

20 March 2018

**VISITORS' DAY**

every Wednesday  
at 08:30

**CURRO**  
Thatchfield

## *Campus News*

Dear Curro Parents/Guardians

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### 1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

Our learners have been working hard these last few weeks and I know that we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break!

CTF is embarking on a very exciting journey. We have started **building a relationship** with Francis Parker School in San Diego, California in the United States of America. Our aim is to become 'sister' schools across two continents. During the weekend of 10 March 2018 some of the Grade 11 learners participated in an outreach initiative alongside our Francis Parker friends where they built a micro-farm at a clinic in an effort to support the clinic's feeding scheme. The learners visited our school on 12 March where they received a 'taste' of Curro schooling and met some of our educators. We will be partnering with Francis Parker School in various community service outreach projects as well as collaborative classroom strategies, where we will have Skype lessons, etc. The learners from Francis Parker School have had the opportunity to visit us and the hope is that our learners will one day be able to visit them in return.

Well done to our boys and girls who recently took part in the annual **Curro Regional** tournament for soccer, hockey, netball and rugby. I am very proud to say that most of our teams won most of their matches.

Thank you to those parents who supported our **Easter Egg Outreach Project** and took up our challenge. We managed to collect approximately **14 000** Easter eggs which will be distributed to hospitals, orphanages, neighbouring schools, police stations and other community service providers to spread the Easter spirit.

Our **compliment-an-educator** campaign is doing well where I have received some wonderful emails. Let us compliment our educators more, through a pat on the back, a handshake, or a card and express our appreciation for the important service they provide. Please continue to share your positive experiences with us, by mailing us at [compliments.thatchfield@curro.co.za](mailto:compliments.thatchfield@curro.co.za)

We are happy to advise that we will be hosting our **Open Day** on **Saturday, 5 May 2018**. On this day (from 09:00 to 11:00) all **NEW enrolments for 2019** will receive a 50% discount on the enrolment and administration fee for 2018 – a whopping R3 000 discount! If you know of any friends, families or acquaintances that would like to enrol their children for 2018/9, please spread the good news. Remember, it is only one day, i.e. **5 May 2018** (see advertisement on last page).

To date very limited interest were shown by our parents in becoming involved in the **PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)**. The election has been postponed to next Term, where we will send out communication in this regard.

The **school closes** on **Wednesday, 28 March at 11:00 and re-opens again on Tuesday, 10 April**. I would like to make an urgent appeal to our parents to please be on time to collect your children. Reports for both the Primary and High schools will be issued on the last day of term.

*Mrs Marlene Gerber*

## 2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD CURRO CASTLE

The first term is drawing to a close. This term was full of fun activities, however, there are still a few to come during the last two weeks.

Unfortunately our **Fun Day** had to be postponed and the new date will be communicated to you soonest. Please come and join in the fun. The **Easter bunny** will visit the school on 26 March - the Group 4 photos will also be taken on this day. Group 2 and 3 photos will be taken on 27 March and Group 1 on 28 March. Kindly ensure that your child is neatly dressed. These photos will be ready and sent home during Term 2.

I would like to thank each parent who supports and assists us in making all these events and activities such a huge success. I can assure you that each child thoroughly enjoys them.

Please note that the school closes at 12:00 every last day of the term i.e. the school will close at 12:00 on 29 March.

For those of our parents who will be traveling during the Easter break, please drive safely and enjoy the well-deserved rest.

*Mrs Sonette Pretorius*

## 2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF RECEPTION PHASE

It is unbelievable to think that we are nearing the end of Term 1. We had a fruitful term with all curriculum and assessment matters completed and reports sent home.

Thank you to our hard working staff for always going the extra mile and thank you to our parents for always being so positive.

To ensure that no bullying takes place at our school, we would like to share some interesting facts with our parents and encourage you to also talk to your children about this matter.

### **What is Bullying?**

Bullying is an unwanted, aggressive behaviour among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. This behaviour is repeated over time.

### **How can we prevent this behaviour at school?**

- The best way is to stop it before it starts

### **Building a safe environment**

- Establish a school culture of acceptance, tolerance and respect
- Reinforce a positive climate through social interactions and inclusiveness

### **Educate learners, staff and parents**

- Build bullying prevention material into the curriculum, school and home activities
- Train all involved on the school rules and policies

### **Give the skill to intervene consistently and appropriately**

- We must equip children with a mind-set and tools to protect themselves against abuse and abusers
- Friends and peers must stand together and not merely stand by, and say: "I don't like what you're doing to me and my friends"
- Taking back the power from bullies is empowering in itself and helps reinforce confidence and self-esteem.
- It's now less about being a victim, and more about having a choice to give a bully power over you .

Have a blessed Easter and happy holiday.

*Mrs Smette Kotze*

## **4. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL**

It is with great excitement that I announce that our Grade 7 **public speakers** recently participated in the Tyger Valley College English Individual Speakers Public Speaking Festival 2018 against other schools like St Albans, Woodhill College and Midstream College. Our speakers did exceptionally well with Katie Tlotlo Kalil claiming 1st prize for the Prepared speech category and Tinodashe Dambudzo also claiming 1st prize for the Impromptu category. Other learners whom also held the Curro name high were Nosipho Masinga, Kganya Letsoalo, Resegofaditswe Mothowagae in the Prepared category as well as Ankonisaho Madima, Paballo Nthutang, Tinodashe Dambudzo, Ropfiwa Makaulule and Masego Anna Makgobela in the Impromptu category. Well done boys and girls, you truly make us proud!

I am also very pleased to say that our teams did very well and won most of their games at the annual **Curro Regional tournament** for soccer, hockey, netball and rugby which took place last weekend.

Our **parent-educator meetings** will take place on **Thursday, 12 April** for Grade 1 to 3; **Tuesday,**

**17 April** for Grade 4 and 5; and **Wednesday, 18 April** for Grade 6 and 7. All meetings will start at 14h30 and finish at 18:30. Educators will be available to attend to parents and discuss their child's progress during the first term.

If you are fortunate enough to take time off with your children during the upcoming holidays, enjoy it and if you are going away, please drive safely and come back re-energised.

May you have a blessed Easter!

*Mr Mark Cloete*

## 5. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

We have just finished the first round of workshops involving **elevate education**. By all accounts the workshops on learning techniques was a resounding success. Learners were asked to give some feedback regarding the workshops, a few of which I would like to share:

*"..It was fun and it gave me some useful advice.." Ntando*

*"..I learnt how to study effectively and focus while studying..." Kamogelo*

99% of respondents in the survey agreed that it was worth their while and would recommend the workshop to other learners.

We are planning on extending these workshops to include our parents. We hope that, by empowering our parents to give the correct support to our learners when they study, we will improve on the learners' results. Further details to follow in due course.

We recently took part in the annual **Curro Regional** tournament for soccer, hockey, netball and rugby and I am very pleased to say that our teams won most of their games. In many of the age groups we were the only school to be able to field more than one side. This is a testimony to not only the growth of sport in our school, but also the passion and determination of our coaches. Regional representatives will be announced at a later stage.

We have been very privileged to have **partnered with Francis Parker School from San Diego** in California as part of our outreach programme. Learners from both schools attended a workshop on micro farming and then established a vegetable garden in a needy area. We will be tending to this garden to provide for the community. There are great plans afoot to ensure that there is much more collaboration between the two schools.

On Saturday, **14<sup>th</sup> April**, the High School has scheduled **parent-teacher meetings**, starting from 09:00 to 11:00. Please feel free to come and discuss your child's progress with his/her subject teachers.

May you enjoy your Easter break and come back refreshed and ready for Term 2.

*Mr Danie van Schaik*

## 6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)

### **Choice of transport providers NB | NB | NB**

We would like to make another plea to our parents to please choose your child's transport provider wisely. Please see an email we received recently from a parent below:

"I would like to advise the school of a scholar transport/bus by the name of **D&T Transport** whom I was following on the R55 up until Thatchfield Close entrance. The driver was driving through red robots at both the R55 (N14) intersections from the Celtis Ridge side. The speed at which the driver was driving was really high. To my surprise, this bus was carrying school kids and taking them to my neighbouring estate. My body was really feeling cold by this sight and thought I must bring it to your attention.

The incident occurred today the 6 March 2018 at around 15:30. I unfortunately could not get the registration of the vehicle.

As parents, we are of the firm belief that our kids are transported safely whilst we are away at work. This e-mail may assist some parents. Am hopeful that at least the name of this Scholar Transport can be noted so that parents can be on the alert."

### General

We are awaiting nominations of parents who would like to become involved on a different level at the school. Nomination forms have been sent out already. For now, we would like to hear from our parents and are awaiting your suggestions, complaints or compliments. So, contact us at [curro.thatchfield.pac@gmail.com](mailto: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
27 March	Gr 4 Panarottis evening Gr 7 Open Day @ HS	X	X X
28 March	School closes at 11:00 for Term 1 Reports to be issued	X	X
10 April	Schools open for Term 2	X	X
12 April	Gr 1 to 3 Parents day 14:30 to 18:30		X
14 April	Parent morning	X	
17 April	Gr 4 & 5 Parents meeting 14:30 to 18:30		X
18 April	Gr 6 & 7 Parents meeting 14:30 to 18:30		X
19 April	Gr 1 Excursion		X
20 April	Gr 2 Funky Day		X
20-22 April	Soccer Camp Discovery		X
26 April	Matric Farewell	X	
<b>27 April</b>	<b>Freedom Day</b>		
<b>30 April</b>	<b>School holiday</b>		
<b>1 May</b>	<b>Workers Day</b>		
4 May	Gr 4 & 5 Excursions		X
5 May	Open Day	X	X
9 May	Career Day	X	
10 May	Blood drive High school hall	X	

11 May	Gr 3 Spelling Bee Gr 6 & 7 Excursions		X
<b>13 May</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>		
25 May	Gr 4 Funky Day Gr 2 Excursion		X
26 May	Soap Box races and colour run		X
1 June	Barefoot day		
6 June	Exams start		X
15 June	Last day for soup, jackets and jerseys outreach		
16 June	Youth day		
<b>17 June</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>		
22 June	School closes at 11:00 for Term 2 Reports to be issued	X	X

## 8. GENERAL

### Staff Matters

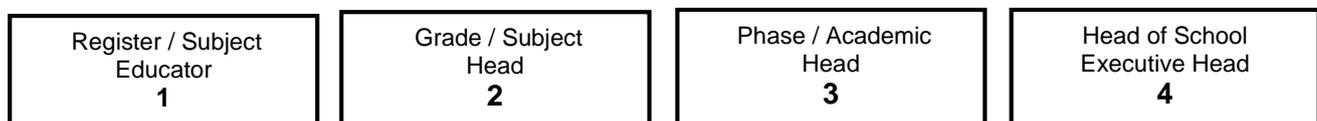
Congratulations to both Mrs Andrea Ackermann (Gr 10) as well as Mrs Gail Grobler (Gr 4) on the birth of their baby girls Adelaide and Lara respectively. We wish them much happiness with their new little bundles of joy. We would also like to welcome Ms Grace Khumalo who will be relieving Mrs Ackerman whilst on maternity leave. We've had a number of staff members who fell ill this term and a few ended up in hospital. We are happy to report that all our staff has recuperated and are fit for duty.

### School Diaries

All learners should by now have received their diaries. Parents and learners should take time to review and discuss the rules, regulations and procedures found in this diary. The diary is also designed to assist learners in organising and planning their homework and other activities. Please encourage your child to use this diary to keep track of important dates. It will also be used as a communication tool between educator and parent. Kindly note that a R100 replacement fee will be charged should a diary be misplaced/lost.

### Communication Channels

In order for us to swiftly attend to your communication, kindly find the chain of communication below. It is advisable to address matters of a general nature with your child's register educator and academic related matters to the Subject educator.



### Parent Contact Details

All parents/guardians are requested to please ensure that the school has their latest contact details. There have been several occasions where the school urgently had to get hold of parents only to realise that the contact details on the system are outdated. Please be reminded that when you change work, move house or change cell numbers that you need to inform the school accordingly. We continuously find that emails sent to given addresses bounce back and thus there is a breakdown in communication between school and parent.

### Learners on school premises after school hours

We want to urge parents not to leave their children on the school premises long after the school has finished. These learners are **left unattended** and some of them then get up to mischief. Kindly take note that all learners need to wait for their transport at the designated waiting areas and should not wander around between school buildings.

### Financial Matters

Parents' commitment to pay their children's school fees is crucial for the promotion of quality education in our country. Please plan for, and honour, this commitment. Parents experiencing difficulty in paying school fees should be responsible and bold enough to approach the school to discuss an acceptable payment plan to settle all outstanding fees.

### Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CurroThatchfield/>

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! We currently have 3 134 followers, and the challenge is to reach the 4 000 mark by the end of 2018. Please don't forget to 'like' our posts 😊

### Safety and Security



We again request our parents to **be vigilant at all times** and to double check that they have locked their vehicles, as car-jamming is a reality. A good habit is to lock your vehicle, walk a few steps and then return to check again. Also, make sure that all valuables are locked in the boot of your vehicle, and not left visible.

Parents are once again made aware that children should **look after their belongings and take responsibility** for their tablets, schoolbags and school clothes. Too often learners report items as stolen, yet they have left their school bag **unattended at the waiting area** whilst they were playing.

## 9. IN CONCLUSION

We may overlook some of the important things in life when we get carried away by other things that keep us occupied. It is good to step back and slow down so we can recall all of the things we should be grateful for. Easter is a good time for to reflect and be thankful for all the blessings that we have in our lives.

Happy Easter!

Yours in Education



**MRS M. GERBER  
EXECUTIVE HEAD**

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# Curro Thatchfield

## OPEN DAY

Saturday, 5 May 2018 | 09:00 – 11:00

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From 3 months to 4 years  
Every Wednesday is  
visitors' day

### Primary school

Group 5 to Grade 7  
Every Wednesday is  
visitors' day

### High school

Grades 8 to 12  
Every Wednesday is  
visitors' day

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🌐 www.curro.co.za

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### GPS Coordinates:

S 25° 54' 05.8". E 028° 06' 26.7"

### Phone

(012) 652-2906/8/10

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### Counsellor

Vacant

### Curro Banking Details

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield  
Bank: FNB  
Acc No: 623 5878 0403  
Branch Code: 250-655  
Reference: Family Code

Please note that school fees are due in advance on the 2nd of every month for 12 months (e.g. July school fees are payable on 2nd July)

**NB: A R150 payment allocation fine will be added to all accounts that do not use the family code as reference when making an EFT payment**

### Outside Providers

#### Grit Uniform Lounge

[info@gritprocurement.co.za](mailto:info@gritprocurement.co.za)

Located in the High School Admin Office

Mon to Thurs: 07:30-09:00 and 12:30-16:00

Fri: 12:30-14:00

#### Afro School Books

[ldreyer@afroschool.co.za](mailto:ldreyer@afroschool.co.za) or 011 708 6334

### Educational Support Team

#### Educational Psychologist

Elmarie Moss-Dormehl on 082 920 4929

#### Occupational Therapist

Karen Liebenberg on 083 651 0876

#### Speech Therapist

Liesl Turner on 072 124 7646

[Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za](mailto:Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za)

#### Play Therapist

Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313

[anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com](mailto:anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com)

### 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

### Urban Life Church Services on Sundays in the Primary School Hall @ 10:00

[danie@urbanlife.org.za](mailto:danie@urbanlife.org.za)

[www.urbanlife.org.za](http://www.urbanlife.org.za)

### 3C Ministries on Sundays in the High School Hall