working on the different movement and gross-motor development activities with all the group 3-5 pupils. They will also be doing sport specific activities during their school day to expose all the pupils to the same activities.

We have also been meeting with external service providers to set up demonstration lesson for pupils that might be interested in additional sporting activities followed by an information pamphlet for parents to arrange with them directly.

General:

As we go from strength to strength, I want to thank our parents and pupils for the positive approach to the staff and helping us develop Curro Rivonia into one of the leading schools in Johannesburg.

Warm regards

Brian O'Neil
Executive Head- Curro Rivonia