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# Hi!

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*Excellence in 2017*



' The reward  
of a thing  
well done is  
to have  
done it '

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

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### A job well done

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This has been another successful year for Curro Durbanville High School. Our learners have excelled on all fronts and the level of participation and performance keeps rising. We are very proud of every learner, educator and coach for the outstanding results achieved.

Now we enter a time of rest and reflection.

We hope that you are satisfied with the results of your efforts in 2017.

Take this time to reflect on where you can improve in 2018 and set your goals accordingly.

May this Festive Season be a wonderful time of rest and joy for our entire Curro Durbanville family. Even a wolf pack deserves to lie in the sun or howl at the moon every now and again!

*Alpha Wolf*  
**JD Vermeulen**

# FROM THE SPORTS DESK

## KARATE 3rd in World

Zak Holmes, Grade 12, represented South Africa at the Kumite World Goju Ryu Championships in Bucharest, Romania, where he placed 3rd in the under 21 section. This makes him 3rd in the world in this age group!

Take a look at Zak in action... WOW!

## CRICKET

### WP CRICKET GIRL

Leah Jones (Gr. 9) has been selected to the under 19A cricket girls' team. Leah will tour with this team to Port Elizabeth in December. Leah has also been appointed as vice captain of this team.



## GOLF

### WP WINNERS

Our golf A-team won the overall Western Province A-league this year.



## GOLF

**JORDAN ROTHMAN**, Grade 9, took part in the Inter-Provincial Tournament of SA (IPT), where she represented Western Province's Open First Team.

During the first round, Jordan led the field which helped her team to qualify for the first division. This is the first time that Jordan has progressed straight to the first team during the first round of the IPT. She was also crowned Champion of the Order of Merit - a wonderful achievement for this young golfer.

Jordan remained unbeaten in the IPT and, together with her partner, played foursomes against the number 1 and number 2 ranked players in our country. Jordan and her WP partner beat these top ranked players on the last hole, thus winning an extremely valuable point for Western Province. This excellent play helped Western Province in their fight for the champion's title. The final result: an outright win for Western Province, who snatched the champion's title from the previous winners Gauteng.

Jordan then went on to play the Champion of Champions tournament, which she won! She also represented WP at the Glendower Golf Course in Gauteng during November.



## TENNIS

### SA MASTERS ACCEPTANCE

Marno Stander (Gr. 11) was invited to participate in the 2017 GROWTHPOINT SA MASTERS tournament in Potchefstroom (12-15 October 2017).

He competed in the under 18 section. It was truly an honour to have been chosen.



# CULTURE AT CURRO

## CHOIR

Our high school choir achieved a score of 88% at the Cape Town Eisteddfod.

We are incredibly proud of our choir learners as well as Ms Lina Hattingh and Mr Willem Luitingh who all worked tirelessly to deliver an excellent performance.

Photo credit (top right): Luigi Bennett Photography



## EISTEDDFOD

### CURRO MUSIEKSTERRE PRESTEER BY TYGERBERG INTERNASIONALE EISTEDDFOD

Curro se musiekleeders het koning gekraai in verskeie afdelings van die Tygerberg Internasionale Eisteddfod.

Hier verskyn die trotse trofeewenners

Agter v.l.n.r. Ewald Diedericks, Gr. 11 (sang), Gracios Izaks, Gr 11 (klavier) en Peter Kastoor, Gr 10 (klavier). Voor staan: Marco Erlank, Gr. 9 (klavier en kerkorrel) en Claire Jung, Gr. 12 (klavier).



## EISTEDDFOD

### KAAPSE AFRIKAANSE EISTEDDFOD

Claire Jung (Gr. 12) was awarded a silver medal and announced Category Winner at the Kaapse Afrikaanse Eisteddfod.

Claire's excellent performance in the Senior Piano 17 years and older category yielded this fantastic result.



## HIGH SCORER

Music learner scores high!

Peter Kastoor, (Gr. 10) achieved 94% for his Royal School's external Grade 7 practical exam.

This is an incredibly high score for such an advanced grade and we are extremely proud of Peter's achievement.

He was invited to perform at the High Scorers Concert which took place at Bishops Preparatory School in Rondebosch.



## BURSARY

### MUSIEK-LEERDER ONTVANG STUDIEBEURS!

Baie geluk aan Marco Erlank (Graad 9) wat vir die tweede agtereenvolgende jaar 'n skoliere-beurs van R6000 van SAKOV gewen het!

Marco het in 'n landwye beurskompetisie vir kerkorrel deelgeneem.

Opnames van 4 stukke is gemaak in die Endlersaal en deurgestuur na Pretoria waar dit beoordeel is.

Hy is een van slegs twee skoliere wat 'n beurs gewen het.



# Events in pictures

## MATRIC DANCE



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Eensgezind Function Venue, situated in the beautiful Durbanville countryside, was the venue for the Matric Dance this year.

Onlookers thoroughly enjoyed the arrival of each couple. An array of sports-cars, old fashioned cars and even an ice-cream truck made their way down the winding road to the venue's entrance. Our Matric couples looked spectacular in their evening wear as they walked along the red-carpeted foyer and into an elegantly decorated, New York themed, venue.

# HERITAGE DAY 2017



## HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS AT CURRO DURBANVILLE

SA's National Heritage Day was celebrated in grand style this year. A special programme ran over seven days and focused on the different aspects and colours of the South African flag. We also looked at keywords that inspire a caring, positive, connected and accepting community. We took to the streets of Cape Town during our educational outings to learn more about our country and its history. We ended the programme by forming a human SA flag on our sports field which was photographed by a drone. We also enjoyed a bit of Gumboot dancing.

# ADS NIGHT



## ADS NIGHT 2017

Our Business Studies learners executed their respective business and entrepreneur assignments. Parents attending the evening had the privilege of playing the role of 'Joe Public', where they got to try, buy and experience all our learners' wares and product ideas. The Grade 9s concluded their 'Cookie Project' with attendees being invited to vote for the three best cookies of the evening. The Grade 10s showcased their Business Studies entrepreneurial project with wonderfully decorated, planned and run food stalls. The Grade 11s had the task of capturing the audience's attention with their excellently directed and filmed video advertisements.

# CROSSOVER DAY



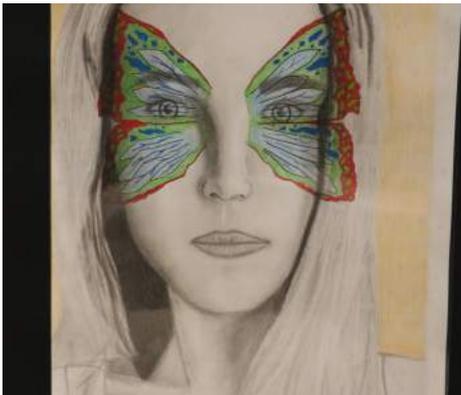
## GRADE 11 CROSSOVER DAY

*Our Grade 11s celebrated becoming the Seniors on campus.*

*This year it was celebrated over two days. On the Friday all the Grade 11s went to Big Bay to enjoy the sunshine and surf. On the second half of Crossover Day, the Grade 11s came to school dressed according to the theme 'Iconic Characters'.*

*We wish the Grade 11s all the best in what will soon be their final year of school.*

# MUSIC, ARTS & DRAMA



## ARTS, DRAMA AND A TOUCH OF MUSIC

*Our Arts and Drama departments hosted a magnificent exhibition. Parents, educators and learners could meander amongst wonderful installations and works of art created by our very own talented Curro Durbanville learners. While beautiful piano music played in the background, exhibition attendees had the opportunity to appreciate the hard work and creative genius of many of our Grade 7 - 12 Art learners. They were also treated to two short plays, presented by our very own Dramatic Arts learners who scored top results in the Director's Festival.*

# VALEDICTORY 2017

Goodbye to  
Curro Durbanville's  
Class of 2017!



# THE CURRO COOKIE PROJECT

In Term 3 Curro Durbanville Grade 9 learners participated in a very exciting **CROSS-CURRICULAR** academic project. The project spanned multiple subjects and counted towards their term report in these subjects.

The project took one idea - manufacturing a batch of cookies - and applied key academic learning concepts and criteria across the following Grade 9 subjects: **EMS, Hospitality, Technology, History and Life Sciences**. Each subject contained a clearly defined rubric, which the learners needed to include in each section of their project.

**GRADE 9  
CROSS-CURRICULAR  
LEARNING**

For EMS, learners surveyed target markets, they evaluated their chosen cookie recipe, researched and set prices, and mapped out promotion/marketing. For History, learners researched the history of baking, they looked at some of the world's oldest ovens (for example) and the role that baking played in ancient civilisations. For Life Sciences, learners looked at the ingredients contained in their chosen cookie recipe, the organic and inorganic components, how they affect digestion, the breakdown of proteins, fats, carbs, etc. For Technology, learners needed to plan, draw and construct the packaging of their cookies using recycled material. Packaging needed to include a logo and display an information panel including product weight, nutritional facts, ingredients, allergens and the like. For Hospitality, the actual cookie was assessed according to baking standards - amongst other things.



# GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

Die LO-kurrikulum vereis dat leerders gemeenskapsdiens as een van hul 4 sertifikate vir LO voltooi. Daarom het die graad 11's Vrydagoggend van die skool na die Wemmershoek-kampterrein vertrek om gemeenskapsdiens in die mooie Franschhoek te gaan doen. Die uitreik van 10 ure het oor twee dae gestrek.

**"GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION. IS IT ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE"**  
**KATHY CALVIN**



The learners had to garden as well as sand down, repair and paint desks. The community service also included painting the jungle gym, taking out of weeds and cleaning up in and around the school.

Learners were asked to offer up R15 of their tuck shop money to allow a learner at Wemmershoek Primary to be surprised with a care package when they returned to school after the weekend.

Although this was optional, many of our Grade 11s were generous enough to contribute up to R100 to provide even more primary school children with a care package.



# COMPETITIONS AND OLYMPIADS

FIFTH IN WORLD KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD

Ralph McDougall achieved fifth position in Grade 11 nationally for the World Knowledge Olympiad.

The World Knowledge Olympiad tests knowledge on current topics drawn from newspapers and periodicals, e.g. books, radio, TV and encyclopaedias, with approximately one third of the Olympiad questions from main stream newspapers. The aim of the Olympiad is to test the general knowledge of learners and encourage them to expand it by reading newspapers.

Ralph has participated in this Olympiad over the past four years and achieved second place in his Grade in the Province twice; he has come third once. This year he achieved the fifth position in South Africa for Grade 11.

"CURRO LEARNERS EXCEL"

## REGIONAL FINALS: SCIENCE EXPO

Our learners excelled at the regional finals of the Science Expo held in Stellenbosch.

Kyle Janse van Rensburg and Siyabonga Nhlapo received silver medals for their projects while Juan-Luc Muller, Gheran Hattingh, Michael Woods, Matthew-James Pether and Marco Erlank received bronze medals.

Kyle's project was also chosen as the best junior research project in the Chemistry and Biochemistry category.

## SA MATHS FOUNDATION NATIONAL AWARDS

Ralph McDougall and Adri Wessels attended the South African Mathematics Foundation (SAMF) annual awards ceremony. At this event, they were honoured for their performance in the South African Mathematics Olympiad (SAMO) for high school learners. Ralph and Adri both received silver medals in the Top Ten Senior category.





# CURRO ART COMPETITION

**Two Curro Durbanville High School learners achieved top places in the National Curro Art Competition.**

This competition was open to all Curro Learners across the country. The artwork entered had to depict a landscape theme and learners were encouraged to make use of the art elements, i.e. line, shape, texture and colour. Any medium could be used.

Grade 8 Category

FIRST PLACE: Christine Nagel – Diamond

Grade 9 Category

SECOND PLACE: Morgan van Greunen – Gold

# CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT



## LOVE IN ACTION - THE CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

*Well done, Curro Durbanville! We made a difference in the lives of the learners and staff of Attie van Wyk Primary School. 292 boxes were filled, labelled with each child's name and beautifully wrapped in festive paper. These were taken to Attie van Wyk Primary School. The best part was spending time with these children and sharing in the excitement.*

# 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Presenting Curro Durbanville High School's  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for 2018...

From left to right:

Joanie Thom (Secretary)  
Moya Marumo (Head Girl)  
Hannah Daniels (Deputy Head Girl)  
Michael George (Deputy Head Boy)  
Janco Greyling (Head Boy)

CONGRATULATIONS!





**Here's to CHRISTMAS ...  
A time of REMEMBERING  
A time of LOVING  
A time of GIVING  
A time of BELIEVING  
A time of GRATITUDE  
A time to SLOW DOWN  
A time to SIMPLIFY  
A time of MAGIC  
A time of PEACE**

(Author: Unknown)



May your heart and home be filled  
with all the joys the season brings.  
**Merry Christmas and a happy new year!**

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