



22 May 2018

**VISITORS' DAY**

every Wednesday  
at 08:30

**CURRO**  
Thatchfield

## *Campus News*

Dear Curro Parents/Guardians

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

I trust that all our mothers enjoyed a very special Mother's Day and were spoilt by their loved ones.

It is with great sadness that I need to inform you of the loss of two of our parents recently. Mrs Tshepiso Lerato Moloi – mother of Leago in Gr 1 and Reabiloe in Group 5, as well as Mr Samuel Moeketsi Taye – father of Olerato in Gr R. May our Lord bless and comfort these families during this time of grief.

We are rapidly heading towards the start of our mid-year examinations. I would like to remind our parents that with the many public holidays we've experienced, no additional 'time off' may be allowed. In less than a month our learners start a pressurised **June Examination** where I am sure they would like to achieve good results. Please note that we aim to work each and every day, until the last day of the term.

All our learners must, by now, be in their full **winter uniform**. Please ensure that your child wears the correct winter uniform and does not 'mix-and-match' summer/winter clothing items. It is also now when learners start wearing beanies. Kindly note that the only beanie to be worn is the Curro beanie. Girls are only allowed to wear **opaque tights**. Parents, please assist us in making sure that our learners look SMART and portray our values.

Our **Open Day on 5 May 2018** was a resounding success, and we would like to thank each one of our parents who were responsible for giving us referrals.

We are proud to announce that **Kabelo Tladi and Ndzalama Mkhombo**, both Grade 8 learners, have been chosen to represent South Africa at the DanceStar World Finals in Croatia during May. The South African dance team of more than 300 dancers has already left and will be returning from their tour on 29 May 2018.

**Barefoot Day** will be held on **Friday, 1 June** this year. The rationale behind this day is to make learners aware of what less fortunate learners have to endure daily. Every learner comes to school barefoot and donates a pair of shoes which will be distributed amongst the needy (see flyer attached). Participation is voluntary and no learner will be forced to take part.

I would also like to remind you of our Primary School **Outreach Programme** for Term 2 where we will collect **scarves, beanies, blankets and packets of soup**. Your support will again be greatly appreciated.

Have you had an experience with an **educator** at school who really went the **extra mile** or did something extraordinary? Please do not hesitate to send us an email and share this experience with us. Complimenting an educator is always highly appreciated, and I would like to personally commend educators for helping us in making Curro Thatchfield *The School of Choice*.

*Mrs Marlene Gerber*

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

Term 2 is already in full swing.

All learners and staff are practising to perfect the Castle **Fun in the Jungle Concert** that will be taking place on **Saturday, 2 June**. Please ensure that your child's educator has all that they ask for to make them look the part and be able to shine on stage.

What a lovely **Mother's Day picnic** we had. Thank you to each mommy who took the time to come and spend the morning with her child. It was truly a memorable occasion. The mobile farm came to visit the learners and what fun they had! From feeding the rabbits and goats to riding the ponies.

We are looking forward to **Sprouting Teeth** that will come and visit on 7 June, as well as a **Father's Day morning** on Saturday, 15 June. Daddies, please keep your morning open. Further details will follow in due course. We will also enjoy a **Pyjama Day** at the end of this term.

As winter is upon us, please make sure that all learners are dressed warmly and that they take their daily immune boosters.



Until next time... Keep warm... ☺

*Mrs Sonnetje Pretorius*

### 3. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF RECEPTION PHASE

We trust that all our mummies enjoyed a blessed Mother's Day.

From the Reception Phase, we would also like to give our **sincere condolences** to the families of Leago and Reabiloe Moloji as well as Olerato Taye. We pray that these families will find comfort and peace from our Heavenly Father.

Thank you to all our parents who have sent back the **fundraiser forms**. We have received an amount of R23 000 which will be used to enhance our outdoor play area – watch the space! We have also bought a trampoline which can be used under staff supervision.

It is with sadness that we said good-bye to Miss Ashley Fitzpatrick (Group 5) who **resigned** due to personal reasons. A new appointment for the Sea Buddies class is imminent.

By now you would have received the **concert invitation** for Saturday, 9 June (Group 5 @ 09:00 and Gr R @ 11:00) in the Primary School Hall. Kindly make a note of this very important event as all of our learners will be taking part.

Please remember to follow and like us on Facebook. We post all our exciting moments and would love to share them with you.

Keep well and stay safe.

*Mrs Snyette Kotze*

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

Our **Educational Excursions** took place recently and it's been evident that all our learners and educators greatly enjoyed this 'out-of-the-classroom' learning experience. Thank you to all our parents who supported us in this regard.

Our Grade 4 learners are looking forward to having their **Funky Day** on 25 May 2018 where they will be selling hot chocolate. Proceeds of the day will go towards classroom resources.

As already communicated, on **Saturday, 26 May** our much anticipated **Soapbox Derby and Colour Run** will take place (see flyer attached). We trust that this event will be enjoyed by our learners as well as our parents and that it will be a huge success.

As the **examinations** approach, we would like to urge all our learners to prepare well in advance and to make use of all the support systems available. Our educators will start with revision from 28 May. Learners should ensure that all their assignments have been completed and handed in and that their work books are up to date. Demarcations have been pushed to learner's tablets, emailed to parents by the Grade Heads as well as sent via MyHub.

I would like to remind you of the **Curro Robotics competition** which has been combined with a Curro Science Expo, Curro Arts competition as well as a **Curro STEAM(D)** event. (STEAM(D) – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, and Design). This event will take place at

Curro Krugersdorp on **21 June 2018** – further information will become available as the term progresses.

The **Centurion Art Festival** will take place from 30 July to 5 September. Entries close on Monday, 21 May and entry forms are available from Mrs Delia Maritz.

Be blessed...

*Mr Mark Cloete*

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

The second term is in full swing. We are halfway to the June examination.

During these past few weeks, we had a second successful **Blood Drive**. Thank you to all the learners who gave so selflessly. One pint of blood has the potential to save three lives!

We also hosted our fourth annual **Careers Day** on 9 May. There were 28 different institutions who came to inform our learners about the different opportunities they might choose from once they have finished school.

The Grade 11 **outreach to Viva**, an organisation in the Refilwe Township that works with orphaned and vulnerable children was a huge success. The Grade 11s prepared gardens for new beds for vegetables, cleaned live-stock and poultry cages, prepared soil and compost and dug trenches for pipes to be laid for Viva's new building projects.

Our **winter sports** are in full swing. Hockey, netball, soccer and rugby teams are competing on a weekly basis in their respective leagues. Our chess team has also entered their first league and are doing really well.

Congratulations to our Culture Department. Not only did they host a very successful **Curro Superheroes** competition (Eisteddfod), but our learners did extremely well. As soon as we have the official results, we will share them with you.

The **examination timetables** and breakdown of content have been pushed to the learners' tablets. Please ensure that your child uses these to his/her advantage and starts to prepare for the examination as soon as possible.

*Mr Danie van Schaik*

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

### General

As previously mentioned, the formal process to establish the PAC has been put on hold until further notice. In the interim there will be communication to those parents who indicated their willingness to serve on this committee and thereafter information will be made available to our parents. For now, 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
19 May	Rugby 7's Tournament	X	
25 May	Gr 4 Funky Day Gr 2 Excursion		X
26 May	Soap Box races and colour run		X
26 May	Rugby 7's tournament	X	
28 May	Exams start (Gr 10 to 12)	X	
1 June	Barefoot day		X
2 June	Rugby 7's Tournament	X	
6 June	Exams start (Gr 4 to 9)	X	X
12 June	Gr 1 Smart Tea		X
13 June	Gr 2 Smart Tea		X
14 June	Gr 3 Smart Tea		X
15 June	EID observed Last day for soup, jackets and jerseys outreach		X
<b>16 June</b>	<b>Youth Day</b>		
<b>17 June</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>		
21 June	Curro STEAM Day @ Curro Krugersdorp		X
22 June	School closes at 11:00 for Term 2 Reports to be issued	X	X
17 July	School re-opens for Term 3	X	X

## 8. GENERAL

### Staff Matters

#### Primary School

We recently said good-bye to Mrs Steenkamp as well as Mrs Kellerman who both decided to leave the profession - we wish them well in their future endeavours. New appointments will be announced shortly.

#### High School

We would like to welcome Ms Marike van der Walt to the CTF family. She has taken over from Miss Mari Weideman in Grade 10.

### TAB (Thatchfield Activities Bulletin)

Please visit our website and read our **TAB** (Thatchfield Activities Bulletin) which gives you wonderful insight into what we were busy with last term at each one of our schools. Follow the link below:

<https://www.curro.co.za/gauteng/curro-thatchfield/thatchfield-activities-bulletin/>

## Outreach Projects

Our school has become well-known for our Community Outreach programs which we run every term. From this year the **Primary and High School will focus on different outreaches**. The Primary school will start with their second term's project, the collection of **packets of soup and blankets**. Our **High School** learners will have an outreach to Viva, an organisation in the Refilwe Township that works with orphaned and vulnerable children. Please support these worthy causes.

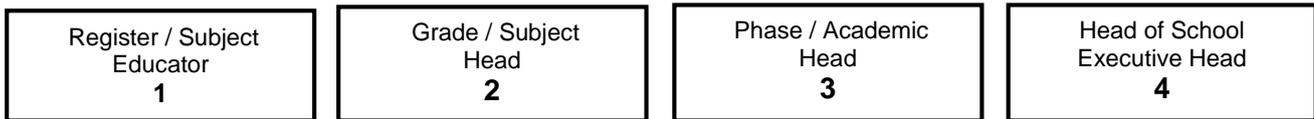


## School Diaries

A reminder that parents and learners should take time to review and discuss the rules, regulations and procedures found in the school diary. The diary is also designed to assist learners in organising and planning their homework and other activities. Please encourage your child to use this diary to keep track of important dates. It will also be used as a communication tool between educator and parent. Kindly note that a R100 replacement fee will be charged should a diary be misplaced/lost.

## Communication Channels

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



## Parent Contact Details

All parents/guardians are requested to please ensure 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 the 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 finished. 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

Parents' commitment to pay their children's school fees is crucial for the promotion of quality education in our country. Please plan for, and honour, this commitment. Parents experiencing difficulty in paying school fees should be responsible and bold enough to approach the school to discuss an acceptable payment plan to settle all outstanding fees.

**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 followers, and the challenge is to reach the 4 000 mark by the end of 2018. Please don't forget to 'like' our posts 😊

### Safety and Security



We again 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.

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.

## 9. IN CONCLUSION

Lastly, I leave you with this quote to ponder on .....



Yours in Education

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Gerber".

**MRS M. GERBER  
EXECUTIVE HEAD**



# Barefoot Day 2018



Take off your shoes and make a difference!



Once again the Potato Foundation has its barefoot day as part of its Winter Warmer project.

We are challenging every person, business and school to go barefoot to work or school on **1 June 2018**.

The goal is to create awareness amongst people as to how it feels for a child if they do not have shoes to wear this winter.

We request that you please donate a pair of children's shoes or school shoes, which is no longer worn. You, your business or a school can make a difference in someone's life without spending any money.



**We challenge you,  
"Come and make a difference"!**



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

# SOAPBOX DERBY AND COLOUR RUN

Please bring a picnic/braai basket,  
chairs and umbrellas and join us.

Food and beverage vendors will  
also be available.

**Date:** Saturday,  
26 May 2018  
**Time:** 07:30 to 15:00  
**Venue:** High school  
sports field

**CURRO**  
Thatchfield

## 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)

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**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

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

### 3C Ministries on Sundays in the High School Hall @ 08:00