

Dear Curro Rivonia Parents/Guardians,

In keeping with our theme of “change”, the past week has made me aware of one of my favourite parts about change: The vast array of new opportunities that come with it.

I was reminded of a small verse of inspiration that read: “Seasons come and seasons go and with every change, a chance to grow” – *Author unknown*

In this new season at Curro Rivonia, the word “growth” seems to be the most appropriate description as to what we have been experiencing and with it, the discomfort of growing pains.

On the other side of these experiences, however, there were also exciting new opportunities that came to us. In addition to kicking off our extra-mural programmes and having our first internal Charity Fundraiser, we also had our first PEC meeting where we were able to engage with our Parent Community and set the structure for the 2018 PEC. Our journey ahead will be fruitful indeed!

In the same breath, I would like to welcome our new Music Educator, Mr. Gavin Morein, who started with us on the 30th of January:

“When I picked up a guitar for the first time, it was love at first strum. After that, the instrument and I became inseparable. It has accompanied me, in my musical career, for over 20 years from my first gigs as a one-man band to my time with local band, Just Jinger and my tours with SA pop artist Garth Taylor. My musical journey has taken me all over the world from the USA to Australia and most recently, Abu Dhabi, where I performed at the St Regis Hotel on New Year’s Eve. Being a lover of all types of music, my repertoire is extremely versatile, covering everything from adult contemporary classics to current pop hits. Although Toto is my main inspiration, I also draw my inspiration from a number of icons, including: The Eagles, Keith Urban, John Mayer, Bruno Mars and Ed Sheeran. For me, singing and playing guitar with a band fused by musical chemistry, is the closest thing there is to magic.”

Mr. Morein’s passion for music and his extensive experience in the field are the perfect combination for inspiring a love for music in all of our learners.

As always, we strive for Education Excellence and value the growth of our learners. Curro Rivonia takes pride in being able to provide as many opportunities as we can for our learners to achieve their full potential.



Warm Regards,
Brian O’Neil
Executive Head – Curro Rivonia

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OPEN DAY 17 FEBRUARY 2018

Our first Open Day for the Year is in two weeks and we are VERY excited!

You, our Parent Community, and your children are our favourite people and we therefore want to give you the opportunity to get something in return for being the voices and ambassadors of our school.

Introducing: BRING A BUDDY OPEN DAY!!!!

IT'S SIMPLE: REFER A FRIEND TO CURRO RIVONIA, BRING THEM TO OPEN DAY AND STAND A CHANCE TO WIN SPOT PRIZES AND SPECIAL EVENT ACCESS!

FOR PARENTS: For every new application form we receive that indicates your family as their referral, you get one entry into a lucky draw for awesome prizes, AS WELL AS free entry to an upcoming school event.

i.e. 5 Returned application forms = free entry to 5 events and 5 entries into the lucky draw.

FOR LEARNERS: the class with the most "buddy" referrals on received application forms will get a civvies day and free lunch in the cafeteria!

THE "BRING A BUDDY" SYSTEM WILL BE ACTIVE AS OF 17 FEBRUARY 2018 UNTIL 19 MARCH 2018

LUCKY DRAW AND CIVVIES DAY REWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: DURING ASSEMBLY ON 23 MARCH 2018

Parent Cocktail Evening

A big thank you to all parents who attended our Meet and Greet Cocktail Evening on 23 January.

We would like to remind our parents to please communicate with your class Educators and PEC class representatives if you have any questions or concerns regarding operational or academic issues. Safe, stimulating and productive learning environments for our learners are top priority and we value your feedback as a parent community.



Curro Rivonia Water Drive Initiative

Curro Rivonia's heart has been with our colleagues and their learners in Cape Town during the water crisis, **but that is not enough.**

We are putting our hands and feet into action to try help alleviate some of the pressures our fellow Curro Learners are experiencing and we are therefore launching a **WATER DRIVE FOR CAPE TOWN CURRO**

We are appealing to all our families, your friends, acquaintances and colleagues to join with us by donating WATER for Cape Town Curro Schools.

We are partnering with our neighbouring schools to make this a successful initiative and will be coordinating regular delivery to Curro Schools in Cape Town.

Please help us help them by donating water bottles of 5 litres or more and depositing them in the allocated storerooms on Curro Rivonia's Campus **daily** between **07:00 and 08:30 and 13:30 and 14:30**

Drop-off Location:

Outside the Foundation Phase / Junior Phase Entrance on the right hand side, opposite the Recycling station.

Cake and Candy Sale Grade 8

On the 26th of January, the Grade 8 class of 2018 had the opportunity of hosting their first annual Grade 8 Cake and Candy Sale. Friday sweetie Fever had been elevated as the cupcakes, cookies, brownies, cakes, eclairs, swiss rolls, "Under the Sea" cups and of course candy had been rolling into Curro Rivonia. During break, the Grade 8 learners had set up 4 stations after they had decided on their own teams. It was competition time, the team who made the most amount of money during break would receive a secret prize from their class teacher. The race was on and with the Grade R to 3's making their way and getting a head start it began to feel like a delicious stage of Candy Crush.



It was a Fast paced and sugar Filled Friday for everyone! Thank you to the Grade 8 guardians/parents for generously donating all the sweet treats sold and thank you to all the other guardians/parents and learners for supporting the Cake and Candy sale.

Parent Cafeteria

Mornings

New Parents! New Parents Everywhere!

Do you know the school? Have you made a friend here yet? We'd like to give you an opportunity to do so!

From Monday 5 February to Friday 9 February, our school Cafeteria will be open from 07:00 to 08:00 for our Parent Community to come have a complimentary cup of tea or coffee and perhaps a rusk or two and engage with our Executive Head, Marketing Team and fellow Parents while you wait out the traffic.

We can't wait to see you!

Important Information

Foundation Phase Notice

With the increase in the number of children attending Aftercare this year we have made some changes to help with a more effective system at the end of our school day. We would ask that all Foundation Phase children (Grade R-3) be collected in the Quad area outside the Grade R classrooms from 13:35. This will alleviate the congestion we are experiencing in the foyer area at this time. Thank you for your support and understanding as we strive to create a happy and secure environment for all learners in our care.

E-learning Devices

Thank you to all parents who have supplied devices for their children thus far. We are

still waiting on the stock, but necessary strategies have been put in place to ensure that normal learning takes place regardless of this shortage. **It is important to note that it is compulsory for all learners from Grade 4 to Grade 8 to have their own devices.** We are aiming to have every learner with a device by the end of February.

Should you wish to purchase E-books, logon to ITSI's website (<https://store.it.si/za/home>) to purchase them online.

Please note that on-boarding of all Grade 4 – Grade 8 learners' e-devices has ended on 26 January, as was communicated in our first Newsletter. Our IT end e-book service providers will be commissioned back to our campus in March again, once we have confirmed that all Gr 4 - Gr 8 learners have their e-learning devices in hand.

Transport Routes and Times

IMPORTANT NOTE: "ROUTE 2" COLLECTION TIMES HAVE CHANGED:

Route 1

- Houghton
- Rosebank
- Illovo
- Wendywood
- Gallo Manor/ Morningside

Stop	Area	Time
1 st	Corner of Glenhove & Oxford Road, Rosebank	6:40
2 nd	Shell Garage opposite St David's, Sandton	6:55
3 rd	Total garage on corner of Sandton & Marie Avenue, Sandton	7:05
4 th	90-Degree shopping centre on Rivonia Road, Rivonia	7:15
Afternoons	Depart form school after all extra-mural activities, following the same route as morning	16:15

Route 2:

- Sunninghill
- Fourways
- Paulshof
- Curro Castle Bryanston

Stop	Area	Time
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1 st	Sasol Square, Cnr Naivasha & Leeuwkop Rd, Sunninghill, Sandton	Not currently in use, but available
2 nd	Cambridge Commercial Park, 22 Witkoppen Rd, Paulshof, Johannesburg, 2191	Not currently in use, but available
3 rd	The Teatro, Montecasino, 1 Montecasino Blvd, Fourways, Midrand, 2055	06:30
4 th	Curro Castle Bryanston, 87 Cambridge Rd, Bryanston, Johannesburg, 2021	07:05
Afternoons	Depart from school after all extra-mural activities, following the same route as morning	16:15 Drop-off order: 1. CCB 2. Monte Casino 3. Sunninghill

Please note that the times are subject to change due to sporting activities in the afternoons, as well as traffic.

School Security

Please note that we will be enforcing strict security measures at our gates.

Only vehicles with Curro Rivonia Car Stickers on their windscreens will be allowed to access the premises.

Vehicles that do not have these stickers will need to be signed in via a scanner that records their driver's license. Only drivers with valid licenses will be allowed onto the school premises.

External Transport Service Providers:

If you make use of transport services such as shuttles or Uber, it is vital to note that the PDPs on their licenses must be valid in order for them to access the premises.

If you are making use of external transport services to collect your child from school, Curro Rivonia WILL NOT permit a child to leave the premises with anyone unless we have received written permission from the child's parent/guardian.

This requirement also applies to family members or friends who are not the legal guardians of a child.

Curro Rivonia Arts and Culture Activities

Curro Rivonia's Got Talent

- **Entries close:** 02/02/2018
- **Audition date:** 23/02/2018
- **Show date:** 20/03/2018
- **Ticket sales:** R10 @ Reception, available from: 08/02/2018

Arts and Culture activities:

What?	For Whom?	When?	Where?	By whom?
Drama Club	Gr R- Gr 3	Tuesdays 14:40 – 15:30	JP 14	Mrs Naidoo & Mrs Makodi
	Gr 4 - Gr 8	Tuesdays 15:30 – 16:30	SP 10	Mr Engelbrecht & Mrs Rogers
Art Club	Gr R – Gr 2	Wednesdays 14:00 – 15:00	SP 12	Miss Goddard & Miss Kelly
	Gr 3 – Gr 4	Wednesdays 15:00 – 16:00	JP 14	Mrs Naidoo & Mrs Makodi
	Gr 5 – Gr 8	Wednesdays 15:30 – 16:30	SP 12	Mr Engelbrecht
Music: Private lessons (by appointment, at additional costs)	Gr R – Gr 8	Wednesdays and Fridays	Music Room	Term 1: Swallow 15
	Gr R – Gr 8	Wednesdays and Fridays	Music Room	Term 2: Mr Morein

Curro Rivonia Sport Activities

Extramural Programme:

We are very pleased with the amount of interest our learners are showing in terms of taking part in the extramural activities we have on offer at Curro Rivonia. We would like to express our thanks to our parents for encouraging their children to take part in both sport and cultural activities and for being patient with us as we had to make various changes to the initial extramural plan due to the growing interest in the respective age groups.

Sports structures at Curro Rivonia:

- Castle parents should consult Castle communication for the extramural programme running at the Castle.
- Grade R-2 learners follow an Integrated Sports programme, built into their school days where they are introduced to various sports and receive basic coaching in these sports. This is separate from their Physical Education lessons. Grade R-2 learners will rarely have any sporting activities after 13:35. Please refer to Foundation Phase communication attached as an addendum to this Newsletter.

		Netball – Girls U/9-U/14 Miss Van der Walt, Mrs. Makodi, Miss Kelly	
	14:00-17:30	Cricket Match - Boys U/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15:00 Staff development
TUE	14:30-15:30	School Swimming for U/11-U/14 Boys and Girls at Rivonia Mr. Swart, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Wolthers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Support (English, IsiZulu, Maths) • 14:30 Junior Drama Club Mrs. Naidoo
	15:30-16:30	School Tennis for U/09-U/10 Boys and Girls at MCC Miss West, Mr. Swart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15:30 Senior Drama Club J. Engelbrecht, M. Rogers
WED	14:30-15:30	School Swimming for U/09-U/10 Boys and Girls at Rivonia Mr. Swart, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Wolthers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Support (English, Afrikaans, Maths) • 14:30 Junior Art Club Gr.R-2: Goddard, Kelly Gr.3,4: Naidoo, Makodi • 15:30 Senior Art Club Gr.5-8: Engelbrecht, Rogers
	14:00-17:30	Cricket Match – Boys U/13	
THU	14:30-15:30	Cricket - Boys U/9-U/14 Mr. Swart Netball - Girls U/9-U/14 Miss Van der Walt, Mrs. Makodi, Miss Kelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Support (Afrikaans, IsiZulu)
	14:00-17:30	Cricket Match – Boys U/09	
FRI	14:15-15:15	School Tennis for U/11-U/14 Boys and Girls at MCC Miss West, Mr. Swart	13:45 Judo in school hall 14:00-15:00 Ballet
SAT	07:00-10:00	Marimbas Group arrangements	

- The Science Club will start shortly after 7 February 2018 as the EXPO Workshop for Educators will take place then. An EXPO workshop for Learners is scheduled for 20 April 2018.
- The Etiquette Club is also set to start in Term 2.

Important Dates:

5 Feb: Parent Cafeteria Mornings Start @ 07:00 – 08:00
6 Feb: Internal Marketing Event – Curro Rivonia Water Drive
7 Feb: Grade 4 History Field Trip to Lilliesleaf
14 Feb: Valentine's Day! (*Watch this space, we have exciting plans for Heart Day!*)
17 Feb: BRING A BUDDY OPEN DAY

NB: Dates on the calendar are subject to change. Parents will be informed by Educators and via the School's SMS and e-mail system, should any changes arise.

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Curro Rivonia Independent School

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian O'Neil".

Brian O'Neil

Executive Head - Curro Rivonia