

Dear Parents/Guardians

From the office

The first term has certainly flown by. What an eventful few months! The year started with the welcoming of a lovely group of new Grade 8 learners. The high school keeps growing and we have a total of 480 learners at present. We anticipate a growth of at least 40 learners in 2019, moving us above the 500 mark for the first time. Big enough to be very competitive – small enough to care about every individual.

During the term, our learners and staff excelled in academics, culture and sport. The release of our excellent 2017 Grade 12 results started the year off on the right track. Many of our staff members attended IEB subject conferences during the term. They also received specialised training on new aspects on the use of miEbooks.

Learners had the opportunity to ponder their future career options at our annual Career Exhibition in our school hall. Grade 9 and 11 learners were also afforded the opportunity to write aptitude tests at school to help them decide on future careers and subject choices.

On 14 March UMALUSI did a full site evaluation of our school. They were suitably impressed by the quality of teaching and learning taking place, along with the full spectrum of added services offered at our school. UMALUSI is a government organisation tasked with quality control of all education institutions and their results.

The choir has grown to over 70 members this year. Curro has also launched an excellent new cultural initiative to give our learners more exposure on this front. We are looking forward to our ***The Sound of Music*** production which will be staged later this year, in conjunction with our primary school. The family music evening, organised by the Music Department, was a showcase of our exceptional talent and the quality of our music teaching.

This year we took even greater strides on the sporting front to establish ourselves as a force to be reckoned with. Our athletes won the interschools meeting for the fourth year in a row, while four of our learners were selected to the Western Province athletics team. ***Rudzi Ramukhubathi*** qualified for the South African Championships. Our swimmers continue to excel. ***Luan Grobbelaar*** (Gr 10) qualified for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. An extraordinary achievement!

Two years ago, we made a conscious decision to improve our cricket. This year our under 15 team competed at the highest level, beating many renowned schools in their pre-season tour to Paarl Boys' High School and Bishops High School. The under 19 and under 14 teams started the season with good victories over DF Malan High School, before the Western Cape drought saw all leagues fixtures called off. In an effort to keep playing, we arranged fixtures against the Stellenbosch and Paarl schools. This really paid off since our under 14 team is currently ranked 13th on the South African rankings.

After faring exceptionally well at the annual CR van der Merwe Tennis Tournament, our boys' tennis team were also crowned as Western Province Champions. Now our boys' tennis team, our golf A-team and our chess team are Western Cape champions!

Hockey started well when our first boys' team defeated Stellenberg High School 3-0 in a pre-season friendly. The under 14 boys and girls also fared very well at the DF Malan High School tournament. The under 14 boys' team was selected as one of the best teams of the tournament. The first girls' team is also showing promise with good results in their pre-season fixtures. We are looking forward to an excellent hockey season and playing under our new flood lights at the AstroTurf. The first hockey, netball and rugby teams will all go on a pre-season tour to George to prepare for the upcoming leagues. We are also hosting the Curro Regionals on 4 and 5 May.

The Curro Carnival provided learners with loads of fun and excitement. A beautiful aerial photo was taken with our whole school forming a huge 20 on the Hockey AstroTurf. These photos can be viewed on Facebook. The Learner Council also organised a very successful Valentine's Dance.

STAFF MATTERS

Please take note of the newly appointed high school Executive Committee for 2018. Congratulations and good luck to the following educators with their new responsibilities:

- *Mr Dirk van Zyl: **Executive Head***
- *Mr Kobus Vermeulen: **Head: High School (Chairman)***
- *Mr Carl Zimmermann: **Administration: Academics and Discipline***
- *Ms Elsa Boshoff: **Academics (Curriculum)***
- *Mr Deon van Zyl: **Learner Affairs: Extracurricular***
- *Ms Isa Swanepoel: **Learner affairs: Care and Support***
- *Mr Rohan Smit: **Administration, Communication and E-learning***

We share in the joy of our head tennis coach, *Ms Elizma Slabbert*, who was blessed with a beautiful baby daughter. *Ms Willine Harvett* will be going on maternity leave from the start of May to September. We wish her good health and happiness. *Ms Licia van der Vyver* has decided to join her husband at their family business. She will be greatly missed. *Ms Martenette Strauss* will replace her from next term. Ms Strauss is currently a senior educator at Windhoek Gymnasium and is well qualified and very experienced.

ACADEMICS

History outing

Grade 11 History learners attended a visiting exhibition at the Holocaust Museum. It confronts learners with evidence of how medicine was used to perform the most atrocious acts of human evil under the cover of science and medicine during the Holocaust. It created very interesting debates and discussions back at school. Thank you to Ms Rademan and Ms Matthiessen for joining us on this outing.

Grade 9 History Workshop

The aim of the workshop was to introduce an approach to studying History that helps learners to understand more about themselves, each other and the issues in society that young people choose to address. In the History class they will be engaging with issues of identity, how we see ourselves and the choices we make. The workshop was presented by *Mr Dylan Wray* from Shikaya, a non-profit civil organisation that uses the teaching of History to deepen and strengthen South Africa's democracy.

Maynardville Excursion

57 learners, and three teachers from the English Department attended the annual Artscape Shakespeare production at the Maynardville Open-Air Theatre. This year the play was the comedy, ***The Taming of the Shrew***. The production was unique as the entire cast and production team were women. The play was entertaining and funny but also thought-provoking. Our learners enjoyed the modern take on a classic play – especially the modern music that formed part of the sound track.

Business Studies

The Business Studies and Accounting learners went on an excursion to *Hirsch's Homestore* in Milnerton to experience the retail industry. They were shown how the different departments work together as a unit. Grade 12 Business Studies parents are reminded of the compulsory portfolio item which will be completed at school on 13 April.

Music

Music tuition is offered at the school in marimba, piano, recorder, guitar, keyboard, violin, vocal, trumpet, French horn, trombone and music theory. Enrolment forms will be available from the high school secretary. All enquiries are to be referred to **Ms Jeanne Maritz** (082 346 2507).

ATKV-Redenaarskompetisie

On Tuesday, March 13, **Isabelle Naudé** (Gr 8), **Emma Beckley** (Gr 9), **Carla Naudé** (Gr 10) and **Gracious Izaks** (Gr 12) participated in the *ATKV-Redenaarskompetisie* at Bellville High School. These learners worked hard and delivered excellent speeches. Congratulations to Carla and Gracious who went through to the semi-finals of the Western Cape. This is truly an outstanding achievement.

Visual Arts

The Grade 10 and Grade 11 Visual Arts learners were privileged enough to visit the Zeitz MOCAA (Museum of Contemporary Art Africa). During this outing the learners were exposed to the artworks of contemporary South African and African artists who work in several different mediums and disciplines. The learners were truly inspired by what they saw at this world class art museum on our doorstep.

Information Technology Olympiad

Ralph McDougall in Grade 12 has been selected to represent South Africa at the 30th International Olympiad in Informatics in Tsukuba, Japan from 1 to 8 September 2018. Ralph also represented South Africa in this competition in 2017. The team of four were chosen from more than 2 327 participants.

South African Computer Programming Olympiad

Some of our learners took part in the South African Computer Olympiad held in March. Currently this Computer Olympiad is one of the biggest events of its kind in the world. It is the only programming and application competition for school-aged learners offered nationally. We wish to congratulate the following learners who achieved an average of higher than 50%:

GRADE 8:

- **Righardt Barker**
- **Rohan Barnard**
- **Jordan Da Fonseca**
- **Albert Diedericks**
- **Tayla Esau**
- **Anja Fourie**
- **Dashayin Gilbert**
- **Juan Greeff**
- **Noah Hardy**
- **Joanica Kriegler**
- **Isabelle Naudé**
- **Justin Pascall**
- **Henry Shaw**
- **Jemma Stain**
- **Marzanne van der Werf**
- **Susan Wessels**

GRADE 9:

- **Nell Ackermann**
- **Emma Beckley**
- **Stephanie Bosman**
- **Cara du Plessis**
- **Lilly Kim**
- **André Kotze**
- **Rene Lombard**
- **Joshua Lombard**
- **Guillaume Louw**
- **Maggie McKelvey**
- **Clarisse Strydom**
- **Christopher Swart**
- **Ethan Westley**

GRADE 10:

- **Kyle Janse van Rensburg**
- **Luke Lombard**
- **Juan-Luc Muller**
- **Irah Mynhardt**
- **Devlin Venter**
- **Michael Woods**

GRADE 11:

- **Hendré Barnard**
- **Dylan Burns**
- **Devin Clulow**
- **EJ Cockrell**
- **Dylan Cooper**
- **Regan Damons**
- **Quintin Eiselen**
- **Jessica Grant**
- **Gerrit Grobler**
- **Peter Kastoor**
- **Jano Louw**
- **Pierre Louw**
- **Gunther Schlichting**
- **Steven Smuts**
- **Jaydon Walters**

A special mention to the following learners for their outstanding achievements: **Andreas de Jager** (Grade 8) – 100%, **Xander Rall** (Grade 9) – 93% and **Adri Wessels** (Grade 11) – 100%. Congratulations to all the participants!

Career Exhibition

This year almost 50 tertiary institutions were represented at our annual Career Exhibition. The learners had the opportunity to talk to representatives from these institutions. They could:

- *Find out more about the variety of courses offered.*
- *find out about the subjects required for courses.*
- *learn more about entrance requirements and the financial implications of their study direction.*

The following tertiary institutions visited our school:

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| • AFDA | • College of Cape Town | • Isa Carstens | • Stellenbosch Academy |
| • Beijing Hiedu Education Consultants | • Concept Interactive | • I-Student | • The Hurst Campus |
| • Beyond Adventure | • Cornerstone | • MANCOSA | • The International Hotel School |
| • CAD 4 All | • Design Academy of Fashion | • NMU | • The Stage |
| • Camelot | • Durbanville Kollege | • NYDA | • UFS |
| • Campus of Performing Arts | • Edu-One | • OVC CT | • UNISA |
| • Cape Audio College | • ETA Stellenbosch | • Paragon Generation | • UWC |
| • Centurion | • FEDISA | • PEARSONS/CTI | • Varsity College |
| • Chef Training and Innovation | • ICA | • Prestige | • VEGA |
| • City Varsity | • IHT Hotel School | • Red and Yellow | • Visionary Trades |
| | • IMM | • Richfields | • WSAS |
| | • Inscope | • SACAP | |
| | | • Smudge make up | |

It was a positive experience for the learners, contributing to good decision regarding career and career choices to be made in the future.

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Academics

Please bear in mind that the academic report of the first term reflects marks as evaluated by several tasks completed and tests written. In the second term learners write a complete examination in June and, therefore, the marks could differ from the results as reflected in the March academic report.

CULTURE

Curro Arts Superhero

Curro offers an exciting new opportunity for all our learners, who love the arts. This year our first Curro Arts Superhero will be introduced, and learners will be able to participate in various categories. Over 121 entries were received in several categories including photography, music video editing, vlogging, voice and music, fine arts and even Instagram portfolios. Adjudication will be in the second term between 15 April and middle May. All entrants will soon receive information regarding due dates, performance times and specific criteria for some of the categories. Good luck to all our learners.

Valentine's Dance

Our annual Valentine's dance was held on Thursday, 15 February. The theme was 'To the moon and back' and the Learner Council did a phenomenal job in the planning and executing of this popular event. Learners from all grades attended the dance. A record number of 315 tickets were sold. This event continues to be one of the most successful on the school's calendar.

Curro Circus Carnival

As part of the school's 20th birthday celebrations, the primary and high school decided to have a joint carnival. Learners and parents flocked to the school on Friday, 23 February for a day of. The food stalls and tea garden offered sustenance and a bit of relaxation from the carnival rides, LaserTag and haunted house. Over a thousand tickets were sold for the high school Learner Council's Haunted House. Even staff members and parents braved the dark and scary passage!

World Prayer Day for Women

This year the World Prayer Day for Women's theme was "How wonderful is Your creation". Three of our learners led the meeting. **Tiffany Engelbrecht** read Genesis 1: 1-31 to highlight how wonderful God's creation is. **Zoya Raubenheimer** told us more about Surinam – the country that has been linked to this day, and **Jessica Bruyns** gave us an inspiring talk about our importance as women in the world. The meeting was concluded with a prayer by **Jemma Wardman**. Afterwards the girls gathered together and enjoyed lovely fruit – those typical of Surinam.

Human Right's Day

This assembly was planned and executed by learner members of the Transformation Committee and the Grade 12 History class. A brief historical background on why we celebrate this day was given and a beautiful poem by **Moya Moruma** (Grade 12) was performed by the Grade 12 History class. This was followed by the guest speaker, **Mr Willie Bester**, a renowned struggle artist whose work is studied by the Grade 12 Visual Arts learners. His message was that we need to learn from the mistakes of the past to move forward and build a South Africa we all deserve.

The assembly was concluded with a video extract from President Mandela's speech at his inauguration as President in which he read Ingrid Jonker's poem: 'Die Kind is Nie Dood nie', in English. **Gracious Izaks** read the poem in its original Afrikaans.

The Sound of Music

The second term brings great excitement as rehearsals for the high school and primary school's combined production of The Sound of Music will begin. A record number of 228 learners auditioned for lead character roles in the production and we were absolutely blown away by our talented learners. Competition was so tough that we finally decided on two casts of lead characters. A total of over 385 learners will form part of this mammoth production and we are looking forward to the biggest production yet to celebrate the school's 20th birthday. The performances are scheduled for 1 – 4 August and tickets will go on sale soon. We hope to see you there.

SPORT

Cricket

Our under 15A cricket team (consisting of under 14 and under 15 boys) competed in two pre-season warm up tournaments in an invitation match against Paarl Boys' High School and Bishops High School. In six days, eight matches were played in extreme weather conditions. They managed to score a total of 260 runs.

The first tournament took place in Paarl. We competed against five different schools. The results were as follows:

TEAM	OPPOSING TEAM	RESULTS	SCORE
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>Waterkloof High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Won a 50 over match by 2 wickets</i>
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>Western Cape Sport School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Won a T20 by 86 runs</i>
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>Paarl Boys High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Won a T20 by 44 runs</i>
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>South Peninsula High School</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Time Game</i>
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>Paul Roos Gymnasium (under 16A)</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Lost a 50 over match</i>

Following this tournament, the team played in an invitational hosted by Bishops High School in a three match T20 tournament.

TEAM	OPPOSING TEAM	RESULTS	SCORE
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>Durbanville High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Won by 117 runs</i>
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>Pinelands High School</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>under 15A</i>	<i>Bishops High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Won by 6 wickets</i>

Tennis

Our tennis players performed extremely well this term. Their results were as follows:

BOYS		
OPPOSING TEAM	RESULTS	SCORE
<i>Bellville High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>14 – 0</i>
<i>Fairmont High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>12 – 2</i>
<i>Durbanville High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>12 – 2</i>
<i>DF Malan High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>12 – 2</i>
<i>Stellenberg High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>12 – 2</i>

GIRLS		
OPPOSING TEAM	RESULTS	SCORE
<i>Durbanville High School</i>	<i>Lost</i>	10 – 4
<i>De Kuilen High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	10 – 4
<i>DF Malan High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	10 – 4
<i>Stellenberg High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	12 – 2
<i>Bellville High School</i>	<i>Won</i>	12 – 2

Both of our tennis teams were invited to the Top 8 Schools tournament. At this tournament the top 4 schools of the northern suburbs played against the top 4 schools of the southern suburbs. However, the girls' division was cancelled owing to the unavailability of the southern suburbs teams. Our boys' team won all their matches and are now the top Western Disas Schools Champions.

The results of the CR van der Merwe tennis tournament were as follows:

BOYS	
OPPOSING TEAM	RESULTS
<i>Paarl Boys' High School</i>	67
<i>Curro Durbanville</i>	54
<i>Paarl Gymnasium</i>	42
<i>Stellenbosch</i>	36
<i>Cradock</i>	24
<i>Stellenberg</i>	20

The boys did not lose any matches in the tournament but drew against Paarl Boys' High School. They lost on points and, therefore, achieved second place overall.

GIRLS	
OPPOSING TEAM	RESULTS
<i>Bloemhof High School</i>	69
<i>Paarl Girls' High School</i>	66
<i>Stellenbosch</i>	38
<i>Paarl Gymnasium</i>	24
<i>Curro Durbanville</i>	23
<i>Stellenberg</i>	17

Chess

During the South African Closed Championships **Luan de Jager** finished 9th in the under 23 section and **Dantelle Joubert** came 11th in the woman section. We are also proud to announce that our new coach, **Mr Calvin Klaasen**, came 2nd in the senior section. Chess practices are on Wednesdays at 14:45 in Lab 8. Anyone who wants to play chess is welcome.

Equestrian

At the SANESA Europa Equestrian challenge, **Ella Smith** (Grade 10) and her stallion, **Trucker**, achieved second place. We are very proud of her results.

Scouts

Hendré Barnard (Gr 11) and his team from the 1st Durbanville troop recently took part in the *Scouts Rayner Hiking* competition. The competition included a 37km hike over 2 days along the West Coast (Grotto Bay). They had to carry all their 'kit' including food and sleeping gear while performing a variety of challenges to earn points. Hendré's team came 4th out of thirty teams. Hendré is also an avid runner. He recently took part in the Tyger 5km run, where he came 2nd overall (out of 1 923 participants). We are extremely proud of him!

National Finswimming Competition

Guillaume Louw (Gr 9) recently took part in the National Finswimming competition in Potchefstroom. Guillaume took silver in the boys under 16 (50m) surface sprint. He was also the anchor swimmer in the boys under 16 (4x50m) surface relay who won gold.

Guillaume was selected as vice-captain of the under 15 underwater hockey team. They won the under 15 tournament. Guillaume has been invited to take part in the National trials for the under 19 team who will travel to Sheffield next year for the Junior World Championships. We are extremely proud of you!

Mixed Martial Arts

Joshua Mathiesen (Gr 11) and **Cara du Plessis** (Gr 9) recently attended the *Eden Classic* (Mixed Martial Arts Tournament) in George. Both learners received first place (Gold) for their Jiu-Jitsu Grappling Divisions. Joshua and Cara also won their respective Grand Champion Divisions. We are very proud of these two learners!

Biathlon

Beurick Kayser (Gr 8) and **Elandri Schmidt** (Gr 7) will travel to Pretoria to compete in the South African Biathlon Championships. Elandri will participate in the under 13 age group where she will take part in a 1km run and a 100m swim; Beurick will compete in the under 15 age group and will run 1500m and swim 100m. We'd like to wish these two learners all the best!

Hockey

Please refer to the following practice times for all hockey girls.

GIRLS HOCKEY PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2018					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
u14 & u19A (16:00 – 17:00)		u16 & u19A (15:30 – 16:30)	Primary school match days.	All goal keepers. Not compulsory. (14:00 – 15:00)	
u16 (17:00 – 17:50)		u14 (16:30 – 17:30)	No one on the AstroTurf until after last match has finished.		

Please refer to the following practice times for all **hockey boys**.

BOYS HOCKEY PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2018					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
u14 (17:00 – 17:50)	u19B (15:30 – 16:30) u16A & u16B (16:45 – 17:45) u14 & u19A (17:45 – 18:45)		Primary school match days. No one on the AstroTurf until after last match has finished. u19A & u19B (18:00 – 19:00) u16A & u16B (17:30 – 18:30)	All goal keepers. Not compulsory. (14:00 – 15:00)	

Netball

Please refer to the following practice times for **netball**.

NETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2018					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATERDAY
u19A & u16A: Court 1 (15:30 – 17:00) u19B & u16B: Court 2 (15:30 – 17:00) u14: Court 4 (17:00 – 17:50)	u14, u16, u19A, u19B: Courts 1 – 4 (15:30 – 17:30)	Primary School match days. All high school teams will practice if there are no home primary school matches. (15:30 – 17:30)	u16, u19A, u19B: Court 1, 2 (15:30 – 17:30) u14: Court 4 (15:30 – 16:30)		match days (if scheduled)

Rugby

Please refer to the following practice times for **rugby**.

RUGBY PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2018					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATERDAY
u19 & u16: (Pilates in Hall) (15:30 – 16:30)	u14: Main Field (15:30 – 17:30)	Primary school match days. u19 & u16: technical session on small AstroTurf and main field (15:30 – 17:30)	u19 & u16: Main field (15:30 – 17:30) u14: technical session on small AstroTurf and main field (15:30 – 17:30)	14:00 – 16:00 Extra Classes Extra sessions for individual component work for all teams (16:00 – 18:00)	match days

Cross-country

Please refer to the following practice times for cross-country.

CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2018				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cross-country (15:30 – 17:00)		Cross-country League Races (15:30 – 16:30)		optional extra sessions for all teams (16:00 – 18:00)

GENERAL

Official school uniform

The following arrangements will apply during the drought.

- *Learners can wear their LO clothes only on the days they have Life Orientation practicals. LO clothes include the **blue** Curro PT shorts and **blue** sport shirt, with **white** socks and trainers/takkies. **No other clothes will be permitted.***
- *Only Grade 11 and 12 learners who have the white sports shirts can wear that. Learners may also wear the above sports uniform to school on the days they have sports practices after school.*
- *No ski-pants or tights of any nature may be worn during the school day, not even under the sports shorts.*
- *If a learner has sport in the afternoon that requires a different shirt, he/she will unfortunately have to change into that after school.*
- *Learners who do not have the official LO outfit or prefer wearing their uniform, can bring their sports clothes to school and change into them.*
- *On a Monday, learners do not have to wear their blazers to school for assemblies. **Please remember that jerseys may only be worn under a blazer.***

Please remember to provide your child with wet wipes and/or hand sanitiser. Encourage them to use these regularly throughout the day. This arrangement will apply until further notice.

Traffic

We have received numerous complaints from residents in Tasco Crescent about our parents blocking their driveways while stopping to drop-off or pick up learners. We realise that traffic around any school is problematic at times. Unfortunately, we must deal with this aspect as best we can. To this end, we implemented a drop-off zone and one-way traffic. Please adhere to these arrangements and drive safely in and around our school grounds.

As is the case with all combined schools, our parking and traffic on campus are problematic. Parents will understand that Grade 1 parents will want to drop their children off as close to their classrooms as possible, and even walk with them to their classrooms. We want to make an appeal to our high school parents to drop off and pick up their children outside the school gates during peak hours as far as possible. You can still watch them and make sure that they enter the school gates safely. Take note that no learners are allowed to park their cars on the school grounds. They can, however, make use of the parking area opposite the main gate.

Electronic Communication

Please inform the school of any changes in address, email addresses or contact numbers so that the details can be changed on our database. Most of our communication will be sent electronically. Please ensure that you are registered on MyHub. You can register on <http://myhub.curro.co.za>.

Communication channels

Parents are required to use the following lines of communication to resolve any situation or query:

Pastoral, learner care and discipline

- Register educator → Grade Head → Head of Learner Affairs

Sport

- Coach → Manager of the specific sport → Head of Sport → Head of Learner Affairs:
Extracurricular

Academics

- Class educator → Subject Head → Grade Head → Head of Academics

The Head of the high school will become involved if the necessary communication lines are not able to solve the query, request or problem. Following the correct lines of communication, will ensure a quick and fast response to your child's needs.

World Knowledge Olympiad

We urge our parents to encourage their children to participate in the *World Knowledge Olympiad* on 17 May. The entry fee for the Olympiad is R18 and will be added to your May account.

Grade 8 Blazer Ceremony

The Curro Durbanville tradition continued with a very special Grade 8 Blazer Ceremony. All new Grade 8 learners (Wolf Cubs) were officially welcomed into the Curro Wolf Pack. These newest additions to the Curro family were made to feel right at home and valued as each was called out by name and handed his/her school blazer by a senior mentor.

Smartphones

As a rule, smartphones are not allowed to be switched on during lessons without permission. They may not be in a learner's possession during a test or in an exam under any circumstances. This will automatically be seen as cheating.

A learner will only be warned to put their smartphone away once. Thereafter it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the lesson. For a second offence, the phone will be taken away and kept at the office for the day. If it is necessary to address a smartphone issue in class for a third time, the phone will be locked in the safe until a parent collects it from Mr Vermeulen personally.

There are a few individuals who currently have permission to use their smartphones in class as their e-books are on these phones. However, they may not be used for any other purposes during class time. Your support in this regard is appreciated.

Bus Service

This year our bus to N1 City, Plattekloof, Welgemoed and Tygervalley is full and we have a waiting list. Owing to the higher numbers, more safety procedures are to be put in place. We have elected bus prefects and ensured that we appointed learners who travel from various points on the route. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Carine Cornelius at **Letitia.c@curro.co.za**. Please report behaviour problems to Mr Vermeulen.

Clothing Store (Lounge)

Operating hours during the school term:

- Monday: 12:00 – 17:00
- Tuesday: 07:30 – 09:00 and 12:00 – 17:30
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 17:00
- Thursday: 07:30 – 09:00 and 12:00 – 17:30

Clothing store: Contact details

- **Lounge email:** durbanville@gritprocurement.co.za
- **Contact number (Lounge hours only):** 072 547 9956
- **Call Centre number:** 012 741 3460
- **Call Centre email:** queries@gritprocurement.co.za
- **MyHub username/password problems:** 087 285 1699 / 087 285 2071

Facts&Figures (Second-hand clothing shop)

Operating hours during the school term:

- Monday: 07:30 – 09:00
- Tuesday: 12:30 – 15:00
- Wednesday: 07:30 – 09:00
- Thursday: 13:00 – 15:30

Curro School Terms in 2018

- *Term 1: 17 January – 28 March*
- *Term 2: 10 April – 22 June*
- *Term 3: 17 July – 21 September*
- *Term 4: 9 October – 12 December*

Public Holidays

Please note that the school and aftercare will be closed on the following public holidays:

- *27 April – Freedom Day*
- *30 April – School Holiday*
- *1 May – Worker's Day*

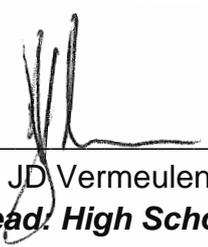
IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

- 2 – 7 *Wintersports tour to George (first teams: rugby, hockey and netball)*
- 10 *School starts*
- 13 *Grade 12 Afternoon class: History and Consumer Studies*
- 16 *Assembly: Announcement of Top 10*
- 18 *Visit to Parliament*
Grade 8 – 12 Parent Evening
- 20 *Grade 12 Afternoon class: Geography*

Enjoy a well-deserved rest. Safe journeys to all who will be travelling during the Easter weekend.

Kind regards



Mr JD Vermeulen
Head: High School



Mr DD van Zyl
Executive Head