

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through our first year! It had its ups and downs, but God has blessed us in so many ways. We are thankful for every little person and parent that is part of our Curro Castle Bryanston family. We opened in January with an 'empty' castle. We have since received more shading, artificial grass, furniture, toys, atmosphere and precious little children!!

We have a passionate team of teachers, assistants and general staff, who I would like to thank for helping us build our school and making every little person feel safe and loved.

We are extremely proud of our school and thankful to be part of Curro.

I would like to take this opportunity to just remind our parents of our Curro Values and of the Curro Way of doing things. At Curro we strive for excellence in all we do. We might still be working on a few things, but we have a vision.

We would like every child, every parent and every staff member to be happy at Curro Castle Bryanston. In order to accomplish that, we definitely need everyone to stand together and assist us. Our children are still so young and very impressionable. It is therefore very important to ensure that what we do, how we act and what we say to and in front of our children is acceptable as this is what they take back to school and into the world.

Castle Values

CHILD FRIENDLINESS
POSITIVE DISCIPLINE
CREATIVE THINKING
CHRISTIAN ETHOS

Our school is standing firm against **ALL** forms of bullying! We do not condone any racism, discrimination, biting, hitting, teasing, etc. We ask that our parents assist us at home please.

WhatsApp groups and concerns

I would just like to remind every parent about the purpose of the 'what's app' groups' again. The group is there to **ONLY** relay information from the school to the parents! It is not a forum to raise concerns. It is not for personal discussions. It is not to be used as an advertising site.

Should your child be ill etc. kindly contact Phindi at reception, 087 286 8275, or send a direct message to the class teacher. Our teachers are not to be on their phones during teaching times and will respond when they get a chance.

Just a reminder from Curro Head Office:

- In terms of WhatsApp groups, it is of utmost importance for parents to understand that the administrator of a WhatsApp group is, by law, responsible for every single word appearing on that particular group. WhatsApp groups are not under any circumstances to be used as a forum for voicing gripes, as this leads to reputational risk for the Curro brand, as well as the individuals concerned.
- Should WhatsApp groups be used, parents must at all times take the Curro brand and individuals into account. Misuse of WhatsApp groups can have legal consequences.
- In the event of a parent wanting to address any school-related concerns, the correct channel to follow would firstly be to discuss the issue direct with their child's educator. Should they not achieve the desired outcome, the next step would be to communicate direct with the Nursery School Head/Principal.

Safety

We are currently looking at upgrading the safety in our school. We had valuables taken from a parent's car last week Monday morning during drop-off time. We appeal to our parents to be vigilant. Do not leave valuables visible in your car. Make sure that your car is locked at all times and report any suspicious cars or behaviour.

It is VERY important that we do not open the front door to other parents or people. Please make sure that you close the door behind you!

Holiday Care

I would just like to remind our parents that our staff will work on a roster basis and will not all be here every day during the holiday. Should you have any concerns, please feel free to email or contact me.

Fundraising

Thank you very much to all the parents who contributed and who helped with the Pancake sale!! It was great fun and an enormous success! We would like to brighten up our school up and paint a few murals. Watch this space ...

Term 3

School starts on the 19th of July for term 3. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Group 5 teacher, Tshepiso Phelia Mashigo. She is a vibrant young teacher with a passion for teaching and a beautiful sense of humor. Welcome Phelia!

We will be sending the third term planner to everyone before term 3 starts.

Please just take note that the 9th of August is a public holiday. As per the Curro calendar as well as the government school calendar, our **school will be closed on the 8th and the 9th of August.**

Facebook

Curro Castle Bryanston has a Facebook page. Please like our page and tell all your friends about it!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their support and contributions to our school. A big thank you for all the positive emails, all the 'Thank You' s', all the compliments, donations and all the parents who are always willing to help. It is wonderful to know that our parents are positive and that together we can join hands to make our school a second home for our children!

We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday!

Kind regards

Louise Jansen
Principal Curro Castel Bryanston

