

Weekly Newsletter

25 May 2016

INSPIRING THOUGHTS FROM THE OFFICE

The big choice in the mornings is: to take the 'Stop/Go' through the dip in Oostewal street, or the 'Detour' via Sleigh Street. As my wife and I approach the fourway stop, there is silence in the car. Early morning eyes stare in the direction of the red brake lights further down the road, looking at the traffic ahead. It is a difficult calculation. The number of red tail-lights that accumulate (divided by two), speed of the oncoming lights, the number of vehicles left and right of the Stop/Go, everything multiplied by the 'I am in control'- speed of the operator who slides open the Stop/Go gate. With my nature, the detour is often my choice. I am suddenly wide awake as I slip through the turns and speed bumps of the much narrower back streets. And then I end up behind a more calculated detour-goer. While the impatience starts singing in my ears (or maybe it is my blood pressure?) I see the row of cars slipping past us at the T-junction. Wrong choice. Live with it.

Which line at the supermarket to stand in? Which lane to take at a traffic light with four options? Do I turn off from the main road or carry on straight on my life's path? The same thing. Many people take the seemingly easy road. Straight ahead. If I change lanes I might not see the traffic in the blind spot of my side mirror. Or I could get stuck behind a convertible sports car going for a Sunday afternoon drive. Rather straight ahead, don't want to risk a blind spot crash, and I do know the speed of the car in front of me. Your choice. Do it. Others take the chance, however, and change lane - take the detour. You pull a neck muscle while looking over your right shoulder, step on the clutch, change gears and yank the steering wheel. Your choice. Do it.

The difference doesn't lie in the choice. Nor in the outcome thereof. It lies rather in how you live with the consequences of your choice. Are you angry with the careful driver in front of you, or with the road worker who helped build the speed bumps in the detour, or maybe the traffic officer who pulls you off the road because you skipped the stop street in your haste? It was your choice: don't blame others. Are you upset with yourself about a wrong choice you made? Live with it. Are you feeling the butterflies in your stomach because of your choice? Enjoy it.

God allows choices to be part of your life. Follow your God feeling (some people might call it your 'gut' feeling). Enjoy whatever comes next. (Dirkie)

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 25 May Primary school hockey Dirkie Uys (away)
Sat 28 May Foundation Phase sport day (Topolino)
Mon 30 May Grade 4 to 7 Exams begin
Sat 4 June Western Province chess tournament

BUS TIMES DURING EXAMS

On Friday 27 May, the entire school will close at 13:00 and the buses will leave at 13:15.

From Monday 30 May the primary school learners will leave at 12:30, and at 13:00 for the high school learners. Buses will leave at 13:15.

DEPARTURE TIME FOR ST HELENA BAY BUS ROUTE

As of **Monday, 23 May**, the St Helena Bay bus route will depart at 06:50 in order to arrive on time at the school, especially due to the winter weather. The safety of your child is extremely important to us.

TRAFFIC SITUATION AT THE CURRO JUNCTION

A traffic committee has been working behind the scenes for a long time now in order to, amongst other things, make the junction between Curro and Long Acres safe to use. The chairperson of this committee is Mr Jan Els, one of our parents. It further consists of parents from Curro Langebaan and Long Acres Private School, as well as members of the local and provincial traffic authorities.

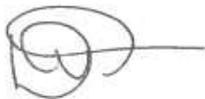
This committee requests that in the meantime you as parents please exercise patience when using this junction, and time your arrival and departure to reduce the risk for you and your children. There are many challenges which need to be overcome from an engineering and planning perspective. They are working hard at a solution and you will be kept up to date as far as possible regarding the progression thereof.

WHATSAPP MESSAGES

The misuse of WhatsApp messages has been brought to our attention more regularly by fellow learners and by parents who intercept them. Please take notice of the following:

- The time of the night/day which your child uses WhatsApp to communicate with friends (it causes serious infringements on their study/sleep time).
- Who are they communicating with (we sometimes find questionable profiles/characters judging by the language and contents of their messages).
- The contents and language of your own child's messages (It might tell you a story which you didn't want to hear. However be strong and handle it. It is your responsibility).

Please feel free to talk to us should you feel there is something we must give our attention to.



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FINANCE

Dear Curro Parents, the end of the first term is in sight with just a few days left before the schools close for the June/July holiday. This means that your school fees account is required to be up to date with a nil balance by no later than 21 June 2016.

Please note that learners whose accounts are not up to date will unfortunately not receive their progress reports on 22 June 2016.

In light of the above we urge you to check your latest statement in order to ensure that the balance is correct. Should you find that it is not correct, please do not hesitate to forward your query to email address zuna.k01@curro.co.za for attention Mrs Zuna Kotze. Alternatively, Mrs Zuna Kotze may be telephonically contacted on (022) 772 0116.

Herewith a friendly yet urgent request for your account to be settled in full by 21 June 2016.

This notice serves as standard communication to all the parents/guardians/account holders, therefore if it does not apply to you please be so kind as to ignore.

News



- PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS -

Curro Langebaan would like to offer all parents the opportunity to be a sponsor for the upcoming 7s Nationals for the Primary School, taking place at Curro Langebaan in June this year.

Should you be interested, please contact Mr Victor (Executive Head) via email dirkie.v@curro.co.za

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CURRO LANGEBAAN SHOES OF HOPE

Curro Langebaan is delighted to announce a community project initiated by our **Primary School Parent Committee**.

Curro Langebaan, in partnership with Samaritan's Feet, will launch the Curro Langebaan Shoes of Hope Project, whereby each primary school learner will be given the opportunity (voluntarily) to assist underprivileged children in surrounding schools to obtain a pair of school shoes.

Each learner can voluntarily assist through doing the following:

- Donate a pair/s of second hand school shoes
- Make **ANY** monetary contribution towards buying a new pair of school shoes – through the partnership with Samaritan's Feet, R100 will buy a new pair of school shoes.

On **1 June 2016, International Barefoot Day**, the Western Cape Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, as well as the Primary School learners, will join us in the distribution of school shoes to the various schools.

Let's **ALL** make a contribution, in order to enable each and every learner to experience GIVING and making a positive difference and contribution to the West Coast.

All contributions can be sent to the primary school's secretary.

CURRY & RICE FOR SALE

(For Matric Farewell)

For parents and other interested parties.

Every Friday

R25 per serving

Order from Alda van Wyk: 0872866258 or 0834157273

NETBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to the following three u/11 netball girls, who have been included in the Coastal Netball team. They are participating in the next trials at Vredendal on 27 May.

Inge Landsberg
Leigh Pretorius
Ansche van der Mescht



Curro Langebaan vs Piketberg (17 May 2016)		
Team	Score	Player of the match
u/14 A	Drew 8 - 8	The whole team
u/14 B	Lost 4 - 15	Zaria van Niekerk
u/16 A	Won 12 - 10	Jenny Steenkamp
u/16 B	Drew 8 - 8	Joanni Skinner
u/19 A	Lost 13 - 14	Jenna MacBean
u/19 B	Lost 2 - 26	Leandré Nortje

We would also like to say good luck to Chevonne Brandt. She will take part in the u/19 Western Cape trials.

Curro Langebaan vs Langebaan Primary (19 May 2016)		
Team	Result	Score
u/9A	Won	8-0
u/9B	Lost	1-2
u/10	Won	6-0
u/11	Won	7-0
u/12	Won	10-1
u/13	Won	22-3

*against Langebaan u/9A

NEXT MATCHES:

Topolino Sportsday (Hopefield) – 28 May 2016 (Only u/7 to u/9)

RUGBY RESULTS



Curro Langebaan		
vs		
Piketberg (17 May 2016)		
Rugby		
Team	Score	Player of the match
u/15	Won 57 – 5	Kirsten van Dyk
u/18	Lost 21 - 12	Leo Skolnic & Dalton Stander



Curro Langebaan			
vs			
Langebaan Primary (19 May 2016)			
Team	Result	Score	Player of the Match
u/8	Drew	10-10	Callan Bezuidenhout
u/9	Won	15-12	Ian Smith
u/11	Won	5-0	Benjamin Kellerman
u/13	Won	15-7	Emile van Niekerk

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HOCKEY RESULTS

The following teams played against Dirkie Uys last week. The matches were extremely difficult but our players managed to do very well.



TEAM	SCORE
u/16 GIRLS	0-0
u/16 BOYS	0-0



MATHEMATICS

SA Mathematics Challenge

85 learners from Grade 4 to 7 took part in the first round of the Mathematics challenge. 66 of these learners achieved 50% or higher and will take part in the second round. The next round will take place on 27 July 2016. Congratulations and good luck to everyone.

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