

# NEWSLETTER

**CURRO**  
Thatchfield

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*Campus News*

Dear Curro Parents/Guardians



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## **1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD**

Compliments of the Season and a Happy New Year to our Curro Family! I hope the holiday has been a restful and relaxing time for you and your families. Our fifth school year was successful and we plan for 2018 to be an even better year. We, as educators, are excited to be back at school and are looking forward to working with your children. We also want to extend a special welcome to our new learners, parents and educators who have joined us this year.

Five years ago, Curro Thatchfield opened its' doors to 820 learners on one premises. In the following years we grew to a remarkable 2 500 learners on three different campuses. This year we are celebrating this great achievement with various exciting activities. An important date to diarize is Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September where we are planning a huge FUN DAY!

2017 saw the year that we had our first group of matric learners and we all waited nervously to see what our results will be. The Class of 2017 didn't disappoint and I am extremely proud to share the following information with you:

Congratulations to our top 5 achievers –

Thusang Moyo – 6 A's (A average)

Mlungisi Sithenjwa – 4 A's (A average)

Melissa Pietersen – 3 A's (B average)

Norma Monama – 3 A's (B average)

Mpumi Pule – 3 A's (B average)

99 % pass rate

2 x A averages

6 x B averages  
19 x C averages  
39 Subject A's  
89 Subject B's  
98 Subject C's  
46 Bachelor Degree passes (75 %)  
Grade average 60 %

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 and we are looking forward to the results of the grade 12 learners of this year.

Each year, our learners take another step towards fulfilling their potential, and the journey is a wonderful blessing. Knowledge, strength and fortitude are improved each day in this school of learning. Let's keep building a better tomorrow today.

*"Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and He gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures." - Elizabeth Elliot*

We would like to remind everyone of our commitment to keeping communication channels open to resolve problems and possible challenges. We know that our parents want the best for their children and so do we! We are on the same team. High performing schools have highly effective leaders, educators, and teams. These schools also excel in family and community engagement. This year, we are going to excel in involving you!

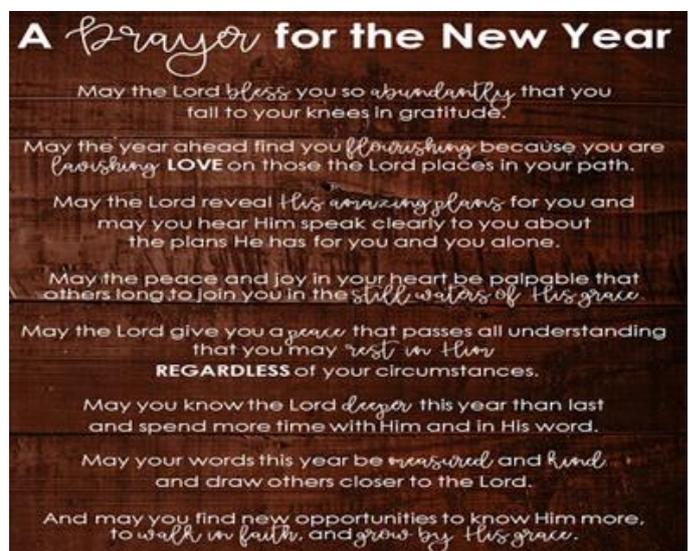
My staff and I are often made aware of our shortcomings and challenges faced by parents. I would like to encourage our parents to please take part in our "Compliment-an-Educator" campaign again this year. Apart from complimenting an educator personally, you are encouraged to send an email as well. This will assist us in keeping educator morale high and a monthly "star" educator will be announced.

*Mrs Marlene Gerber*

## 2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD CURRO CASTLE

Welcome back to all our Castle parents, learners and staff. We trust that you had a wonderful Festive Season. May 2018 be a year to remember. We will have a parents' orientation evening on Monday, 22 January. All the extra mural activities will have an exhibition from 17:00 until 18:00 and the orientation will start strictly at 18:00.

Remember we are always open for suggestions and want to know when parents are faced with challenges. We can only act on what we know!



We look forward to an exciting term ahead. I would like to leave you with the following prayer for 2018.

*Mrs Sonette Pretorius*

## **2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF RECEPTION PHASE**

I trust that you all had a most enjoyable festive Season. Welcome to all our parents who joined us from the Castle as well as all new parents and learners. To all other familiar faces, it is lovely to welcome you back. We look forward to another year filled with excitement and hard work.

We would like to welcome Miss Bonita Dixon-Paver (Dinosaur Class) as well as Mrs Tabitha Dhluni (Penguin Class). I trust that they will be happy at CTF.

We will do our best to keep our parents informed via email and also through your child's communication book. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the class educator on a daily basis.

Demonstration lessons will take place for the different Extra Mural Activities. Should you need any information on any of the activities offered, you can contact your child's educator.

I would like to share a quote with our parents that comes from the heart of an educator as we stand in the beginning of a new academic year.

"I call my students "my kids"  
because in our year together  
they aren't just kids on my class list,  
they become a part of my heart".

We look forward to working and playing together, and I wish all our families a healthy and happy 2018. God bless!

*Mrs Sonette Kotze*

## **4. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Happy 2018! A hearty welcome back to our existing parents, learners and teachers! To our new parents and learners – I trust that you are as excited as we are about joining our school and that you will soon feel part of the Curro family. I would also like to welcome our new educators – we are looking forward to your contributions and hope that you will enjoy your calling to Curro Thatchfield.

Our parent information meetings are scheduled as follows:

Grade 1	Thursday, 18 January	Class meeting @ 18:00 Info session in hall @ 19:00
Grade 2	Tuesday, 23 January	Class meeting @ 18:00 Info session in hall @ 19:00

Grade 3	Wednesday, 24 January	Class meeting @ 18:00 Info session in hall @ 19:00
Grades 4 & 6	Thursday, 25 January	Class meeting @ 18:00 Info session in hall @ 19:00
Grades 5 & 7	Monday, 29 January	Class meeting @ 18:00 Info session in hall @ 19:00

These meetings will inform you of what to expect in this new academic year.  
May you be blessed.

*Mr Mark Cloete*

## 5. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to all our parents. I trust you have had a wonderful holiday and that you managed to get some well-deserved rest.

Congratulations to our 2017 Matric class for their outstanding results. In saying that, a school is not all about results. The grade 12 learners of 2017 have also left a legacy that will encourage other learners to excel.

As you might know our outreach program is near to my heart. I am excited to share with you a new relationship that we have formed with a company called GET Africa. Our first project will be to reach out to clinics and schools in the rural areas and help develop vegetable gardens to sustain the surrounding communities. We will also be visited by a delegation of American learners in March, who will help with the project.

As has become the norm, we have hit the ground running this term. After the long rest, the cycle begins again!

I would like to invite all of our parents to come and support the many activities that will be happening during this year. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each one of you.

*Mr Danie van Schaikwyk*

## 6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)

This year we will re-organize our Parent Advisory Committee in that the Castle, Pre- and Primary School and High School will each have their own Committee. We've learnt from past experiences that every school has different needs and focus areas. During our scheduled parent meetings in this week, a member of the current PAC will address you on the importance of parent involvement and how you can become involved.

The election process will begin early in February.

We would like to hear from our parents and are awaiting your suggestions, complaints or compliments. So, contact us at [curro.thatchfield.pac@gmail.com](mailto:curro.thatchfield.pac@gmail.com)

*Parent Advisory Council*

## 7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High School	Primary School
21 – 23 January	Gr 8 Camp	X	
23 January	Gr 2 Parent info session		X
24 January	Gr 3 Parent info session		X
25 January	Gr 4 & 6 Parent info sessions		X
27 January	High School Parents morning 09:00-12:00	X	
29 January	Easter Egg Outreach starts Gr 5 & 7 Parent info sessions		X
1 February	Gr 8 Concert	X	
2 February	Gr 1 & 7 Funky Day Inter-house Athletics	X	X
6 February	Athletics @ Rooihuiskraal		X
9 – 10 February	Prefect development & parent braai		X
14 February	Gr 1 to 3 Mr & Miss Valentine Valentine's Dance	X	X
15 February	Blood drive Cluster Athletics	X	X
16 February	Gr 3 Excursion Gr 4 to 7 Valentine's Jol		X
19 February	Gr 1 to 3 Individual photos		X
20 February	Gr 4 to 7 Individual photos		X
22 February	Elevate Gr 8 Gr 1 to 7 Individual photos for absent learners	X	X
24 February	Saheti rugby 7's festival s	X	

## 8. GENERAL

### Communication Channels

In order for us to swiftly attend to your communication, kindly find the communication below. It is advisable to address matters of a general nature with your child's register teacher and academic related matters to the Subject teacher.

Register / Subject  
Teacher

Grade / Subject  
Head

Phase / Academic  
Head

Head of School  
Executive Head

You will soon receive a detailed list of all register / subject teachers as well as their respective email addresses.

### Parent Contact Details

All parents/guardians are requested to please make sure that the school has their latest contact details. There have been several occasions where the school urgently had to get hold

of parents only to realise that the contact details on our system are outdated. Please be reminded that when you change work, move house or change cell numbers that you need to inform the school accordingly. We continuously find that emails sent to given addresses bounce back and thus there is a breakdown in communication between school and parent.

### **Learners on school premises after school hours**

We want to urge parents not to leave their children on the school premises long after the school has come out. These learners are **left unattended** and some of them then get up to mischief. Kindly take note that all learners need to wait for their transport at the designated waiting areas and should not wander around between school buildings.

### **Financial Matters**

You need to ask yourself: "Is paying school fees a priority in my budget?" What is your honest answer? Budgeting for your child's future is vital in the current unstable employment climate in South Africa. Parents' commitment to pay their children's school fees is crucial for the promotion of quality education in our country. Please plan for this commitment, and honour this commitment. Parents experiencing difficulty to pay school fees should be responsible and bold enough to approach the school to discuss an acceptable payment plan to settle all outstanding fees.

Preferably all parents should complete a debit order to pay school fees. Other options that are available is by means of EFT or by debit/credit card facilities which are available at the finance office.

Please ensure that you use the following banking account for **all payments**:

Bank:	FNB
Account No:	623 5878 0403
Branch:	Tygervalley
Branch Code:	201-410
Ref:	CTF - your family code (please make sure you use numerical numbers for the last 3 digits)

In order to ensure that swift allocation of school fees is made, we now make use of an automated system that allocates payments daily. Please check that the reference you are using is in the following format: **CTF-MAS099**

**CTF** (to indicate Curro Thatchfield)

**MAS** (example of family Code)

**099** (last 3 digits of family code)

We'd like to welcome Ms Pearl Mahlangu in our debtors department. She will be dealing with accounts (MO – Z) and her email address is [pearl.m@curro.co.za](mailto:pearl.m@curro.co.za). Ms Busisiwe Mhlanga will still be responsible for accounts (A-MN) [busisiwe.m01@curro.co.za](mailto:busisiwe.m01@curro.co.za)

**Kindly note that interest will be charged on all overdue accounts. Fees charged on accounts which have been handed over to our attorney's will be for your account.**

### **Stationery**

Stationery for **Groups 1 to Grade 3 learners** has already been ordered by the school. Your child will be issued with some of the stationery and the rest will be kept in his/her teacher's class for easy access. Stationery costs will be charged to your January school fee account.

Grade 4 to 12 learners must please make sure that they have all the stationery (as per stationery lists). Please ensure that your child has all the necessary stationery items on the very first day of school.

**Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/CurroThatchfield/>

By visiting our Curro Thatchfield Facebook Page regularly you will stay up to date with all the activities that are taking place on our Campus () Interesting articles and photos are posted regularly and you will be amazed to see how busy we are! We currently have 3 134 members and the challenge is out there to reach the 4 000 mark by the end of 2018.

### **Safety and Security**

We request our parents to **be vigilant at all times** and to double check that they have locked their vehicles as car-jamming is a reality. A good habit is to lock your vehicle, walk a few steps and then return to check again. Also, make sure that all valuables are locked in the boot of your vehicle, and not left visible. Unfortunately, car jamming is a reality.

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.



## **9. IN CONCLUSION**

It is our vision to be “The School of Choice”, and this can only be achieved if we have the buy-in of all our stakeholders. We recognize parental involvement in your children’s education as a vital component to success. A formidable team is created when the school and the home work together and trust each other for the best interests of our learners. Let us then all accept the challenge to, with the help of our Lord, the master teacher, make this a banner year for Curro Thatchfield as a model of excellence in the Curro group.

*“Positive parent involvement in education is like the frosting on a cupcake, it makes it complete and oh....so sweet”*

Yours in Education

**MRS M. GERBER**  
**EXECUTIVE HEAD**

## General Information - CTF

### Address

3512 Barbet Street  
Cnr Brakfontein & Barbet Road  
Thatchfield Hills  
The Reeds  
0157  
**P O Box 401**  
Celtis Ridge  
0130

### Website

[www.curro.co.za](http://www.curro.co.za)

### GPS Coordinates:

S 25° 54' 05.8". E 028° 06' 26.7"

### Phone

(012) 652-2906/8/10

### E-mail Addresses

**P/S:** [info.thatchfieldprimary@curroholdings.co.za](mailto:info.thatchfieldprimary@curroholdings.co.za)

**H/S:** [info.thatchfieldhigh@curroholdings.co.za](mailto:info.thatchfieldhigh@curroholdings.co.za)

**Castle:** [info.thatchfieldcastle@curroholdings.co.za](mailto:info.thatchfieldcastle@curroholdings.co.za)

**PRC:** [curro.thatchfield.prc@gmail.com](mailto:curro.thatchfield.prc@gmail.com)

### Accounts

#### Bursar

[Nicolize.j@curro.co.za](mailto:Nicolize.j@curro.co.za)

#### Debtors

[Busiswe.m01@curro.co.za](mailto:Busiswe.m01@curro.co.za) (A to MN)

[Pearl.m@curro.co.za](mailto:Pearl.m@curro.co.za) (MO to Z)

### Sport – Primary School

[Musa.m01@curro.co.za](mailto:Musa.m01@curro.co.za)

[Marinda.f02@curro.co.za](mailto:Marinda.f02@curro.co.za)

### Sport – High School

[Kerdrick.h@curro.co.za](mailto:Kerdrick.h@curro.co.za)

### Counsellor

Vacant

### Curro Banking Details

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield  
Bank: FNB  
Acc No: 623 5878 0403  
Branch Code: 250-655  
Reference: 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

[info@gritprocurement.co.za](mailto:info@gritprocurement.co.za)

Located in the High School Admin Office  
Mon to Thurs: 07:30-09:00 and 12:30-16:00  
Fri: 12:30-14:00

#### Afro School Books

[ldreyer@afroschool.co.za](mailto: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](mailto:Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za)

#### Play Therapist

Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313

[anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:danie@urbanlife.org.za)

[www.urbanlife.org.za](http://www.urbanlife.org.za)