

## Dear Curro Aurora Parents and Guardians

It is with great pride and gratitude that we look back and report on a successful and busy Term 2. The vast majority of our students and staff were involved across a range of academic, sporting, cultural, service and leadership activities. While the degree of success varied, I was thrilled with the increased level of participation and the overwhelmingly positive attitude displayed by players and coaches.

These have been reported on in the various School Newsletters which have been emailed to you during the term, which we hope you have enjoyed.

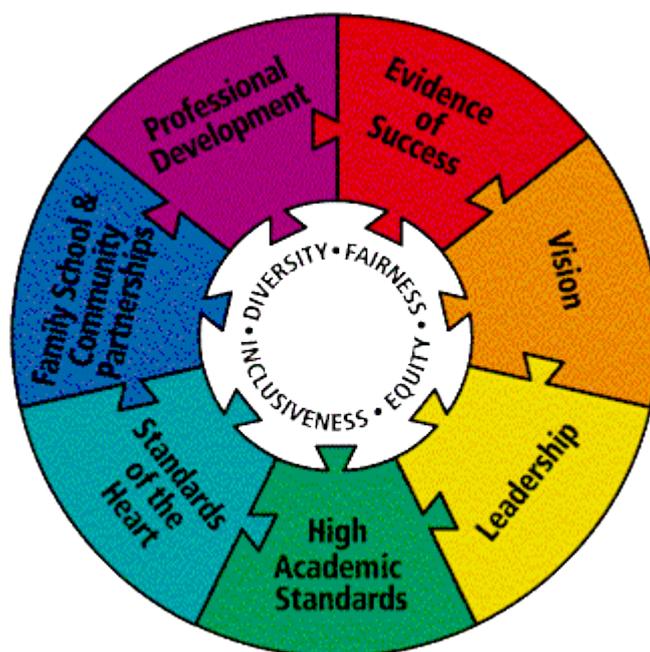
Thank you and well done to all who represented Curro Aurora in sport and cultural activities during Term 2.

### Curro Aurora – A Recipe for Success

It is important for any institution to understand, acknowledge and support the processes and contributions of the main role players that ultimately determine the level of success that is achieved.

Without these partnerships and ongoing collaboration, no school will be able reach its full potential. Thanks to the passionate learner community, dedicated staff compliment and supportive parent body, Curro Aurora is performing exceptionally well and is well on its way to reaching its full potential.

The Wisconsin model (Burmester, 2000) provides us with a clear framework and road map to support us in our efforts to reach our full potential as a school.



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I firmly believe that this framework emphasizes **essential elements** of a school that is successful at helping all students achieve academically and helping them to be caring, contributing, productive, and responsible citizens. These dual missions - educating the hearts and educating the minds of youth - are considered of equal importance in a school's quest to be successful.

These elements do not stand alone: they are dynamic and interdependent - part of a process. Each element must be revisited time and again as the staff gather and examine relevant data, develop and refine their vision; and employ the resources needed to provide leadership, high academic and behavioral standards, and continuous professional development.

**Vision:** having a common understanding of goals, principles and expectations for everyone in the learning community;

**Leadership:** having a group of individuals dedicated to helping the learning community reach its goals;

**High Academic Standards:** describing what students need to know and be able to do to achieve;

**Standards of the Heart:** helping all within the learning community become caring, contributing, productive, and responsible citizens;

**Family School and Community Partnerships:** "making room at the table" for all role players;

**Professional Development:** providing consistent, meaningful opportunities for teachers to engage in continuous learning;

**Equity, diversity, fairness, and inclusiveness** must be a part of every aspect of education. It should permeate everything that happens in the school. This includes every program; every classroom environment, curriculum; and every policy and procedure of the school.

I look forward to the second half of 2018 during which we will continue, to not only embrace these elements, but also the Curro Values of Child Friendliness, Positive Discipline, Moral Values and Creative Thinking.

### **School Attendance**

During Term 2 we have become concerned with the poor attendance of some of our students. The importance of good attendance cannot be over-emphasized: it makes the difference between a student achieving their potential or not. Partnership with parents is so important on this issue as we rely on you to ensure that your son/daughter comes to school unless they are really too ill to attend. Thank you for your support in this regard.

### **Curro Aurora Recycling**

At Curro Aurora, we believe schools have an obligation to recycle. School is an integral part of a young person's life—teachers are their mentors and books are their tools for exploring the world. Life Orientation teaches them the importance of obeying laws and how to deal with life. Hands-on activities, such as recycling and picking-up after themselves, helps to make them conscientious and concerned adults.

It is our responsibility to pick up after ourselves and not just throw our trash on the ground. Schools should reinforce this message, helping our learners to realize that we can make a difference in our community—that we care about ourselves, our families, and our community. School recycling can inspire students to care about the planet, to examine the resources that we use to make our world sustainable, and to look at the consequences of using resources and generating pollution and waste.

Schools help to shape the habits that we continue as adults. Learners who participate in recycling now will have more of an incentive to carry on this "habit" as adults. As children, we learn the benefits of recycling, how easy it is to recycle with the right system in place, and the concrete actions we can take to protect our planet.

Schools need to do the right thing: set an example, create a legacy, which children learn to admire and emulate.

Curro Aurora recently established the **Curro Aurora Recycling Plant** with the help of **Pandae** - a professional recycling company. All the waste generated on the Curro Aurora campus goes through the plant where separation takes place and the waste is compacted before being transported to the recycling depots.

Organic material will soon be recycled on campus to create compost for our gardens while parents will be able to “dump” their own waste at the school to be recycled by the Curro Aurora plant. Watch this space for more info.

### **Curro Aurora Staff**

Thank you to the Curro Aurora staff for their commitment, dedication and hard work during Term 2.

### **Curro Aurora Parents**

Thank you to the Curro Aurora parents for their involvement. We cannot do what we do without the support of mums, dads and other family members. We enjoy the benefits of good parenting and look to build upon it in the future.

May you all enjoy the upcoming holiday and please travel safely.

God bless,

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