

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have reached the end of another successful term. As usual, it has been very busy, full of a variety of cultural and sporting activities. We would like to thank the learners for their positive attitudes, dedication and hard work. Thank you also to the parents. It is very reassuring to know that we have your unwavering support. On the academic front, the learners continue to impress us with their drive to perform.

STAFF MATTERS

We have to greet one of our educators, Mrs Anette Rossouw. She has worked tirelessly with her Mathematics learners and was always busy with extra lessons and support. We appreciate the time and effort she has put in. We know that our Matrics are well prepared for their coming exams. Owing to her excellent organisational skills, the Mr and Ms Curro pageant was a great success. Our best wishes accompany her.

Ms Kathie Viljoen will be celebrating her birthday on 6 July. May God bless her. We appreciate the excellent work she does.

ACADEMICS

Mathematics

The University of Cape Town's Mathematics competition is a yearly competition for high schools in the Western Cape where more than 7000 learners participate. We entered 71 learners. The following learners were Gold Award winners: **Adri Wessels** (overall first place in Grade 10) and **Ralph McDougall** (overall first place in Grade 11). Curro Durbanville came 16th in the competition. The following learners received merit certificates:

GRADE	INDIVIDUALS
8	<i>Nell Ackermann, Emma Beckley, Timothy Grant and Alexander Rall</i>
9	<i>Jessica Visagie and Michael Woods</i>
10	<i>Peter Kastoer</i>
11	<i>Tristan Corbellari, Gracious Izaks, Keuran Kirsten and Jina Park</i>
12	<i>Jason Fourie and Michelle Versfeld</i>

Ralph is not only taking part in the International Olympiad of Informatics, but he and Adri are also part of the South African International Mathematics Olympiad team which will consist of 6 learners. The competition will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 12 July – 23 July.

Music

Marco Erlank (Grade 9) received the Stellenbosch Society of Music Teachers Trophy for the highest achievement with an organ by a scholar at the Stellenbosch Eisteddfod's prizegiving concert. Marco also received 1 Cum Laude, 3 A+ and 2 A awards for organ and piano at the Eisteddfod.

Parent Evening

The formal parent evening for Grade 8 to 12 learners will take place on **1 August**. You are more than welcome to contact educators to discuss your child's academic progress before that date.

Directing Project

We are launching our first Grade 11 Directors' Project. The Grade 11 Drama learners will each produce a small one-act play and these 15 productions will be performed over two nights on Wednesday, 13 September and Thursday, 14 September. This project will form part of their formal assessment work for the year, but will also give many learners the opportunity to perform.

CULTURE

Children's Theatre: Hansel and Gretel

Learners and parents are cordially invited to our children's theatre production of Hansel and Gretel. The production will be performed by high school learners. It is aimed at children between the ages of 4 and 10, but everyone is welcome! Two performances are scheduled for **Friday, 22 September**. Times will be confirmed next term. Tickets are R10 per person.

SPORT

Curro Nationals

We will be hosting the Nationals Tournament from Thursday, 29 June, to Saturday, 1 July. Hockey, netball, rugby and soccer will be played on these days by teams representing Curro schools in the various provinces. Please support the Disas! More than half the team is represented by our learners.

Hockey

Please find below a summary of the hockey league matches for **boys**:

FIRST TEAM		
22 April	Soneike High School (non-league)	Won: 10 – 0
13 May	Brackenfell High School	Won: 4 – 0
20 May	Khayelitsha Club	Won: 3 – 1
27 May	Reddam House Durbanville	Won: 10 – 0
3 June	DF Malan High School (non-league)	Won: 2 – 1
10 June	Table View High School	Won: 6 – 0
Goals for: 35 Goals against: 2		

SECOND TEAM		
22 April	Meridian High School	Won: 4 – 1
13 May	Rondebosch High School C (non-league)	Lost: 0 – 11
27 May	Meridian High School	Won: 3 – 1
3 June	DF Malan High School (non-league)	Lost: 0 – 6
Goals for: 7 Goals against: 18		

UNDER 16 TEAM		
22 April	Bloubergrandt High School	<i>Lost: 2 – 4</i>
13 May	Brackenfell High School	<i>Won: 1 – 0</i>
20 May	Khayelitsha Club	<i>Lost: 1 – 3</i>
27 May	Reddam House Durbanville	<i>Lost: 1 – 3</i>
3 June	DF Malan High School (non-league)	<i>Lost: 0 – 7</i>
10 June	Table View High School	<i>Won: 3 – 0</i>
<i>Goals for: 8 Goals against: 17</i>		

UNDER 14 TEAM		
13 May	Brackenfell High School	<i>Won: 9 – 0</i>
20 May	Khayelitsha Club	<i>Lost: 1 – 3</i>
3 June	DF Malan High School (non-league)	<i>Draw: 0 – 0</i>
10 June	Table View High School	<i>Won: 2 – 0</i>
<i>Goals for: 12 Goals against: 3</i>		

Please find below a summary of the hockey league matches for **girls**:

FIRST TEAM		
13 May	The Settlers High School	<i>Lost: 1 – 5</i>
20 May	Tygerberg High School	<i>Lost: 0 – 1</i>
27 May	El Shaddai Christian School	<i>Won: 3 – 1</i>
3 June	Brackenfell High School	<i>Lost: 2 – 3</i>
24 June	Vishoek High School	<i>Won: 2 – 0</i>
27 June	Pinelands High School	<i>Lost: 1 – 3</i>
<i>Goals for: 9 Goals against: 13</i>		

UNDER 16 TEAM		
13 May	The Settlers High School	<i>Lost: 0 – 2</i>
20 May	Tygerberg High School	<i>Draw: 0 – 0</i>
25 May	Pinelands High School	<i>Lost: 0 – 6</i>
27 May	Parklands High School	<i>Won: 1 – 0</i>
3 June	Brackenfell High School	<i>Lost: 0 – 3</i>
10 June	Fairbairn High School	<i>Won: 1 – 0</i>
24 June	Vishoek High School	<i>Lost: 0 – 1</i>
<i>Goals for: 2 Goals against: 12</i>		

UNDER 14 TEAM		
13 May	The Settlers High School	<i>Won: 4 – 0</i>
20 May	Tygerberg High School	<i>Won: 8 – 0</i>
25 May	Pinelands High School	<i>Won: 2 – 0</i>
27 May	El Shaddai Christian School	<i>Won: 4 – 0</i>
3 June	Brackenfell High School	<i>Lost: 0 – 1</i>
10 June	Fairbairn High School	<i>Won: 4 – 1</i>
24 June	Vishoek High School	<i>Won: 8 – 0</i>
<i>Goals for: 30 Goals against: 2</i>		

The best of luck to all our WP players who are participating in National Hockey Tournaments all over South Africa during the June holidays:

- **under 14 WP Zebras Boys – Northern District (Bloemfontein)**
Keenoe Christians, Joshua Lombard, Nathan Just, Alexander Rall, Aiden van Blerck
- **under 14 WP – Provincial Team Boys (KwaZulu Natal)**
Keenoe Christians
- **under 14 WP Northern District Girls (Bloemfontein)**
Anke Botha
- **under 16 WP Zebras Boys – District Team (East London)**
Rejuan Tobin, Cameron Harris
- **under 18 WP B Boys – Provincial (KwaZulu Natal)**
Ethan Lombard

Good luck to all our players who are representing the school in the Curro Winter Nationals Tournament.

Girls under 15: *Annabel van Zyl, Jenna Kesonk, Tayla Jearey, Carlia Greyling, Jana Botha, Anke Botha, Daniella Bennet and Emma Beckely*

Boys under 15: *Keenoe Christians, David Enslin, Owen Jones, Nathan Just, Andre Kotze, Joshua Lombard, Liam Muller, Alexander Rall, Chris Swart, Aidan van Blerck and Kreg Hartman*

Girls under 18: *Anja Breytenbach, Jessica Bruyns, Madison French, Rebecca Jordaan, Nathalie Pirie and Amber Smith*

Boys under 18: *Tristan Crause, Michael George, Cameron Harris, Christopher Johnson, Ethan Lombard and Rejuan Tobin*

Chess

It was a very eventful term for chess. Our under 18 team won the Northern District Top Schools play-offs and will compete against the other districts in the WP Metro play-offs on 29 July. ***Kahill Dhevcharran*** and ***Ethan Samuels*** will represent South Africa in the Common Wealth Games from 2 to 10 July, in India. Congratulations to the following learners who received WP Regional Schools colours for chess:

- ***Ethan Samuels***
- ***Luan de Jager***
- ***Joubert Visagie***
- ***Dantelle Joubert***

Tennis

A number of our learners participated in the WP Winter tennis tournament in Cape Town. The results were as follows:

under 16 Platinum Section Girls

- ***Tiffany le Roux*** – 1st position
- ***Daniela Davidyan*** – 2nd position

under 16 Gold Section Boys

- ***Marno Carstens*** – 1st position

under 14 Platinum Section Boys

- ***Kyler Hugo*** – 5th position

GENERAL

Sponsorship

We would like to thank *Zone Fitness* for extending membership to 85 learners for another six months. We are very grateful for the continuous support.



Children's Theatre Rehearsals

Please take note that the main cast will rehearse on **Monday, 24 July** at 12:00 and **Tuesday, 25 July** at 15:00. All cast members must attend.

Enrolments for 2018

The Grade 8 enrolment process for 2018 is currently in progress. Should you have a friend or family member who wishes to enrol their child at Curro Durbanville, please urge them to contact the school at letitia.c@curro.co.za urgently.

Learner absenteeism

It is imperative that parents and guardians understand that the school cannot be expected to release children from school without prior arrangement by the parent/s or guardians, especially not when the learner must be released into a third parties' care and has to travel with the third party. Our learners' safety is of the utmost importance to us and the school cannot be expected to carry such a risk.

Health and Safety

The school has an Occupational Health and Safety committee, chaired by Mr Kobus Vermeulen, that meets once a term to discuss and monitor safety in all aspects at the school. Different staff members have areas of the school to check and they must complete monthly checklists. Action is then taken to ensure safety. Obviously, any safety concern that surfaces is dealt with immediately. Many staff members have been trained in first aid or firefighting. Evacuation drills are done at least twice a year.

The security of our learners is priority and, during the next two terms, Curro will be rolling out new security initiatives. Parents will be informed of the specific arrangements and extra security measures in due course.

Learner appearance

Thank you to all our parents and learners who always cooperate to ensure that our learners look neat and represent our school with pride. With the holidays coming up, we urge our learners to think twice before doing anything to their appearance (hair colour, tattoos, piercings, etc) that will not be within our school rules by the time we restart on Tuesday, 25 July.

Partnership School

Next term our Learner Counsel will visit *Masimbambane Secondary School*, our partnership school, for the day. Our educators will also visit the school the same afternoon to strengthen our bond.

School Terms 2017

Please take note that our school terms differ from that of the Department of Education's school terms. The Curro term dates are as follows:

- **Term 3:** 25 July – 22 September
- **Term 4:** 10 October – 6 December

School Terms 2018

- **Term 1:** 17 January – 28 March
- **Term 2:** 11 April – 22 June
- **Term 3:** 17 July – 21 September
- **Term 4:** 9 October – 7 December

Important Dates: Term 3

July

24	School starts for staff
25	School reopens: Assembly
27	SAMO: Round 3
28	Choir camp Hockey: 2nd boys team vs Reddam Atlantic (home)
28/7 – 3/8	Science week; (Science Expo – 29/07)
29	Rugby: u/14 vs Paarl Gim u/19 vs Zwaanswyk High School (home) Hockey: Girls vs De Kuilen (home) Boys vs Cannons Creek (home) 2nd team vs Rondebosch D (home)

August

1	Gr. 8 – 12: Parent meeting
2	Gr. 12: 40 days Test series starts
3	Learner Council visits Masibambane High School Netball vs Monument Park (away)
4 – 5	All winter sports vs Glenwood: under 13 – under 19 (home)
4	Subject changes: Close for Term 3
7	Learner Council 2018: Nominations open
9	WOMAN'S DAY Gr. 12: School day
10	Spellathon: Western Cape Trails Interschools: <i>Big Brag</i> Netball vs HTS Bellville (away)
11 – 12	Interschools: Langebaan Hockey: Girls vs Edgemead (away)
15	Learner Council 2018: Nominations close Group photos Gr. 9: Subject Choice Evening


- 16 Netball vs Fairmont (away)
- 17 Learner Council 2018: Circus
- 18 Learner Council 2018: Election
Gr. 9: Subject Choices to register teachers
- 19 Rugby vs Muizenberg (home)
Hockey: Boys vs Protea Heights Academy (home)
- 21 Assembly: Learner Council
Blood Donation
- 23 Gr. 12: Prelim examinations start (preliminary date)**
- 23 – 24** Gr. 9: Holocaust outing
Music: Prestige Concert
- 26 Rugby vs Masibambane (away)
Hockey: Girls vs Milnerton (home)
Boys vs Fish Hoek (home)
2nd boys team vs Oude Molen (home)
Netball: Hermanus tournament

September

- 1 Gr. 11: IEB concession applications close
- 1 – 2 Rugby: under 17 Sevens tournament – Bredasdorp
- 2 Rugby: under 15 Sevens tournament – Monumentpark
Hockey: Girls vs Bergvliet (home); Boys vs Edgemead (home)
- 5 “Junior Afrikaans Olimpiade”
- 7 Choir festival
- 8 Gr. 9: EMS judging
- 13 – 14 Gr. 11: Drama Production Project
- 15 – 17 Gr. 11: LO Camp
- 15 Gr. 8 – 10: Outing day
- 19 Gr. 12: LO CAT Part B Examination (Compulsory)**
Gr. 12: Prelim examinations end
Hockey: End of year function
- 20 Gr. 12: Life Sciences P3**
Heritage Day celebrations
- 21 MATRIC FAREWELL**
- 22 SCHOOL CLOSURES:** Assembly; Reports handed out
- 24 HERITAGE DAY**

Enjoy the time spent with your children. We are looking forward to an exciting but challenging third term.

Kind regards



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Head: High School



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