



January 2016

Welcome

A warm welcome back after an amazing summer holiday. It is heart warming to see all the 'old' faces and to be afforded the opportunity of getting to know all the new ones. Curro Hazeldean wishes all a very blessed 2016.

Please take time in reading the Newsletter, it will most certainly help to keep you up to date with all the important happenings and changes at the school.

Academics

At the end of last year the school issued all parents with various booklets and letters concerning the different phases. Important information and arrangements were communicated in these. Many hours of work went into compiling these, so as to assist each parent in being up to date with the necessary school information. Please refer to these whenever necessary. Should you not have received one, please contact the office for your copy.

We as school would like to congratulate Curro College on their excellent matric results of 2015. Their achievements keep us assured and excited to be sending most of our Grade 7 learners to the College. It gives us peace of mind to know that the strong academic foundation which we have laid is being carried through to matric. Just a short summary of these achievements:

100% pass rate; 90% university exception 10% acceptance for diploma studies

Old scholars: Nicole Botha – 7 distinctions

Gustav Oosthuizen & Lara Venter - 4 distinctions each

SCHOOL/SPORT WEAR

Dear parents please ensure that your child wears the correct school/sport wear. We would like to instil a pride in and respect for our school uniform. This ruling applies when your child is in public (shopping centres, other schools etc). No child is to walk around without shoes, shirt hanging out and the incorrect uniform. The 3 year 'grace' period for the phasing in of

the new school wear is over. No old school uniform or sportswear is permitted anymore. Please assist the school in this regard.

Please also make sure to keep the boys' hair short and tidy. No strange and modern hairstyles please. Short back and sides without a step is perfect. The girls with long hair have to tie their hair up. Navy blue is the only acceptable colour for hair elastics, 'scrunchies' and ribbons.

COMMUNICATION

Some good news: in the future all correspondence from the school will be made available, via email, to both parents/legal guardians. It does however stay your responsibility as parent/guardian to notify the school of any changes in email address/ contact details or other information. We will in turn make the necessary changes on the system.

The email addresses of all the INSEN Phase educators was issued to you as parents at the end of 2015. The Foundation Phase staff are in the process of receiving their email addresses and these will be communicated to you as soon as possible. Please feel free to make use of these. Should you not receive a reply on your email within 24 hours, please contact the phase head immediately. Please just keep in mind that not all the staff in the Castle and Foundation Phase have laptops, so they are only able to check their emails during break times or after school. Fortunately many parents see these educators when they fetch their child/children, so should there be anything urgent, you may speak to the teacher when you see her. Staff are encouraged not to give their cell phone numbers to parents, Should there be a staff member who is willing to do so, then she does so at her own risk. Staff are entitled to have some much deserved family time after a long day at school and on the sport field.

SAFETY OF SCHOOL BAGS

The gr 4 – 7 learners put their school bags in the quad, behind the pavilion in the morning. There are always Curro Council members on duty to keep an eye on the bags. Mr Goosen is also in the process of having surveillance cameras installed in the quad. Another alternative, at this stage, is to put the bags in the lockers. Application forms for these are available at the front office.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Here are the contact details of our Parent Advisory Committee members, should you wish to contact any one of them.

1. Louis Riekert Chairman/academics/finance
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2. Talana Smit Vice-chairman/finance/culture
Talana@tagafrica.com
3. André du Toit Sport/sponsorships
andre@wealthgate.co.za
4. Shayne White Infra-structure
swhite@wlaw.co.za
5. Rose Hendersohn Marketing/communication
rosyhenderson@vodamail.co.za

The PAC serves as a link between the school and the parents. They are also responsible for the organising of the Curro Carnival. The purpose of the carnival is to create an opportunity for the parents to get to know one another and as their annual fundraising event. The funds generated from the carnival are used for the school, this after careful deliberation by the PAC and the School Management team. In the past the funds raised have been used to install 'Think Pink' in the roof, the floodlights on the sport fields, a portion of the roof of the pavilion and the upgrading of the athletics and rugby fields. Furthermore the PAC and the funds raised assist families who are not able to pay for outings and school tours. You are welcome to contact them directly for any assistance.

TRAFFIC

This is a huge frustration for us all. With the expanding development in all the complexes in the area: The Meadows, The Ridge, Oukraal but to name a few, there is still only the one access road to all these. We are aware of the problem and have a few suggestions which may help relieve the traffic congestion:

- Organise lift-clubs
- If at all possible, people living in Silver-lakes to make use of the bicycle path to school. We have put in a request that the gate remain open until 17:00.
- Parents living in The Ridge to make use of the gate on the Eastern side of the school.

A meeting with Abland has been scheduled to suggest the possibility of scraping the ground road near the College and even laying gravel so this can be used as an alternative to Lynnwood road.

We ask anyone who has a contact in Outsurance to get in touch with Mr Johan Goosen, we would like to see if they can arrange a points-man at the driving range to try and relieve the traffic build up from the College to Lynnwood Road. We will keep you informed of further developments.

CHANGE IN SCHOOL TIMES

At the end of last year the change in the school times for the Foundation Phase was communicated with the parents in two separate newsletters. The reason being is that the teaching time for the Foundation was not sufficient

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

There is space available on the railing in front of the pavilion for you to place an advertisement. You can advertise your business/company/practice on an advertisement board. The cost thereof is R4 500 per year and this includes a) the manufacturing, printing (on both sides) and erecting of the board. b) advertising for the year. Should you wish to extend the period to 2 years the cost will be R3 000. Please contact Talana or Louis in this regard.

NEW SPORT FIELD

A sincere thank you to the PAC for this huge project. Mr Johan Goosen was very involved during the holiday to ensure that the fields were properly maintained. Thank you as well to the anonymous sponsors who were willing to pay the money up front for the project. Your positive attitude and support is greatly appreciated. The fields are really something to be proud of.

SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT

We kindly request that you make sure that you have locked your car doors when dropping/fetching your children at school. We are going to make a concerted effort to install surveillance cameras in the parking lot. Please be vigilant at all times.

ATHLETICS

Thank you to one and all for attending the inter-house athletics meeting last week Tuesday. Although we could not complete the whole programme we thank you for your support. The much needed rain could not dampen anyone's spirit and enthusiasm and a wonderful day was had by all. The Curro Council and their parents were a great help on the day

and their hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. The Sport Council were always on their posts and willing to lend a helping hand when necessary. Thank you to the Curro Council, Sport Council, parents and all learners who helped to clean up after the meeting. Many hands make light work!

MONKEY SURVEY

During the month of September 2015, the parents were requested to electronically complete a survey in connection with the school. Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete the survey. Here is a summary of the results:

	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
I'm satisfied, standard of academic:	215	28
I'm satisfied, academic achievement:	210	33
I'm informed child's overall progress:	190	53
Educators are accessible:	194	49
Educators act professionally:	201	42
I know what educators expect:	149	94
My child is given homework:	190	45
Sufficient recognition is given:	193	50
The variety of culture activities offered:	197	39
The coaches of culture – are competent:	192	44
School acknowledge hard work - culture:	209	27
Too little emphasis on culture:	57	179
School offers variety of sport:	208	28
Sport coaches are competent:	187	49
Too little emphasis on culture:	40	196
Sport achievements are acknowledge:	221	15
Communication regarding Curro group:	192	37
School newsletter provide insight:	222	7
I receive emails from school:	223	6
I receive SMS from school:	129	100
I am sufficiently informed - activities:	186	43
I make use of the school website:	133	96
Financial communication:	193	36
Use My Hub app on my phone:	38	191
My Hub app on my desktop:	117	112
My Hub link to Google/Outlook:	41	188

School buildings are clean & neat:	203	25
Safety of learners within the school:	204	24
Grounds are well maintained:	215	13

	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Changing rooms are acceptable:	178	50
Sufficiently equipped class rooms:	217	11
Sport facilities are sufficient:	184	44
Tuck shop satisfies child's ...:	172	56

	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Very Good</u>
Parents' attitude towards school:	2	17	75	101	30
Personal attitude towards school:	4	10	43	98	70
My loyalty towards the school:	3	11	28	106	77
Parents' perception of school:	3	13	61	110	38

Means of communication

<u>Email</u>	<u>Sms</u>	<u>My Hub</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Website</u>
204	20	2	1	2

General comments:

Unfortunately I cannot share the comments, which we received with you. Thank you for all the positive comments and feedback. We also thank you for all other comments and feedback. As a Management Team we are aware of these and will discuss it with all staff. We will do everything in our power to make the necessary adjustments if at all possible.

GENERAL

We are urgently looking for a job opportunity for one of our fathers' who is currently unemployed. He has experience in construction. Please send your contact details to Erika.ol@curro.co.za should you be able to assist in any way. Erika will then forward your details to him so that he can contact you.



Title: Horse for sale

Price: Contact Suzel 083 3061535

Description: Excellent endurance horse, beautiful with a darling, lovable personality, she is well schooled in equitation, working riding and jumping.

STAFF MATTERS

Congratulations to the following staff members who are celebrating their birthdays:

January

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| 02: | Miss Leandr  Labuschagne | – Gr 1A |
| 04: | Mr Bernard Jansen | - Gr 7A |
| 23: | Mrs Gretha Groenewald | - Group 4A |
| 24: | Mrs Charn  Badenhorst | - Gr 2E |

New babies

Mrs Chantal de Araujo with her little boy Michael who was born on 18 January.

Mrs Rochelle Oosthuizen who will be having baby Luna on the 19th of February.

Mrs Simon  Erasmus & Mrs Chenelle Krugerse are expecting their babies in August.

Engagements

Congratulations to Miss Mon  Bruwer who got engaged last week Thursday.

Substitute Educators

Welcome to Mrs Magaret Bahlmann who will be in Mrs De Araujo's post while she is on maternity leave.

PRAYER MOMS

All moms are welcome to join the prayer group. They meet every Monday morning at 07:30. We understand it is not always possible to be available every Monday, but we appreciate your involvement when possible. Thank you to all those parents who filled in the contact detail form.

The name prayer:

P: praising God

R: reciting the Word

A: changing the Atmosphere

Y: saying Yes to the truth

E: enthusiastic about every promise

R: return to God

Contact Adré Nieuwoudt (mc@adré.co.za) should you want to get involved.

Prayer List:

- 1) Praise God for the wonderful rain received in Pretoria and in other areas of our country.
- 2) For all farmers. That God will bless them abundantly and keep their faith strong in knowing that God will provide in their time of need and that their hope in the Lord will soar on wings like eagles.
- 3) Honour Him for every staff member, child and family of our school.

From the Word: 1 John 2:12-17. Verse 17:

“The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out – but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.”

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