

Executive Head's Address

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can honestly say that these last two weeks have brought about one of my preferred phases of Change: Settling In.

Our learners have settled into the new year so well that we are experiencing how they have been taking ownership of their school and their roles in Curro Rivonia. After two weeks of congratulating learners who got nominated by their educators for Class Honours and Citizenship Awards, I can see a shift in our learners' perceptions of their environment and I am so proud of each them.

As per earlier communications, our Grade R classes have been split into 3 separate classes as of 1 March. We are excited to welcome our new Grade R educator, Miss Amy Brundson to the Curro Family!

Miss Brundson joins us from Pretoria with a BEd in Early Childhood Development from the University of Pretoria. She is also currently busy with her Honours Degree in Computer Integrated Learning and Learning Support.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Mary Cope to the Curro Family as our new Grade 3 Educator.

Her love for teaching and passion for children is evident in her friendly and outgoing manner. She is a mother of two who will be relocating to Johannesburg with her husband in the near future. We believe she will be an asset to our school in the classroom as well as on the sports field.

We look forward to both Miss Brundson and Mrs Cope's contributions to our Foundation Phase!

In the same breath, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Gail Wolthers who will be immigrating to Australia with her husband. We appreciate the positive influence Mrs Wolthers has had in the lives of our Grade 3 learners in the short time we had her with us and wish her and her husband all the best on their new adventure together.

With our first Assessment Season upon us, we will continue to strive for academic excellence and holistic learner development at Curro Rivonia. We know that our learners are more than equipped for Assessment Season and we look forward to celebrating their results.

Warm Regards,



Brian O'Neil
Executive Head



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Grade 7 Cake and Candy Sale

On 23 March, our Grade 7 learners hosted their Cake and Candy Sale for this year.

The Sale was very well received by our learners and the Grade 7s managed to raise more than R1700!

Every grade at Curro Rivonia will have the opportunity to host a Cake and Candy Sale this year and funds raised will be donated to a humanitarian charity at the end of the year.



New Drop-Off Procedure

Important notice:

As of Monday 5 March, a new drop-off procedure will be in effect:

We have installed fences along the play area next to the School Hall. The entrance at the Cafeteria/Foundation Phase will be closed for traffic and all traffic will flow in in front of the school hall towards the Castle parking/exit.

The left lane is to be used for drop-off at the school hall and the right lane for driving through to the Castle parking or the exit.

Please DO NOT drop learners off at the Senior Phase or Foundation Phase entrances. They can access the building via the playground and cafeteria.

Introducing our 2018 PEC

We are excited to announce that our 2018 Parent Educator Committee has been selected and they have already had a few meetings this year.

The purpose of this committee is to serve as a fundraising committee for the school, so as to have funding readily available for development initiatives and to enhance the learning environments of our learners.

Our PEC EXCO consists of 2 representatives from Curro Rivonia, a PEC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and one Class Parent per class, in the Castle, Primary School and High School.

Each Class Parent serves as the go-between for communications between the Register Class educator and the parents. These communications are managed via Whatsapp groups to which each parent in each class is invited, but remaining on the group is not compulsory.

The PEC EXCO meets once a month to plan and execute fundraising initiatives and to discuss matters arising.

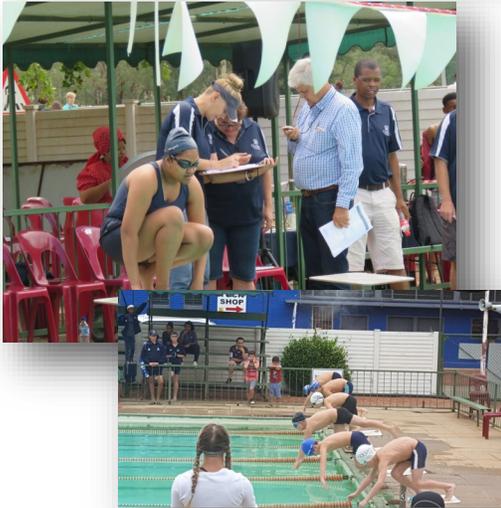
Parents can expect communications from the PEC regarding fundraising events and other PEC initiatives at the school, such as a second hand clothing store and classifieds in the school newsletter.

Please see the attached addendum to the newsletter for the names, portfolios and contact details of each PEC EXCO parent representative.

The School Representatives are:

- Mr. Brian O'Neil (Executive Head): brian.o@curro.co.za

- Ms. Mignon Basson (Client Liaisons Officer): mignon.b@curro.co.za



Our Swimmers performed so well at St. Dominic's!

Learner Achievement: Karate

Fourways Martial Arts Academy entered their top athletes into the Ekurhuleni Trials on 4 November 2017. Approximately 25 of Sensei Stef and Roberta's students qualified for their regional half colours to compete at the Gauteng Provincial trials.

On Saturday, 24 February 2018, Gauteng Karate Federation hosted the Provincial trials in Johannesburg. The Gauteng trials, with over 500 entries, were well represented with the result being a reduced number of entries to only 4 per division, out of 5 Regions (Ekurhuleni, Tshwane, Sedibeng; Johannesburg Central and Westrand). The selected top four athletes that competed the past weekend will represent Gauteng Karate Federation at the KSA National Championship. The seniors will compete in Johannesburg on 1 March and the children in Durban on 23 and 24 March.

Curro Rivonia's very own Grade 6 learner, Taneka Visser received her provincial colours from the said Gauteng trials this weekend. She will compete at the Nationals to be ranked and selected for the Zone 6, WKF Youth Cup League, African Cup, and World WKF championship later this year.

Taneka received Gold for her Unison Karate Trials.

Inter-schools Swimming Gala

On 24 February, the Curro Rivonia swimming team competed in their first inter-schools swimming gala at St. Dominic's in Klerksdorp.

It was a very exciting day for all and our learners performed admirably

We were placed third overall, with 3 first places, 3 second places and 12 third places.

Our learners who competed will receive certificates marking their achievements at the School Assembly on Friday.

Netball Announcement

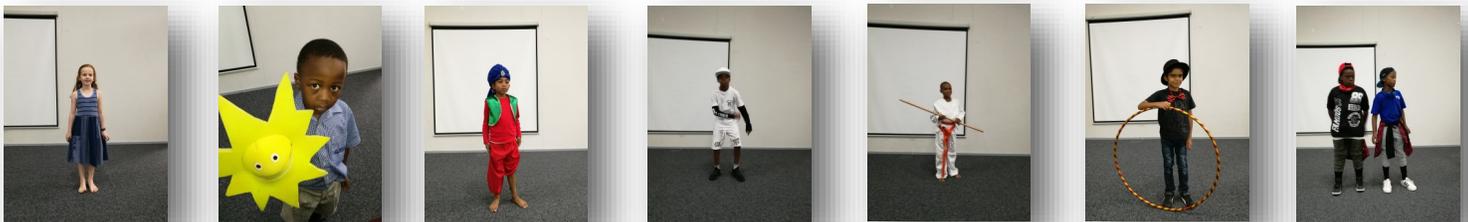
There will be no practice on 8 March, due to Netball Coach Training.

Curro Rivonia's Got Talent: Auditions

On **23 March**, we kicked off our Curro Rivonia's Got Talent Season with auditions in the school hall.

We were overwhelmed by the sheer amount of learners who had the confidence to command the stage for their auditions, not to mention the quality and calibre of the auditions!

A big thank you to all our educators who served as judges for the auditions and a round of applause to all our learners!



Art and Drama Clubs

Please take note that the Junior Art Club Times have changed.

What?	For whom?	When?	Where?	By whom?
Drama Club	Gr R- Gr 3	Tuesdays 14:40 – 15:30	JP 14	Mrs Naidoo and Mrs Makodi
	Gr 4 - Gr 8	Tuesdays 15:30 – 16:30	SP 10	Mr Engelbrecht and Mrs Rogers
Art Club	Gr R – Gr 2	Wednesdays 14:30 – 15:30	SP 12	Miss Goddard and Miss Kelly
	Gr 3 – Gr 4	Wednesdays 15:00 – 16:00	JP 14	Mrs Naidoo and 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

E-Learning Device Insurance

We appeal to all Grade 4 to 8 Parents to please take out insurance on the 2-in-1 devices of your children.

As a school, we cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or theft of any learner's e-learning device, but we have also taken the necessary steps to ensure that loan devices are available in case of emergencies.

Forthcoming Events

As of 5 March, Curro Rivonia will send a bi-weekly "Forthcoming Events" letter to all parents that lists the events and activities scheduled for the next two weeks.

If there are any official communications such as reply slips, information details or notifications to Learners and Parents that apply to these events, they will accompany this letter as addendums.

All Forthcoming Events will also be scheduled on the MyHub calendar as they apply to each grade.

This letter will replace the "Important Dates" section of the Newsletter.

Introducing: MyHub Guardian App

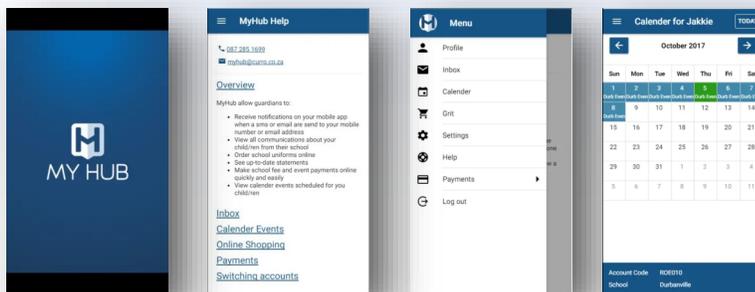
The Curro Group has launched a new smartphone application especially for our Parent Community!

The "MyHub Guardian" App is available for free in the Google Play Store and the Apple Store.

This App allows any parent/guardian to have access to all school communications sent via MyHub. Parents just need the relevant login details that were sent upon your child's enrolment at the school. Alternatively, you can follow the registration process on the App.

Curro Rivonia will utilize the App's Calendar function to communicate any events, activities, assessments or other information that relates to each child. Parents can also use the App to make payments online or order uniforms.

All communications that have been sent via MyHub to date are available for viewing on the App as well.



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