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High School

Greetings to all Curro Aurorians in this the first High School CAB article of 2016. Welcome to one and all. This monthly communication reflects and highlights those preceding, noteworthy achievements and events to occur during the month which deserve mention.



One can scarcely comprehend that a month of school has passed us by following in the wake of purchasing uniforms, books, stationary and sporting togs which comprise the kit required to tackle the school year which lies in wait.

A month it has been, but one which has been filled to the brim with energetic activity, acknowledgement and innovation for staff and learners alike.

As communicated in the 25 January newsletter, Curro Aurora stands proudly by its 2015 Matric results. According to numerous requests herewith please find a brief summary of the salient points.

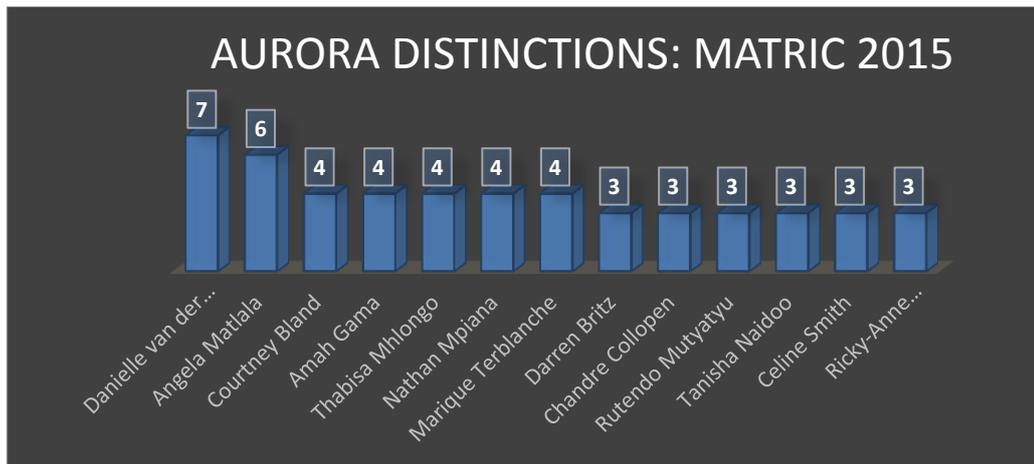
Matric results 2015

Security and confidence sustains an unshakable knowledge that no matter which way a milk bottle is positioned, the cream will always rise to the top. And so it is with the 2015 matric results. It is a delight to share the following statistics:

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- A 100 % pass rate * 98 %
- 96 % Bachelor's degree university entrance * 85 %
- 92 A symbols
- 160 B symbols of which many were 79%
- Congratulations to the class of 2015. Below is a sample of Aurora's achievement. Well done to Danielle van der Merwe on attaining 7 distinctions and the only Curro learner to receive 3 separate awards at the National Curro Awards Ceremony. Angela Matlala followed closely on her heels with 6. (Numerous additional distinctions which were achieved are not illustrated)



High School Theme for the year

Aurora has encompassed a new theme for 2016 which is already visible in the month to date. The theme for this year in the High School is termed 'RENAISSANCE', that is: New Beginnings as we continue to, grow, evolve and strive to attain ever higher pinnacles.

I am indeed encouraged to convey that Curro Aurora's educational footprint continues to make deeper, more profound impressions in the educational fraternity after having attended the National Curro awards ceremony at Emperor's Palace earlier this month. It was at this awards ceremony that numerous of Aurora's 2015 matric graduates received academic accolades for achievement in the IEB, NSC examinations. Congratulations to the recipients and the knowledgeable staff who are responsible. Well done to all on these impressive achievements.

Grade 8 orientation and induction ceremony

Curro Aurora's 2016 Grade 8's arrived full of questions and expectation as they gathered in the quad at the start of their High School careers. After a brief welcome from Mr Easton they were keen to learn of their respective class allocations following which they proceeded to their tutor class to receive timetables, instructions and the rest. It was not long before their academic timetable commenced and they realised they were fully fledged High School learners.

Thanks to a perspicaciously planned programme provided by the Grade heads in the persons of Mrs Beeston and Mr Wessels, ably assisted by matric councillors, 2016's Grade 8's were soon familiar with the rhythm, regulations and parameters of High School life. I will never forget their first Friday as High School learners surrounded by whoops of joy, excitement and activity as they rushed past my office, some peering through the window to greet as they vociferously participated in their orientation fun day. A grateful smile passed my lips as I enviously witnessed the councillors and Grade 8's sliding, jumping and bumping on the inflatables, putting any "Spur Kids" to shame.



Their inaugural inter house sporting event included the GET phase gala which very soon revealed the latent talent of several swimmers in this group.



For the remainder of January Aurora's Grade 8's were exposed to lessons, cycle tests and 21st century learning. Before they had time to realise, it was time for the High School's blazer induction ceremony. This occasion included addresses by Mr Easton the Phase Head, Dr. Kieck the Headmaster as Mrs Beeston and Mr Wessels invited each Grade 8 on stage to be welcomed in person. This was shadowed by war cries, ably conducted by the stick master, passing on candles of

mirroring the flames of Aurora's 'Blue Pride' as parents and staff witnessed the Aurorian legacy of becoming a High School Curro Aurorian.





Matters Academic

The 26th and 27th January hosted the 2015 Academic Awards Ceremony in the school hall. Both evenings shared between the GET and FET phases respectively witnessed the deserved recognition of Aurora's academic achievers.

Congratulations to all those who received certificates, trophies and other awards. May these inspire all our learners towards new heights as Aurora strives for the pinnacle position of the Curro group of schools.

The following learners are the proud recipients of the **top five academic positions** of each Grade factoring in their respective overall averages. A special word of congratulations is extended to these recipients and their parents. The 'Aurorian Family' is indeed proud of you and your achievements.

2015 Grade 8 Top Five in Academics



Jordyn Schiebe Stian Thomson Kaylee Daniels Zariskhe Nel Tamia Fakier

2015 Grade 9 Top Five in Academics



Ojo-Akinkunmi Oluwatoni Erin Fisher Jade Reaper Amy Conradie Charissa Pick

2015 Grade 10 Top Five in Academics



Jade Dave-Midlane Marsha Fourie Dylan Evans Robyn Zeller Julia Woodhead

2015 Grade 11 Top Five in Academics



Shayur Bgwandeen Aidan van Geest Claire Rothero Heilletje' van Zyl SaraYenson-Demetrio

High School Sport

The sports season began with the Inter-House Gala. Much to the delight of those who belong to house – Apollo, they celebrated first victory for the 2016 inter house competition. A tie saw joint second place shared between Challenger and Discovery with Atlantis filling 4th place.

Summer sports teams are busy with their season. The swimming team competes each week participating in friendly galas in preparation for the looming Inter-High competition. Rain has affected some of the boy's tennis matches. However the girls have done well emerging victorious in both their league matches.

The 1st and u15 cricketers have played numerous fixtures and have won all but one of their league matches. Ruminating cricket, history was made earlier this month as Curro Aurora laid yet another cornerstone of history in naming and dedicating the batting and bowling ends of the main cricket pitch. In recognition of his many dedicated years of passionate, loyal service to Aurora, Joseph Mulaudzi was honoured by having one of the cricket pitch ends named after him. We are proud to mention that this was the inspiration of Caleb Probert, Aurora's 1st team Cricket Captain.



Mr Joseph Mulaudzi

Mr Calla Raats – Cricket Coach

The 1st and u15 softball teams have won all their respective league matches. The 'B' team also emerged victorious in their matches. We are pleased to report that the golf teams are doing well in their competing leagues.

Street dance is a new sport at Curro Aurora with competitions commencing this week. We wish all participants every success as they carry the School's 'Blue Pride' with them. The High School is proud to announce that several Aurorians have earned provincial colours in various sporting disciplines. We look forward to recognising these sports stars at an occasion befitting their achievements. Later CAB articles will feature these valuable sporting assets of the Aurorian family.

I make use of this opportunity to sincerely thank the coaching staff for their time, skill, management and dedication in realising Aurora's sporting talent. When we dream together, we succeed together.

Congratulations are due with the appointment of the following 1st team Captains. Strength, courage and fortitude as you represent Curro Aurora putting your gifts, skills, talent and leadership to work in service of your school and your fellow team mates. May you be guided as your leadership, judgement, integrity, self-discipline and example endure public scrutiny representing your school, your team mates, your family and your name. Felicitations are extended to:

Caleb Probert: Cricket.

Nicole Duvenhage: Equestrian

Keelan van Wyk: Golf

Megan Arthur: Softball

Nicole Butow & Daniel Anderson: Swimming

Aiden Wolmarand & Pieter Kruger: Tennis

The cultural menu

Celebrate Life
- my learning, my life -

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

- George Bernard Shaw -

The high school is very proud to host Curro Aurora's **inaugural Culture Week** (7-11 March 2016). It is a week of creative, interactive learning.

The key objectives of the week are to:

- Encourage expression, innovation and self-discovery.
- Position Curro Aurora as a centre for holistic education.
- Increase the value of the co-curricular program.
- Celebrate excellence in the performing arts.

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.

- Mahatma Gandhi -

During this week-long programme the High School aims to promote and encourage all young people in our school to fully explore and discover themselves and their own passions. This through truly embracing the sights, sounds and feelings that surround us as young South Africans. Curro Aurora will celebrate its youth as it celebrates our Africa, and the endless possibilities which lie before us.

Celebrate Life – my learning, my life.

NB: More details on the various events will follow soon! We look forward to welcoming the entire Curro Aurora family onto our campus during Culture Week!

"The aim of art education in the schools is not to make more professional artists but to teach people to live happier, fuller lives; to extract more out of their experience, whatever that experience may be."

- Grant Wood -

A closing message

May all at Curro Aurorians strive and achieve their personal goals during 2016.

God bless

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