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Campus News

25 July 2016

Dear Curro Parents / Guardians

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1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

Welcome back to the Third Term!

A **special word of welcome** to those families who have joined our school for the first time this term. I hope your association with Curro Thatchfield will be a long and happy one. We also have new staff members who joined us this term. A warm welcome to them as well.

At Curro Thatchfield we offer a variety of activities to make sure that all learners become part of the Curro-family. Parents, please get involved and support your child at school.

I would like to **point out the following events** which will require support from our parents:

- 19 & 20 August – 2nd Annual Curro Soccer Festival (hosted by Curro Thatchfield)
- Saturday 13 August – Ladies' Tea
- Tuesday 1 November – Golf Day

Highlights this term will be the second **Inter-Curro Soccer Festival** where Curro Thatchfield has again been nominated to be the **host school** for this prestigious event. Please diarise **19 and 20 August** and make sure that you don't miss out on all the excitement. A large number of our learners registered to take part in the **Centurion Eisteddfod** and we are looking forward to great achievements in the Cultural field.

Ladies, please don't forget to buy your ticket for the **Ladies' Tea** that will take place on 13 August. Our guest speaker will be Dr Mamiki Molapo and it promises to be a day to remember! We still require 10 hostesses and would appreciate it if you could contact Mrs Liesl Carolissen on Carolissen.L@dbe.gov.za if you interested in **hosting a table or if you would like to purchase a ticket**.

As a school, we are blessed and fortunate that our **numbers are increasing** by the day and our Vision of being "**The School of Choice**" is being realised. We would like to ensure that our current learners are happy learners. We are busy finalizing our learner enrolments for 2017 in order to determine staffing, classes, infrastructure etc. Should your child **not return** to Curro Thatchfield in 2017 you are kindly requested to notify the Finance Office well in advance. In doing so, you will assist us to prepare adequately for 2017.

In addition, quite a few **Educator positions** have become available and we would like to ask that if you know of any good educators to kindly refer them to our website (www.curro.co.za). Interested parties can download their CV's on the recruitment website and accordingly they form part of the bigger data base of educators.

As staff, we encourage engagement with our parents and will gladly assist wherever possible. Should you have any challenge, matter at heart, etc. remember that your first point of departure is your child's class teacher. Should you feel that the matter has not been resolved amicably, the Grade Head would be your next stop. Following the **line of communication**, thereafter the Phase Head, Operational Head and finally the Executive Head.

We would like to thank all our parents who so generously contributed to our **Madiba Day Outreach** where we collected almost 560 litres of long life milk as well as 70 tins of formula milk. This was donated to the "Milk for Change" foundation and we know that it will be greatly appreciated by all parties concerned. This Term learners will once again receive tins from the **Judea Hope Organization** and as in 2015 we are looking forward to your overwhelming support in filling up these cans.

Kindly note that **Wednesday 3 August 2016** has been declared a **public holiday** for the 2016 Municipal Elections. The purpose is to enable all South Africans who are eligible to vote an opportunity to exercise their right on 3 August 2016.

Mrs Madlene Gerber

2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF CURRO CASTLE

Welcome back to all our parents and learners after the well-deserved break. All our teachers returned safely and ready for Term 3.

Thank you to all parents for your kind donations towards our **Mandela Day Project**; this will surely bring joy to many hearts. Thank you also for attending the **Parents' meeting** last week. If you still have any questions or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment with the class teacher.

Sprouting teeth came to visit a few of our learners a while ago. All our little "patients" were excited and enjoyed the trip to the dentist in the comfort of their own school.

We would like to **congratulate Mrs Gerber on her Birthday** on 26 July. We hope that you enjoyed your day and may you be blessed in the years to come.

On Friday 29 July, we will have a **Traditional dress up** day. Please dress your child in his/her traditional clothes.

Don't forget the **Concert** on Saturday 20 August! The children and teachers are hard at work practising to make this a very special event. If you ask a teacher anything at this stage her answer will be concert, concert, concert...

Mrs Sonette Pretorius

3. FROM THE DESK OF THE RECEPTION PHASE HEAD

Welcome back after a well-deserved holiday!

Thank you to all our Parents who attended **Parents' evening** to discuss your child's progress – we value all our learners' wellbeing and development.

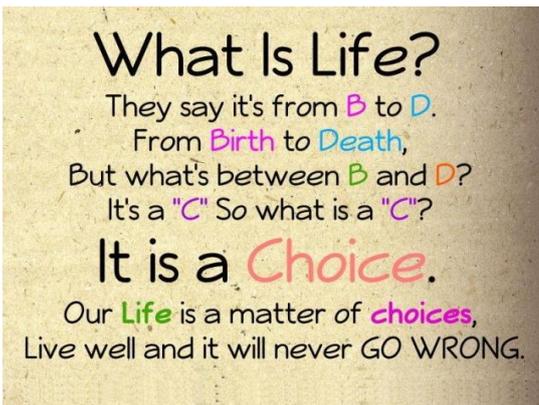
Kindly check your emails as we have recently sent out our **term dates** to our Parents.

The **Concert** will take place on Wednesday 17 August for Group 5 and on Thursday 18 August for our Grade Rs. Entrance will be free and we ask that you communicate with your child's class teacher to ascertain what is expected of your child for this event.

Our Grade R learners will be assessed for **School Readiness** this term and the results will serve as the Report and Assessment for Term 3. The outcome and suggestions will be communicated clearly to our Parents. Kindly ensure that your child attends school regularly this term.

On behalf of the Reception Phase we want to **wish Mrs Marlene Gerber a God-blessed birthday** on Tuesday 26 July. May all your dreams come true. Thank you for the outstanding example you set; it makes it easy for us colleagues to follow in your footsteps.

A few words of inspiration to our Parents:



Mrs Suetje Kotze

4. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

I trust that Term 3 will be a great one for all!

Thank you to those parents who attended the **Parent-teacher conferences** last week – we trust that together we will mould our youth into accountable individuals.

As part of Curro Thatchfield Primary School's Outreach programme, our prefects were invited to assist Judea Hope with the distribution of some of **the "Collect-a-Can" cans** on Friday 22 July. They visited a few neighbouring nursery schools and they came back overwhelmed by the gratitude shown when the cans were delivered.

Our **sports** this term will concentrate on Soccer, Cricket, Hockey, Cross-Country and Tennis. On the **cultural side**, a healthy game of Chess will be on offer. Our learners are also hard at work practising for the upcoming Eisteddfod and we wish them all the best of luck for their various items.

The **Steelpan Marimba Festival** will take place on Saturday 30 July where we trust that our learners will make us proud once again.

The Primary School would all like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Mrs Gerber** who will be celebrating her birthday on Tuesday 26 July – may you be blessed with love, joy and health for many, many more years to come.

We would like to thank all our parents for your continued support and trust that you will have an enjoyable third term with us.

5. FROM THE DESK OF THE OPERATIONAL HEAD : HIGH SCHOOL

A very warm welcome back to all of our parents!

I would like to share some of the **sporting highlights** of last term with you where we have had some great news regarding our netball. Our u/14 girls came second in their league and our u/15 and u/16 girls won their leagues! Well done to all our girls who were part of this wonderful achievement of putting Curro Thatchfield on the map.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we have decided to utilize two periods, i.e. one on a Monday and one on a Thursday, as **study periods**. The learners will be getting a chance to practise the study skills which they have learnt earlier in the year, under the supervision of a teacher. I am really excited to see the change it will bring to the culture of learning in our school.

After the resounding success of last years' **Curro Soccer Festival**, this year's one promises to be even bigger and better. I hope I get to meet some of you on this very special day on Saturday 20 August 2016.

Lastly, on behalf of the High School, I would like to **congratulate Mrs Gerber on her birthday** this week. I am reminded every day how much this school means to you and how much you do to make us "the School of Choice". Please enjoy your day as well as all the wishes and love that's going to come your way. You certainly deserve it all!

Mr Danie van Schaik

6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)

Tickets for the **Ladies Day Tea** went on sale on 21 July 2016. The day promises to be filled with lots of fun and inspiration. Join us to hear Dr Mamiki Molapo inspire us and Jaco Horn pamper us. Lots of fun and prizes guaranteed. Details for the day are as follows:

Date: 13 August 2016

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Curro Thatchfield High School Hall

Price: R120

Please contact Mrs Liesl Carolissen on Carolissen.L@dbe.gov.za if you wish to purchase a ticket.

Our **Golf Day** has been finalised at Copperleaf Golf Estate (5-star rated) for Tuesday, 1 November. (see attachment: Golf Day)

Please support these initiatives!

Parent Advisory Council 2016

7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High School	Primary School
Sat, 30 Jul	Steelpan Marimba Festival		X
Wed, 3 Aug	PUBLIC HOLIDAY ELECTIONS	X	X
Wed, 4 Aug	Career Day	X	
Fri, 5 Aug	School closes at 13:00 Staff Development	X	
Mon, 8 Aug	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	X	X
Tues, 9 Aug	WOMEN'S DAY	X	X
Sat, 13 Aug	Women's Day Tea	X	X
Fri, 19 Aug	2 nd Annual Curro Soccer Festival	X	X
Sat, 20 Aug	2nd Annual Curro Soccer Festival	X	X
Tues, 1 Nov	Golf Day	X	X

8. GENERAL

Staff Matters

Congratulations to **Miss Chané de Almeida**, now Mrs Alberts, as well as **Mr Herman Le Roux** who recently tied the knot. We wish you both long and happy marriages. We also wish to congratulate **Mr Hermann van Aswegen** and **Mrs Nicole Elliot** who got engaged to each other during the holidays. We unfortunately have to say goodbye to **Mrs Chrisandi Coombs** whose husband was recently transferred to the Free State. We wish her and her family well in their future endeavours. We would like to welcome **Mr Jevas Dzamara** who replaced Miss Shan McInnes as well as **Miss Nompumelolo Dlamini** and **Mrs Suzaan Ernst** who replaced Mrs Joshna Maharaj and Mrs Maryke Hartzenberg respectively.

Lost and Found

The Lost-and-Found room is located in the L-block and is overseen by Mrs Margaret Nkosi. **We would like to make a special request to our High School learners to make an effort to go and check whether their belongings are not perhaps there, as some of the items seem to belong to some of our bigger children.**

Loyalty Cards

Our school is linked to **MAKRO and MY SCHOOL**. These are opportunities to raise funds for our school without any effort – just swipe your loyalty card! You can visit the respective websites to register or if you already have a card kindly change the beneficiary to Curro Thatchfield.

<https://www.myschool.co.za> AND <http://www.makro.co.za>

Waiting Area and Learner Behaviour

Kindly note that the afternoon waiting area at the Primary School has **moved** to the opposite side of the road. We are concerned about the learners' behaviour at this area and would appreciate it if parents will also address their children accordingly. **Littering** is also a huge problem at this area and it is quite embarrassing if we welcome visiting schools and our school is riddled with litter!

Parents are once again made aware that children should **look after their belongings and take responsibility** for their tablets, schoolbags and school clothes. Too often learners report items as stolen, yet they have left their school bag **unattended at the waiting area** whilst they were playing around. You are reminded that the school does offer the option of lockers. Kindly contact Mrs Fourie (Primary School) or Mrs Ainslie-Brits (High School) should your child wish to rent a locker.

School Contact Number

Kindly note that the school's telephone switchboard has been upgraded and that the **outgoing number** may reflect as **087 286 8268**. **This is not a call centre number** and we request parents to please answer should they receive a call from this number.

Financial Matters

We are pleased to advise that the finance department now has a **speed point** service available. Parents are welcome to use this facility to pay school fees, camps, ladies' teas as well as any other monies due to the school.

Thank you to our parents who regularly fulfil their financial obligations. We have received instructions from Head Office that no learners may attend school outings, participate in sport / cultural activities should school fees be in arrears. We really go out of our way to accommodate parents with regards to payment plans as we don't want non-payment of school fees to impact negatively on our children's education. For your convenience, see the link below and take note when additional payments are due.

<http://www.curro.co.za/2016/1/26/2016%20School%20Fees%20Curro%20Thatchfield.pdf>

Kindly note that a strict no-return policy will apply at the end of the year. Changing schools can have a devastating effect on children, so please make the **paying of School fees top priority**. You may also pay your **School Fees** account with your credit/debit card by using the **My Hub** website where you open your statement, click on the "pay now" button and follow the instructions accordingly.

Facebook Challenge

Parents, have you recently visited our Facebook pages? You will find amazing photos and interesting news there! We are currently running a "like-the-page" campaign and want to urge parents to please like our pages. We want 5 000 likes before the end of 2016!

9. IN CONCLUSION

During the holidays I stumbled across these words from the Walt Disney Company and wish to conclude:

"Children are people, and they should have to reach to learn about things, to understand things, just as adults have to reach if they want to grow in mental stature. Life is composed of lights and shadows, and we would be untruthful, insincere, and saccharine if we tried to pretend there were no shadows. Most things are good, and they are the strongest things; but there are evil things too, and you are not doing a child a favour by trying to shield him from reality."

The important thing is to teach a child that "good can always triumph over evil".

Yours in Education



**MRS M. GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD**

Per Ardua Ad Alta

-through hard work great heights are achieved-

General Information - Curro Thatchfield Independent School

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S 25° 54' 05.8". E 028° 06' 26.7"

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Counsellor:

Suselle Dry (Educator)

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suselle.d01@curroholdings.co.za

Curro Banking Details:

School Fees Account

(Enrolment, Transport, Aftercare & Curriculum Tablet Fee)

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield

Bank: FNB

Acc No: 623 5878 0403

Branch Code: 250-655

Reference: Family Code

Funds Account

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield Funds Account

Bank: FNB

Acc Number: 623 8523 8269

Branch Code: 201-410

Ref: Family Code

Please note that school fees are due in advance on the 2nd of every month for 12 months (e.g. July school fees are payable on 2nd July)

NB: A R150 payment allocation fine will be added to all accounts that do not use the family code as reference when making an EFT payment

Outside Providers

Grit Uniform Lounge:

Located in the High School Admin Office

Mon – Thurs: 07:30 to 09:00 and 12h30 to 16h00

Fri: 12:30 to 14:00

Afro School Books:

ldreyer@afroschool.co.za or 011 708 6334

Educational Support Team:

Educational Psychologist

Elmarie Moss-Dormehl on 082 920 4929

Occupational Therapist

Karen Liebenberg on 083 651 0876

Speech Therapist

Liesl Turner on 072 124 7646

Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za

Play Therapist

Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313

anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com

If you think your child might suffer from depression contact

South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) 08:00 to 20:00

0800 567 567 or 0800 205 026 or 0800 708 090 and 0800 121 314 or

sms 31393 and they will call you back

Urban Life Church Services on Sundays in the Primary School Hall @ 10:00

danie@urbanlife.org.za

www.urbanlife.org.za



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INFORMATION LETTER

Tuesday 1 November 2016 : The Els Club – Copperleaf Estate

Curro Thatchfield School is fast developing a reputation of being a highly competitive and well-respected institution in the local community. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of the School is aiming to raise funds by means of a golf day.

We have put together various packages to suit both corporate and golf enthusiasts alike.

- Y Entering a 4-ball (R3 000)
This package includes green fees, golf cart, a welcome gift, halfway house "grab 'n go" and the prize-giving dinner
- Y Sponsoring a hole (R3 000)
- Y Entering a 4-ball AND sponsoring a hole (R5 000)
- Y Sponsoring items for the goodie bags
- Y Sponsoring prizes to be handed out to winners (and losers!)
- Y Making a monetary donation towards our prize-giving
- Y Donation that could be auctioned off at the prize-giving

Funds raised will go towards various projects at the school. We urge you to lend your support to this initiative as it would benefit the Curro community.

Should you wish to participate in this golf day please complete the attached registration form. For any queries, please contact the Golf Day Co-ordinators:

Liesel Carolissen (083 494 9470) or Marlene Gerber (082 587 7373)

Yours sincerely

MRS. MARLENE GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD

*** **Book now to avoid disappointment** ***

