



In Loving Memory
-Ella-



Unfortunately our year has started on a very sad note, having tragically lost one of our Grade 4 pupils, Ella Paulson. We would like to take this opportunity to remember our little Angel, Ella...

Ella was truly a gift from God. One who brought a smile and joy to everyone who met her. Although she was only 9 years old, she was wise beyond her years. She had the uncanny ability to understand the way of life, without one needing to explain why things had to be done. Her passing will never be something we can fully accept or understand, however, we do believe that being true to Ella's loving and forgiving nature she would want for us to find some peace in this eventually.

We pray that Ella will smile down upon us all and we will forever keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

May you be dancing and prancing in heaven's green fields with all of God's best souls, Ella.

We love and miss you so... xxx



From Mr Veater's Desk...

Dear Parents...

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child. Carl Jung

It is hard to believe that the first month of 2016 has come and gone. Having experienced how quickly the first month of the year has passed, really made me stop and think about how little time we spend on the things that are ultimately the most important.

It reminded me of a passage I read, written by Max Lucado which I would like to share with you:

*You no longer have yesterday.
It slipped away as you slept.
Sorry, what's gone is gone.
The second hand of the clock
refuses to tick backward.
You no longer have yesterday.*

*This is the day the Lord has made!
Live in it. You must
be present to win!*

*This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and
be glad in it! Let the words sink in.
God made this day,
ordained this hour, designed the details
of this wrenching moment.*

*Each day emerges from God's drawing room.
Including this one!*

*Eighty-four thousand heartbeats.
One thousand, four hundred and forty minutes.
A complete rotation of the earth.
A gift of twenty-four unlive, unexplored hours.*

*Here's a day changer for you...
If you can stack one good day
on another and another,
you'll link together a good life!*

Choose to make it a great day—every day!

Max Lucado

Having experienced the beginning of a school year at Curro Aurora as new management - we are noticing some areas that are working very well in the Primary School, however, we have also noticed certain areas that need to be tweaked.

As a management and staff team, we have already addressed certain of these areas and as the year progresses we will slowly bring about further change that will streamline processes in the school and will lead to a more conducive environment for curriculum development. Mr Maree and I are currently looking at the IP Timetable to ensure that we have a timetable which is more effective and lends itself to a more streamlined approach to curriculum delivery in a Primary School context.

Please understand that our intention is not to come in and change everything, but rather to look at how the school is running and assess the effectiveness of it, and if need be, to tweak certain areas. The staff and the management team of the Primary School are all of the opinion that Curro Aurora is a wonderful place, but there is always room for improvement and we need to continually look for areas that we can improve upon. I understand that change can be difficult, but in the words of Bill Clinton, 'The price of doing the same old thing is far higher than the price of change'



Gratitude doesn't just feel good. Making a habit of gratitude can also be good for us. Like other positive emotions, feeling grateful on a regular basis can have a big effect on our lives. Brain research shows that positive emotions are good for our bodies, minds, and brains.

- Positive emotions open us up to see more possibilities and take in more information. They boost our ability to develop skills, learn, and make good decisions.
- Positive emotions balance out negative emotions. People who often feel grateful and appreciative are happier, less stressed, and less depressed. Gratitude is like a U-turn on complaining or thinking about what we don't have.
- One positive emotion often leads to another. When we feel grateful, we might also feel happy, calm, joyful, or glad.
- Gratitude can lead to positive actions. When we feel grateful for someone's kindness toward us, we may be more likely to do kind in return. Your gratitude also can have a positive effect on someone else's actions. Thanking people makes it more likely that they will return the kindness.
- Gratitude helps us build better relationships. When we feel and express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to people in our lives, it creates loving bonds, builds trust, and helps you feel closer.

When we make it a habit to feel grateful and appreciative, it increases our awareness of good things as they happen. That mind set of gratitude has positive effects on our mood.

Build a Gratitude Habit

Sometimes, feelings of gratitude happen spontaneously. But we also can create feelings of gratitude by deliberately counting our blessings.

You can build a habit of counting blessings just by paying attention each day to things you're glad to have in your life. Slow down and notice what's around you. For example: "Wow, the sky is beautiful today! What an incredible world we live in," or, "There's Sara! It was so nice of her to help me yesterday."

Noticing the things you're grateful for is just the first step in building a gratitude habit, but you can try other things too, like taking the time to thank people or pausing to appreciate a star-filled sky. Start now. What's good about this moment?

Excerpt from TeensHealth

We have so much to be grateful for at Curro Aurora. We are blessed with wonderful surroundings, the excellent facilities, marvellous teachers, the list goes on. It is important for us every now and then to show gratitude for the blessings in our lives.



Prefects 2016

What Is Gratitude?

Gratitude is one of many positive emotions. It's about focusing on what's good in our lives and being thankful for the things we have.

Gratitude is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for granted, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends, family, even computer access. It's taking a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are when something good happens - whether it's a small thing or a big thing.

We can use lots of words to describe feelings of gratitude: We might say we feel thankful, lucky, fortunate, humbled, or blessed.

Why Gratitude Matters

And so I encourage you to find the things that you are grateful for so that you can express appreciation for them!

I hope that you all have a lovely week ahead and find many things to be grateful for...

Kind regards

Colston Veater
Head: Primary School



WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome all of our new and enthusiastic teachers to Curro Aurora in the Intermediate phase.

We know that you are going to be exceptionally happy here!



Mr. Christiaan Maree
Deputy head:
Intermediate phase



Mr. Greg Edwards



Mrs. Samantha Sadie



Mrs. Noluthando Mogale

Welcome to the Curro family!



Back



A Peek at the Weeks Ahead:

8 February Monday: Traveling Book Shop

9 February Tuesday: Traveling Book Shop

12 February Friday: Friendship Day

19 February Friday: Social

Sporting news and fixtures!

8 February Monday: Inter School Athletics Meeting

11 February Thursday: Senior Boys Tennis & Softball

12 February Friday: Athletics Inter Cluster (Track & Field)

13 February Saturday: Cheerleading Team Competition Preparation

16 February Tuesday: Inter Cluster Meeting (Discus & Javelin)

18 February Thursday: Senior Boys Tennis

19 February Friday: Swimming Gala

20 February Saturday: D10 Athletics Meeting

Well done to Matthew Fourie for getting his Gauteng colours in Baseball!

General Reminders

- Please ensure that your child is dressed correctly in the full summer uniform - do not combine summer and winter uniforms. Uniform checks will be done on a regular basis.
- Please monitor tablets on a regular basis for inappropriate games and content - tablets must be utilised for academic purposes at school.
- Please LABEL ALL school clothing, lunchboxes, hats, etc.
- Please sign your child's Communication Book daily.
- Make use of the 'My Hub' App (available on the Curro Website). This will keep you up-to-date with fixtures and events.

Congratulations

Sporting Awards:

We are proud to acknowledge and congratulate the following children for receiving the following awards:

Swimming Victrix and Victor Ludorum awarded to



Kiara Fryer



& Dylan Van Rooyen



Athletics Victrix and Victor Ludorum awarded to Neepa Singh



& Jaydon Mac Adam

WELCOME

Picture perfect
The heart of a teacher

First day at school!



Happiness



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO OUR 6 YEAR OLD ANGELS!!



We wish Mrs Laura Widlake (Grade 1), Mrs Nicolle de Wet (Grade 2) and Ms Bianca Brower (Grade 3) all the best in their new grades!



GRADE R WACKY HAT DAY!

A special welcome to our brand new teachers in Foundation phase!

New Grade 1 Educators



Ms Virginia Fernandes



Mrs Bronwyn

New Grade 3 Educators



Mrs Nicole Coetsee



Ms Nelline Govender
Grade 3 Grade Co-ordinator