



Campus News

16th August 2016

Dear Curro Parents / Guardians

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1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

Term 3 is off to a great start, and already we find ourselves at the halfway mark of this term. As usual, the term is very busy with a host of activities offered in the sport as well as cultural sphere. The sporting highlight is most definitely our 2nd Inter-Curro Soccer Festival, and the magnitude of learners taking part in the Centurion Arts Festival marks the Cultural highlight for this term. We are looking forward to favourable results and want to thank in advance our learners, staff and parents for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Learners' progress this term will be made up of class assessments and the writing of cycle tests. I appeal to all our learners to put in that extra effort during this term and close the gaps identified in the June Examinations. Learners are reminded of the extra support offered by educators and are encouraged to attend LAD (Learner Assistance / Enrichment Days). During these times, learners may make appointments with their teachers to go over work they are struggling with, if they want to improve on academic results or catch up on work which they have missed out on because of absence from school.

"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning." Jiddu Krishnamurti

Our community is recognising that Curro Thatchfield is fast becoming "The School of Choice" and our projected and confirmed growth numbers are very pleasing. You are once again requested to please inform the Finance Office should your child **not be returning to the school** in 2017. This should be done by no later than 31 August 2016. Kindly note that if your **child is currently in Grade 7** at Curro Primary this year, he/she **does not need to re-apply** for Grade 8 at the High School as this is an automatic process.

What is the real reason for celebrating **Women's Day**? I came across this piece of reading in the TAME TIMES Newspaper:

"On 9 August 1956, more than 20 000 South African women of all races staged a march to the Union Buildings in protest against the proposed amendments to the Urban Areas Act of 1950 commonly referred to as the "pass laws".

Now, 60 years later, the women of South Africa are stronger than ever. Someone shared a post on Facebook last week, stating that empowered women empower women. It takes a strong woman to truly be happy for another, without that little pinch of jealousy. But the moment you support your fellow-females fiercely, you empower yourself, and open yourself up to the same support from others.

Phylicia Rashad said: "Any time women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing.

Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club reading the same book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, magic happens."

And look now, 60 years later...

At Thatchfield we celebrated this special day in style by hosting our **annual Ladies' Tea**. A huge thank you to all the ladies who were hostesses and also those who attended as guests. It was a resounding success with over 300 ladies enjoying a fun-filled morning. If you missed out on the fun, remember that this is an annual event so make sure to diarise this for 2017.

As mentioned, our school has once again been chosen to host the **Inter-Curro Soccer Festival** for all Curro schools. There was such a high demand for participation that we had to extend it over two days, i.e. 19 and 20 August. **In light of this, you are notified that the Grade 4 to 11 learners will finish school on Friday (19th August) at 11h00.**

On Friday 5 August **Mufasa, the LIONS mascot**, visited Curro Thatchfield Primary, and being proud South African supporters, we had great fun supporting the LIONS rugby team.

Curro Thatchfield is well-known for the huge impact we make when embarking on various **Outreach Projects**. This term we want to reach out to those children who were diagnosed and are suffering from cancer, hence we will take part in the **National Cupcake Day 4 Kids with Cancer**. For a donation of R20 your child will receive a cupcake and may also wear Civvies to school **on 2nd September**. All proceeds will go to Cupcakes 4 Kids with Cancer. Kindly note that participation in this Outreach is voluntary. You may submit your child's R20 to his/her register teacher who will keep record accordingly. The filling up of the **Judea Hope tins** is also on track and there are already learners who have returned their tins, filled to the brim! I know that our parents will once again not disappoint with their overwhelming support.

Please find attached the pricelist of **Bread & Butler Tuck Shop**. You will note that there is a slight increase on the food items, but overall prices are very competitive and compare well with other vendors in the area.

Some of our parents might wonder why we do not add a bit of colour/pictures/photos to our Newsletters. We have had numerous complaints from parents that they don't receive the Newsletters from the school, and upon investigating it transpired that some e-mail addresses block communication if it contains any graphics. Please follow the links below to see what has happened at the School in Term 2. These articles are also posted on our website and can be found under the heading GALLERIES – TAB (What is Happening?)

<http://www.curro.co.za/media/9401/pre-school-tab-term-2-2016.pdf>

<http://www.curro.co.za/media/9402/foundation-phase-tab-term-2.pdf>

<http://www.curro.co.za/media/9567/tab-term-2-final-intermediate-phase.pdf>

<http://www.curro.co.za/media/9565/high-school-tab-term-2-2016.pdf>

At Thatchfield we are committed to taking serious, proactive steps to any challenges that are brought to our attention and therefore we invite our parents to **share your experiences** (positive or negative) with Management in order for us to give credit where credit is due or alternatively intervene where necessary.

Mrs Malene Gerber

2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF CURRO CASTLE

The Term is passing by at a rapid rate....

All staff and learners are hard at work to prepare for our upcoming **Concert**. Please don't forget to come and join us on **Saturday, 20 August** at 10h00 in the Primary School Hall where we will perform "Broadway". Panarottis will be selling pizza and there will be a coffee stall which will be selling coffee and biscuits. Entrance is free of charge.

We are all excited and looking forward to our **Planting** as well as our **Dress-up** days later this Term. Further information will follow in due course.

I would like to leave you with the following: "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game". *Cinderella Story*

Mrs Sonette Pretorius

3. FROM THE DESK OF THE RECEPTION PHASE HEAD

Our learners and staff are equally excited as we get closer to our **annual Concert** which will take place on **17 and 18 August 2016 at 19h00** in the Primary School Hall at 19h00. Funny costumes, movement and fun are what our concert is all about, and we would like to thank our staff members for all the hard work which has gone into preparing for this event.

Our learners had great fun with **Mufasa, the LIONS mascot**, who came to visit us on 5 August 2016. We hope that they shared their excitement with you.

We trust that the cold days are behind us. We cannot wait for **Spring** to arrive when we will see new flowers blooming.

May you have a blessed week.

Mrs Sonette Kotze

4. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our **Soccer, Cricket, Hockey, Cross-Country and Tennis** teams are practising hard and we look forward to promising results in our league matches.

This week we will focus on our **Tennis** where Tennis Lab will assist us. The schedule is as follows:

Mon & Wed (15 & 17 August): Grade 1 to 3 Tennis Development from 13h30 to 14h30

Tues & Thurs (16 & 18 August): Grade 4 to 7 Tennis Trials from 14h30 to 16h00

If your child is interested in developing their Tennis talent or simply just wants to enjoy playing the sport, now is the time for them to show their skills!

Our **Chess** players have been entered into a league for the first time and they are very excited to be playing against other schools this term.

Once we have accumulated all the results of the Centurion Arts Festival, we will publish these on a separate information leaflet.

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

Our participation in the **Centurion Arts Festival** and preparation for **Curro Cuesta** towards the end of this month is in full swing! Congratulations to all who have attained great results and good luck to those who are still waiting to show off their talent. A big word of thanks to our parents who make the effort to support your children. As a teacher it is always astounding to see how learners perform well above their potential when they know their parents are watching.

On the **sporting side**, our Cricket, Softball and Soccer teams have started their leagues. Good luck to them for this season.

Mr Dawie van Schaalkwyk

6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)

Our **Golf Day** has been finalised at **Copperleaf Golf Estate** (5-star rated) for Tuesday, **1 November**. It is now the time of our Fathers to enjoy a relaxed day, away from the office. We all know that some of the best business deals are clinched on the Golf Course. We hope to receive 72 players, i.e. a full field. Please, please show your support and **make your booking as soon as possible**. Mrs Carolissen is awaiting your bookings.

COMPETITION: BETTER BALL

TIME: 11:30 (Shotgun Start)

COST PER 4 BALL: R3 000 (includes green fees, golf cart, welcome gift on arrival, Grab-a-go Halfway House and the Prize-giving Dinner)

You may also:

- Sponsor a hole or a tee - R3 000
- Enter a 4-ball and sponsor a hole (R5 000)

Enquiries: Liesl Carolissen (083 494 9470)



Lessons on Commitment

A common trait amongst children nowadays is that they lack commitment, and one of the most frustrating things many parents and teachers find is getting their child to stay committed to something. As adults we learnt that commitment is perhaps the most important key to success, and by making it a habit early in life we can set a child on a path that will take them wherever they want to go. But children tend to not have a long term vision in that regard; they act in the now, and "now" they don't want to do it anymore, they want to play video games. Any activity that is challenging will at times leave them wanting to give up.

The second thing is to address the problem before it is a problem. We are often guilty of talking about strong character only when weak character is displayed. We talk about respect when a child is being disrespectful and about fairness when a child isn't playing fair. The secret is to discuss Character before it is an issue, and to recognize, point out and praise good character traits.

Here are some tips for teaching children to stay committed:

- **Teach it before it becomes an issue:** Respect for commitment and hard work should never be forgotten. Small things like recognizing that it was commitment and hard work that allowed the child to do something they couldn't do before can go a long way. Teach your child to set goals and to put a plan in action to achieve them.
- **A Goal should not be the end:** In extra-curricular activities we have a built-in goal setting system, i.e. to be chosen for a team or become part of the choir. But this is not the end of the line – it is the front gate to the amusement park. You want to work hard to get there, but you don't turn around and drive home as soon as you get there.
- **Don't over schedule:** Children need downtime, just like adults. If they are doing too many things they may end up wanting to do nothing.
- **Make it visual:** Goals that are seen are easier to achieve. When a child sees others riding a bike it will be easier to stay motivated to learn to do so. If you can find a way to keep the goal in front of your child they are more likely to stay motivated.
- **Find out why:** If a child wants to quit find out the reason. It may be something serious; it may be something minor. But if you don't find out the reason you will never know if it could have been dealt with. Commitments should be kept, and teaching a child to deal with hurdles is far better than teaching a child to quit when obstacles arise.
- **Look at the real problem:** Most children enjoy being at the activity, and as is the case at school, most activities are offered immediately after school on the school premises. Hence no extra effort is required to come to practice. When the activity requires to give up something, i.e. practising during break or come for rehearsals over a weekend, they no longer want to take part.

Commitment and quitting are both habits that we develop early in life. A child must learn to follow through when they commit, even when things get hard. As a parent you know this, and your child will look to you for guidance. We must be sure to teach them that hard work and perseverance are necessary to achieve goals and be successful. *(Adapted from Andrew Green - Owner and Head Instructor at Innovative Martial Arts)*

Parent Advisory Council 2016

7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High School	Primary School
Fri 19 Aug	Inter-Curro Soccer Festival (U/11, U/13, U/15, U/18) at CTF @ 12h00	X	X
Sat 20 Aug	Curro Cuesta	X	
Sat 20 Aug	Inter-Curro Soccer Festival continue at CTF @ 08h00	X	X

Tues 23 Aug	Parent Meeting – Grade 3 Parents Only		X
Fri 2 Sept	National Cupcake Day 4 Kids with Cancer School closes @ 13:00 due to staff training (Civvies)		X
Mon 5 Sept	Panarotti's Evening Gr 5		X
Wed 7 Sept	Panarotti's Evening Gr 5 / Eisteddfod Showcase		X
Fri 9 Sept	Curro Cuesta	X	
Sat 10 Sept	Curro Cuesta Gala Evening	X	
Mon 12 Sept	Cycle Tests start (Gr 4 – 7)		X
Fri 16 Sept	JUDEA Hope Tins returned		X
Thu 22 Sept	High School Outreach	X	
Fri 23 Sept	School closes for Term 3 @ 11:00 Reports issued to learners	X	X
Tues 11 Oct	School re-opens for Term 4	X	X
Tues 1 Nov	Golf Day	X	X

8. GENERAL

Staff Matters

We wish to congratulate **Mr Stephan Woolls** (High School) who got engaged during the holidays. We welcome **Ms Nokuthula Mbhalati** who joined us on 1 August and will form part of our Foundation Phase staff where she will be responsible for teaching isiZulu. Mrs Marelize Bosman (grade 2) and Mrs Bridget Skelton (grade 3) are currently on maternity leave, and **Mrs Cindy Janse van Vuuren and Jo-Ani Enslin** will take care of their classes respectively. We also welcome back Mr Jako Meyer who substitutes for Mrs Angelique Steenekamp who gave birth to a beautiful, petite girl.

Lost and Found

The amount of clothing items in our lost-and-found room is astounding! Please make an effort to come and look whether your child's marked clothing might be there. Remember, only marked clothing can be claimed.

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

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.

Financial Matters

We are currently in the budget process and the 2017 School Fee schedule will be available in November 2016. 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. 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 for school fees or any additional monies due to the School.

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 and to date we’ve almost reached the halfway mark.

9. IN CONCLUSION

Success is so often measured by “Where you live”, “What you drive” and “How much you earn”. Do you realise that any one or perhaps all of them can be lost in the wink of an eye? Does that then mean that you are immediately labelled as unsuccessful? I would like to leave you with the following poem on Success:

Success

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;
This is to have succeeded
- *Author Unknown* –

May you enjoy the rest of the Term!

Yours in Education



**MRS M. GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD**



-through hard work great heights are achieved-

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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

Bread & Butler Tuck Shop

New prices with effect 8 August 2016

1 Unit	Junior Beef Burger	R14.00
1 Unit	Junior Chicken Burger	R14.00
1 Unit	Burger: Beef	R24.00
1 Unit	Burger: Cheese	R30.00
1 Unit	Burger: Chicken	R24.00
1 Unit	Burger: Chicken & Cheese	R30.00
1 Unit	Health Roll: Ham & Cheese	R25.00
1 Unit	Health Roll: Ham, Cheese & Tomato	R25.00
1 Unit	Health Roll: Cheese & Tomato	R25.00
1 Unit	Health Roll: Chicken Mayo	R25.00
2 Units	Pancakes: Filled Chicken Mayo	R20.00
2 Units	Pancakes: Filled Bolognaise	R20.00
1 Unit	Pizza: BBQ Chicken (Frozen / Baked)	R25.00
1 Unit	Salad: Chicken Ceaser	R30.00
1 Unit	Salad: Greek	R25.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Chicken Mayo	R20.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Mince & Cheese	R20.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Sweet Chilli Chicken	R20.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Peppersteak	R25.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Chicken Mushroom	R25.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Honey Mustard	R25.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Cheesy Russian & Onions	R25.00
1 Unit	Tramazini: Spinach & Feta	R25.00
1 Unit	Wrap: Sticky Chicken	R30.00
NEW	Breakfast Baguette (Bacon)	R38.00
NEW	Breakfast Baquette (Egg Mayo)	R25.00
NEW	French Toast with Syrup & Cheese	R27.00
NEW	Baguette: Meatball & Mozzarella	R35.00
NEW	Boloroni	R40.00
NEW	Beef Stew	R45.00
NEW	Veggies & CousCous	R40.00
NEW	Chicken Noodle Stirfry	R40.00
NEW	Thai Chicken Curry	R42.00