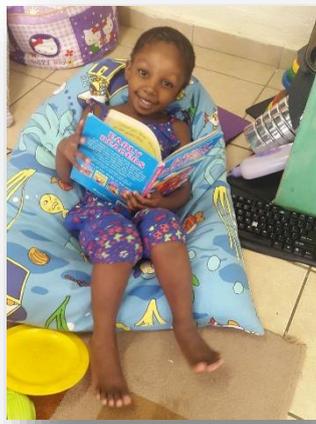


*"It is a happy talent to know how to play." –Ralph Waldo Emerson*



# The Preschool Patter



From Janet Beyrooti's Desk...



Dear Parents,

Our Staff of Curro Castle Aurora are excited to welcome you and your child to the Preschool. Thank you for embarking on this learning adventure with us!

It is lovely to see all the group three and four children back, refreshed after their summer break. A big welcome to the seventy eight new families to the preschool. We trust everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break and I wish you all the best for 2016.

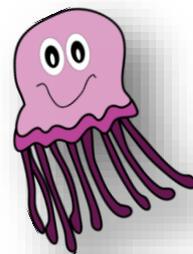
We look forward to the first term and helping all the children to achieve their developmental goals through the many exciting activities that we have planned for the term ahead. It is amazing to see the progress they have already made in just three weeks! We thank you for your continued support and trust.

Remember children learn best if they are happy and confident and every child is an individual who learns at their own pace. In the words of a famous Child Psychologist, "Activities for the child from birth – six years maybe balanced between appreciation and involvement. Certainly important to appreciation are opportunities to explore nature and learn through play".

To find out more about the activities the children have been doing this month, please read on.

## The Jellyfish Class – Claudia

The new Jellyfish children have settled right into their classroom and surroundings. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each other and making new friendship. Including our class bears PB and J, which the Jellyfish love having as a weekly goal to take home and spend the weekend.



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The Polar Bear Class – Nicole T



It has been a wonderful start to 2016, meeting all our new 'Polar Bears'. They have settled in well and we are in full swing of the class routine. The Polar bears have experienced music class with Lenore, swimming lessons, Baker man and show and tell. Nicholas got to take home Benny the bear! This week we were learning about Nutrition, how to pronounce the word, understanding the meaning and reason we need to eat healthy foods.



The Seahorse Class – Nicole B



2016 has started off as a fantastic year. The children have already settled into their new class and routine of Group 5, as well as started forging new friendships with their classmates. We had a busy week last week with 3 birthday parties, extra mural demos, our first swimming lessons, first 'baker baker' and we learnt all about what makes each one of us different and special. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed our swimming lessons and took to the water like true seahorses. This week we are learning all about nutrition and what is healthy food and healthy practices to keep our bodies strong. Everyone is also looking forward to making our very own delicious healthy fruit salad this week for dessert. The children have already being showing off their skills in class with our creative activities, with cutting, pasting and threading and we made very yummy looking apples to decorate our classroom. We also have extra murals starting in full swing this week and the children are all very enthusiastic about their chosen activity. I am positive we have a fun-filled and successful term ahead of us!



The Seal Class – Angie



Last week we had our first swimming lesson of the year. The children came dressed and ready as our lesson starts at 8am. We walked from our class up to the pool it was like going on a mini adventure. Once arriving at the pool, shark fins were put on our backs. We then climbed into the pool, which was so nice and warm. We were taught how to blow bubbles in the water and swim like little frogs. Swimming was so much fun and we cannot wait to go again!



The Angel Fish Class – Candice

Wow! It has been an amazing three weeks getting to know all your little ones. Our group this year has an outgoing eagerness to learn and are willing to explore their surroundings with ease. The children all get along so well and they all include one another when playing. Our favourite area in the classroom has to be the block corner as the children love building their very own little castles and competing with each other. We have had our first two swimming lessons and are enjoying them thoroughly as for some it was their first swimming lesson ever and they showed such courage and bravery as they climbed in the water with confidence. We all look forward to the rest of the year and all the adventures we get to experience together.



Hermit Crab Class – Isobel

The first month of school has flown into positive and interesting activities. The children have settled into their new class routine smoothly, at the same time developing new friendships. It is pleasing to note that the majority of the children have their hats every day. Keep it up.

We have been covering nutrition, thus the focus of our discussions have been healthy eating. We have been looking at lunch boxes and have concluded what food is healthy and what food should be eaten less frequently.

Swimming is the highlight of the week for most of the children. They eagerly participate with a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement.

A thank you to Christine for being our Class Mom. She has been very proactive and full of energy in getting things done.



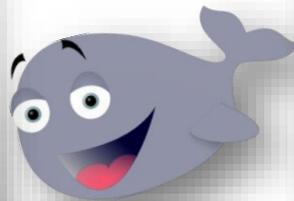
## The Penguin Class – SJ

Welcome to the Penguin Class of 2016! Our little children have settled beautifully into the preschool routine and now wave cheerfully “good-bye” to their moms and dads in the morning. We started our year off by getting to know one another and our wonderful school - for all the new children (including myself!) we took a walk around and ventured into the school grounds and discovered where things were, like the swimming pool and back garden! For the “old” children it was familiar territory and they were quite eager to lead the way. As a new teacher at Solaria, I’m excited to be teaching your little ones. I look forward to a happy and productive year in the Penguin class!



## The Whale Class – Sadie

The Whale class has been enjoying our birthday rings. We have introduced that the birthday girl or boy selects a special gift for the class. The teacher wraps it 21 times and hides a sweet or surprise in each layer for every child in the class. During the birthday ring the class sits on the carpet in a circle while the music plays, every child will unwrap a layer of the parcel. Once the parcel gets to the birthday girl or boy he or she will unwrap the final layer of the gift revealing what he or she has bought for the class, this game has been super fun on our birthdays and are very excited for more to come!





### The Turtle Class – Sam

Daniel had so much fun making cupcakes with his mom for our very first baker day on Friday. He was super excited to show us what he made, but was a bit hesitant sharing them with his friends as he thought they were all for him! Our Turtle class had so much fun exchanging money for their cupcakes at our class shop. We cannot wait to see what other baking we get in class during the year.



### The Clown Fish Class -Tammy

A warm welcome to the Clown Fish class! The beginning of a new year can be scary and challenging for our little ones but the Clown Fish settled quickly; eager to play, learn and explore! They were welcomed refreshed and ready for their first term, spending the first weeks getting to know their new class mates, teachers and school environment. We also focused on school rules, behaviours and routines as well as the importance of working together to create the best classroom environment. The Clown Fish embraced the hot weather, enjoying their first swimming lessons for the year and engaging in plenty of water play! We look forward to a fun term ahead and embrace the beginning of our new Clown Fish family!



### The Starfish Class - Ashleigh



Mondays are an exciting morning for the starfish class. We get to sing, dance and have loads of fun in our music lesson. We all wore funky glasses to add a little dress up to our music lesson this week. The children loved our music lesson with a difference. It was decided by the children that the glasses helped learn the Lion King Song easier than it was without the glasses. During music the children sang the school song with such pride, listening to the children sing the school song gives us goose bumps every time.



### The Dolphin Class – Bongji

What a wonderful Surprise on Monday morning for all the Dolphin class children! Our class Mom Savadier arranged for our garden wall to be painted with a wonderful sea themed scene, consisting of dolphins, seahorse and mermaids. A huge thank you for brightening up our play area.

This week The Dolphin class went out on to the big cricket fields where we practiced our gross motor skills, bunny hop, rolling and running.

