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Durbanville

Semper Curro

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Dear Parent/Guardian

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Once again we proved that we have the best spirit. The competition for the coveted Spirit Cup is ever-increasing and this year six of the seven schools competed for the final prize. All six schools performed phenomenally well and this bodes well for the future. Thanks to continued participation and enthusiasm, Curro Durbanville won the Spirit Cup for a seventh year in a row, with Curro Langebaan and Curro Hermanus in second and third place respectively. Congratulations to our cheerleaders and learners!

ACADEMICS

Life Orientation

Learners must wear the official sports clothing during practical classes. They have to wear navy and/or white. The school tracksuit is allowed during the winter season. If learners do not have the official sports clothing they must please order it as soon as possible. Learners can wear plain navy/white items of clothing with **no patterns** on them while they wait to receive their order.

The IEB requires a medical certificate, should a learner miss a practical session as this session forms part of the assessment for the year. The IEB does not accept a zero or 'absent' for any LO assessment in Grades 8 – 12. Learners must follow their assessment programme to see on which days they have LO practical.

Mathematics

Please take note of the following information for those learners in need of additional assistance in Mathematics. These classes usually start after school in the educators' classes.

DAY	GRADE 8-9	GRADE 10-12
Monday	<i>Ms M Hattingh</i>	<i>Ms A Rossouw, Ms M Claassens</i>
Tuesday	<i>Ms L Ungerer</i>	<i>Ms W Harvett, Ms M Claassens</i>
Wednesday	<i>Ms M Claassens</i>	<i>Ms M Hattingh, Mr R Smit</i>
Thursday	<i>Ms A Rossouw</i>	<i>Ms M Claassens, Ms L Ungerer, Ms A Rossouw</i>

Computer Applications Technology: Why every learner needs to take the subject

The value of Computer Applications Technology (CAT) is that it prepares learners exceptionally well for the future. The goal is to teach learners about the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) being used today in a way that they will know how to use the ICT of the future.

SPORT

Athletics

This year the Interschools meeting was held at Greenpoint Stadium in Cape Town. Congratulations to Mr Deon van Zyl who prepared the learners for the Spirit Cup in just a few days. Our Athletes won the athletics cup with a total of 1 452 point (only 390 points more than Curro Langebaan). The athletes had outstanding achievements.

- **Best athletes per age group and gender:**

Girls:

1. u/14 Rudzi Ramukhubathi (Curro Durbanville)
2. u/15 Micaela Kirsten (Curro Mossel Bay)
3. u/17 Hannah Kiely (Curro Langebaan)
4. u/19 Imane Hoffman (Curro Mossel Bay)

Boys:

1. u/14 Ethan White (Curro Langebaan)
2. u/15 Khutsi Shabangu (Curro Durbanville)
3. u/17 Andrew Cloete (Curro Hermanus)
4. u/19 Kyle Snell (Curro Durbanville)

- **Victor Ludorum and Victrix Ludorum:**

Junior Victrix Ludorum: *Rudzi Ramukhubathi (Curro Durbanville)*

Junior Victor Ludorum: *Dean Rautenbach (Curro Durbanville)*

Senior Victrix Ludorum: *Jané Bezuidenhout (Curro Langebaan)*

Senior Victor Ludorum: *Jesse Meyer (Curro Langebaan)*

We would like to make a correction. We reported wrongly In the previous newsletter. **Marno Stander** was named the Senior Victor Ludorum to the interhouse meeting. We apologize for this. Congratulations, Marno!

Hockey

Our learners received expert training and coaching from one of South America's leading hockey players. Ms Pilar Romang, a member of the Argentine Ladies' National Team (currently playing in the Netherlands), conducted a series of training and skills sessions with both our Primary School and High School learners. Ms Romang imparted invaluable technical and mental skills to these learners in a fun and action-packed manner. The sessions presented a brilliant opportunity for our hockey players to gain experience with an international hockey player.

Please take note of the following important hockey dates:

1. **2 March 2017**

The annual hockey meeting for parents and players where the programme for the year is given, the teams announced and the coaches introduced takes place on 2 March.

2. **WP trials for u/16 girls**

Saturday, 25 February	09:00	<i>Bernadino Heights Secondary School</i>
Sunday, 26 February	09:00	<i>Bernadino Heights Secondary School</i>
Saturday, 4 March	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Stellenberg High School</i>
Saturday, 11 March	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Hartleyvale B</i>
Saturday, 25 March	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Hartleyvale B</i>
Monday, 17 April	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Hartleyvale B</i>

3. **WP trials for u/18 girls**

Saturday, 25 Feb.	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Stellenberg High School</i>
Sunday, 26 Feb.	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Stellenberg High School</i>
Tuesday, 7 March	17:30 – 19:30	<i>Hartleyvale A</i>
Saturday, 11 March	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Hartleyvale A</i>
Saturday, 25 March	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Hartleyvale A</i>
Monday, 17 April	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Hartleyvale A</i>

4. **WP trials for u/14 girls**

Friday, 12 April	15:30 – 18:00	<i>Hartleyvale A</i>
Monday, 1 May	09:00 – 12:00	<i>Hartleyvale B</i>

Swimmers to compete in Cairo, Egypt

Swimming sensations, Luan Grobbelaar and Henju Duvenhage have been selected for the SA swimming team and will be taking part in the CANA Junior Africa Championships in Cairo, Egypt this March.

Both Luan (Grade 9) and Henju (Grade 10) are preparing for a whirlwind trip which will take them through their swimming paces between 14 March and 31 March. They will be participating in a few tournaments over the course of these weeks, namely the SA National Age Group Championship in Durban, the CANA Junior Africa Championships (which will take place in Egypt), and then they will travel back to Durban for the Senior National South African Championships. The last event in Durban will see the boys competing against swimming giants like Chad le Clos, Cameron van den Burgh and possibly even Roland Schoeman.

Cricket

The u/15A team played a T20 match against Tygerberg High School's u/15A team. They batted first and were restricted to 102 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs owing to excellent bowling from Tiaan Visagie who took 2 wickets for 4 runs in 3 overs. Our team scored 103 for 2 in just over 16 overs and won the match by 8 wickets. Dean Rautenbach and Liam Muller scored 38 and 29 runs, not out, respectively.

GENERAL

Grade 8 Blazer Ceremony

The Curro Durbanville tradition continues. A very special Grade 8 Blazer Ceremony took place on 27 January. All new Grade 8 learners (The Wolf Cubs) were officially welcomed into the Curro Wolf Pack. These newest additions to the Curro family were made to feel right at home and valued as each was called out by name and helped into his/her school blazer by a senior mentor. To all the new Grade 8s: Welcome to our family!

Wolf Fest

Our annual Curro Wolf Fest was held on Friday, 27 January. Great fun was had by all. The strong wind did not deter the learners from enjoying the evening, and mass participation could be seen in (the very popular) Laser Tag, carnival style games, inflatable soccer or just dancing on the field. Many parents attended the event. The Wolf Fest is a phenomenal way to meet and interact with other parents from the school. Thank you to the Learner Council and PAC for organising this fun event.

Bleed For A Day campaign

A big thank you to everybody who took part in our *Bleed For A Day campaign* on 31 January. It is the second year that we have hosted this campaign to create awareness about blood donation among our learners and in the Curro community. We managed to collect 66 units of blood. There were 18 new donors. Join us again on Monday, 8 May to donate blood and save lives.

Qualified Skipper

Liam Steyn, a Grade 11 learner, recently qualified for his Day Skipper licence for both Motor and Sail vessels. This achievement makes Liam one of the youngest successful candidates for this type of exam and qualification within this field and in South Africa. Liam wrote both his Royal Yacht Academy and South African Sailing Exams recently, which comprised of five days of theory, four days of motorised practical experience and a further three days of sailing. Parts of his exam covered topics like tidal vectors and the effect of the wind. A very sun-tanned Liam has returned from his sailing adventures a fully qualified and certified yachtsman – now able to sail and motor anywhere in the world.

Learners' Internet Habits

The following article recently appeared on **www.saferschools.co.za** website. We believe it is important for our parents/guardians to be aware of the information:

Understanding teenager talk, what are they saying to one another?

On Safer Internet Day (7 February 2017), UK Internet service provider BT revealed that 5.2 million adults are clueless when it comes to interpreting what kids are saying online. Over 4 500 adults took part in the research, and the majority were not able to translate the real meaning of slang that children use on the internet and cellphones.

A different study conducted by South African Kids Online interviewed 552 parents to find out how they used the internet themselves and how they mediated their children's internet use. The study found that although children are generally active, engaged internet users, they tend not to receive much support from their parents, teachers and friends around their internet use, and generally were free to use the internet without supervision. This suggests that children need more support from their parents, teachers and friends, around how to use the internet safely, which includes monitoring internet and cellphone chats and language.

We're not advocating that you try to read all messages and online chats (or that you start using these acronyms and symbols yourself!), but being aware of common codes can help you identify any potential problems and keep children safe online.

Here are some hints to help you crack the code:

Emojis

- *Cheeky Monkey with paws over its mouth = "I won't tell anyone"*
- *Emoji face with cross eyes = sometimes used to indicate that children have seen something X-rated online*

10 Texting codes every parent and teacher should be aware of

- *WTPA – Where the party at?*
- *PAL – Parents are listening*
- *P999 – Parent alert*
- *KOTL – Kiss on the lips*
- *NIFOC – Nude in front of the Computer*
- *420 – Marijuana*
- *182 – I hate you*
- *SMH – Shaking my head*
- *SOS – Someone over shoulder*
- *PIR – Parent in room*

And these aren't even the most serious ones. Although KMS was interpreted by 65% of parents as "Keep my secret", the acronym actually means "Kill myself".

The cryptic number "99" indicates that "Parents have stopped watching"; GNOC = "Get naked on camera"; and only 4% of the adults surveyed could identify/decipher MIA, which is used by some young people online when they are talking about Bulimia, an eating disorder.

But rather than just be known as a code-cracker, parents should speak to young people about how they use social media and chat online. Children's use of the internet is developing at a rapid pace and online safety starts with a conversation.

What you can do:

- *Talk to your children and learners about their life online – what sites do they visit? How do they spend their time? Who do they chat to? Which apps do they use?*
- *Make them aware of types of issues to look out for, such as cyberbullying and online privacy*
- *Most importantly, let them know that you are there to support and protect them, not just be SOS (remember what that one means?).*

IMPORTANT DATES: TERM 1 (2017)

FEBRUARY

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| 14 | Valentine's Day
Cake Sale: Music department |
| 16 | VALENTINE'S DANCE |
| 17 | Gr. 10 – 12: Art Outing |
| 23 | Fundraiser: Emo Adams Concert |



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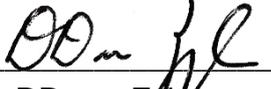
BOOK NOW!

Well done to all the participating Curro schools at the Interschools meeting and thank you to all who were involved in organising such a successful event. We won the Spirit Cup and the Athletics Cup yet again. Check out our Opening Ceremony flashes on Youtube. Subscribe to our channel: **Curro Durbanville Independent School**.

Kind regards



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