



High School Term 2: 2018

The celebratory journey continues

Curro Aurora resumed the second term - following the shortest Easter break in several years - to continue celebrations against the backdrop of Curro's two decades of growth and achievement. Curro Aurora's 'hub' of activity was not only to be found on the website, but also onsite on our active campus.

The High School achieved significant, proud milestones during the second term. New inroads in a number of genres were accomplished encompassing academics, sport, culture, events and community service, not to forget recycling initiatives which support the preservation of our environment.

Academics

Thato Mosiuoa (Grade 12) was accepted into the Sustainable Development and Social Entrepreneurship section of the Yale Young Global Scholars Programme! The selection committee was immensely impressed by the quality and enthusiasm of this year's applicants. Applicants from 130 countries competed for selection to this prestigious Programme. Successful candidates representing an extraordinary group of young people from across the globe were selected to participate in this Sustainable Development and Social Entrepreneurship Programme.



This July, Thato finds herself in America as a participant in this official Yale University programme. This is a singular honour as Thato flies Curro Aurora's flag abroad.

CuriosITY – Curro Aurora's IT and CAT

At the end of May, the CAT (Computer Application Technology) and IT (Information Technology) Grade 11 and 12 girls shared a banquet while visiting their counterparts at Brescia House School where they learned about metacubes, green screens, programming and 'Scratch' as they shared dinner tables with NASA programmers and others in this field of study.



Curro Aurora Recycling Initiative



The 2nd term witnessed Curro Aurora launching an exciting recycling programme sited on the school campus. This proud initiative came ahead of the 8 May 2018 announcement that the City of Johannesburg intends rolling out a phased approach to make ‘**separation at source**’ mandatory for Johannesburg households from 1 July 2018. This means that households will be required to separate certain recyclable materials from other waste before they are picked up for collection. The biggest challenge according to officials is trying to change human behaviour and getting people to understand how they impact the environment in the way they deal with plastic. Curro Aurora students are already environmentally conscious.

MyHub App – Added convenience

This term saw the MyHub app becoming available for download through Google Play and iStores. This affords parents access via their phones to the GRIT online ordering system and their school profile.

The MyHUB mobile app is now available through Google Play store and iStore.

The mobile app allows you to:

- Receive notifications when an email or SMS is sent to your mobile number or email address
- View all communication related to your children based on the profile you provide
- Access GRIT for online uniform orders
- View up-to-date statements
- Make school fees and event payments online quickly and easily
- View calendar events scheduled for your children

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=za.co.combuilding.myhub>
<https://itunes.apple.com/za/app/myhub-guardian/id1290057887>



Blue Pride

Curro Aurora’s High School’s spirit which manifests its identity through the **Blue Pride** programme truly represented Curro Aurora’s single-minded purpose and a sense of belonging for every learner. It successfully communicated the brotherhood and sisterhood that exists for our learners. It was exciting to host our Primary School Grade 7 ‘cubs’ at the Blue Pride awards assembly. Their presence was most appreciated as they shared in what will become an annual occasion for them, commencing next year.

Curro Aurora Staff Seminar

Curro Aurora staff of all 3 schools attended a seminar hosted in the school hall embracing the theme of transformation in the workplace in the context of growing, developing and moulding our South Africa as nation, subscribing to the idiom of its constitution. It was most encouraging to witness the significant progress that Curro Aurora had already achieved in its quest to level the playing field of opportunity for all its employees.

APT Family Fun Day

'funtastic occasion'!



The highlight of the term must surely be the unforgettable crescendo of the APT Family Fun Day where activities, stores, inflatables, food and beverages (not forgetting the awesome nonstop music) were enjoyed and appreciated by all. The APT are congratulated on hosting an event which will live in the memory and hearts of all who participated for a long time. Who will forget the live artists and calibre of performers sharing their performances with the Curro Aurora Family!



Climbing the inflatables



Choosing that special momento



The sound stage that made it happen



Brian from Locnville

Curro Aurora High School Sport

The second term consisted of busy sporting weeks and Saturdays, not forgetting the occasion of our hosting 15 Curro schools at the Curro Regionals where players were selected to represent our region at the national competition later in the year. Dodging the rain, several keenly contested sporting disciplines produced exemplarily sport, giving selectors head-scratching moments while selecting and compiling our regional teams. Aurora's learners impressed and represent a sizable contingent of several teams in all disciplines contested. Well done, Curro Aurorians!

Curro Aurora swimming once again produced a notable champion in the person of **Mikhail Hassim's** (Grade 11) inclusion in the team to represent South Africa at the Tri-Couleur games in Italy in July this year, while our netball provided **Sibonile Siswana** (Grade 12) for the U18 Netball Gauteng Squad.



Mikhail Hassim



Sabrina Freeman & Jenna-Laine Fuller



Aurora U16 7s Warrior Rugby shield winners

Cross Country Inter-Districts 2018 had Jenna-Laine Fuller (senior girls) and Sabrina Freeman (junior girls) selected to represent the Northern Districts Cross Country at the Inter Districts finals which took place on the 28th May 2018 at Pretoria Boys High School. Jenna-Laine achieved 9th place overall in the senior girl's race and Sabrina crossed the junior girl's finish line in the 21st position. Well done, Jenna-Laine and Sabrina, on your proud achievements.

Curro Aurora rugby was proudly represented in the 7s Warrior league which consists of 29 schools. The U14s emerged 4th overall while our U16s ended as shield winners.

Curro Aurora High School Cheerleaders placed themselves on the map in three categories in the Provincials at St Dominic's in Boksburg. The **Curro Blue Lightning** Group Stunt and Curro **Blue Storm** Co-ed small squads finished in 2nd place and the **Curro Blue Ice** All Girl small squad finished 3rd. All three squads qualified for Nationals in Oudtshoorn. Well done, teams!



The Curro Blue Lightning Group

Curro Aurora's equestrian team galloped ahead this term advancing in leaps and bounds to make the High School a force to be reckoned with while our golfers emerged victorious yet again in another tournament.



Curro Aurora Culture

The National Eisteddfod of South Africa offers various opportunities to performers in all communities for participation, development and showcasing of their talents in music, dance, theatre and fine arts. Of the initial 1100+ quarter finalists, only 87 performers (individuals and groups) were invited to perform in the semi-final round. Curro Aurora is proud to announce that three of our learners were invited to perform as semi-finalists. They were **Jordyn Luck** (Grade 10), **Sabrina Freeman** (Grade 9) and **Wandifadza Makana Zharare** (Grade 9).



CURRO CAS (Curro Arts Superheroes)

2018 saw the first run of Curro Arts Superheroes. The Johannesburg Region was hosted at Curro Aurora. We were privileged to observe the incredible talent from Curro Aurora, Wilgeheuwel, Serengeti, Krugersdorp, Helderwyk, Academy Riverside, Waterstone College, Meridian Cosmo City and Soshanguve. The learners participated in dancing, singing, acting, reading, drawing, painting and playing. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated. We are proud of you.

Special mention goes to the following **Curro Aurora learners** who received the **Black Raven award (90-95%)** and to the **Kryptonite recipients (95-100%)**:

Congratulations to:

Masilo Silokazi (Grade 12) Vocal Solo
Amber Meikle (Grade 11) Vocal Solo

Kryptonite
Kryptonite

Alicia Angel Ferguson (Grade 10) Drumming solo
Ivory Collins (Grade 12) Monologue
Kiara Fourie (Grade 9) Prepared Reading
Sabrina Freeman (Grade 9) Act it!
Mikyle Fourie (Grade 10) Prepared Reading
Tshimo Moloisane (Grade 9) Djembe Drum solo
Wandi Zharare (Grade 9) 2 Vocal Solos

Kryptonite
Black Raven
Black Raven
Black Raven
Black Raven
Black Raven
Black Raven *for both songs*

FESTIVAL OF EXCELLENCE IN DRAMATIC ARTS (FEDA)



Good Knights



Buried Child

FEDA has been running for 12 years, and sees over 50 Gauteng schools showcasing their Drama Departments. Congratulations to the directors, cast and crew of *Buried Child* and *Good Knights* who performed in the Published and Original categories respectively.

Curro Aurora Received the following **nominations**:

Trevayne Weber – Best Male Acting

Hayley Conradie - Best Cameo Female

Thato Mosiuoa, Masilo Silokazi and Ivory Collins - *Buried Child*, Best soundscape

Thato Mosiuoa, Masilo Silokazi and Ivory Collins - *Buried Child*, Best set design

Curro 20 Concert

Curro 20 Concert is an opportunity of a lifetime. Learners from all the Curro schools nationally had to submit video auditions to be considered for the production being produced to celebrate Curro's 20th year of existence. Only 21 learners have been selected for this opportunity. The select few will be flown down to the Western Cape for four weeks of professional rehearsals in a professional theatre. We, at Curro Aurora, are incredibly proud to announce that two of our learners have been selected. They will travel and stay in Western Cape, all expenses paid, and have the opportunity to develop and showcase their talent. A huge congratulation to **Alicia Ferguson** (Grade 10) and **Hayley Conradie** (Grade 9). We are extremely proud of you!

Public Speaking

Camden Jenner represented Curro Aurora at the South African Speech and Drama Association Public Speaking Festival. He competed in the Individual Speaker category which requires him to do both a prepared and unprepared speech. He competed at St Stithian's Boys and his overall result was an A+. Camden was also invited to the final national round, as one of only five learners from the entire Gauteng province. This is an incredible achievement and a first in Curro Aurora history. Well done, Camden!

Curro Aurora Notables

Rubix Cubes and the many other disciplines within the cubing world witnessed Aurora's Ruben Grobler, a Grade 9 learner entered into the Arnold Schwarzenegger "Arnie Classic Africa" competition held in Sandton. Ruben dominated in every single event where his impressive performances in 15 events earned him 9 Gold, 5 Silver and a Bronze medal. In the course of achieving these accolades, Ruben set 3 new Africa records and 3 new South African records.



Community Service

SAVE THE DATE!

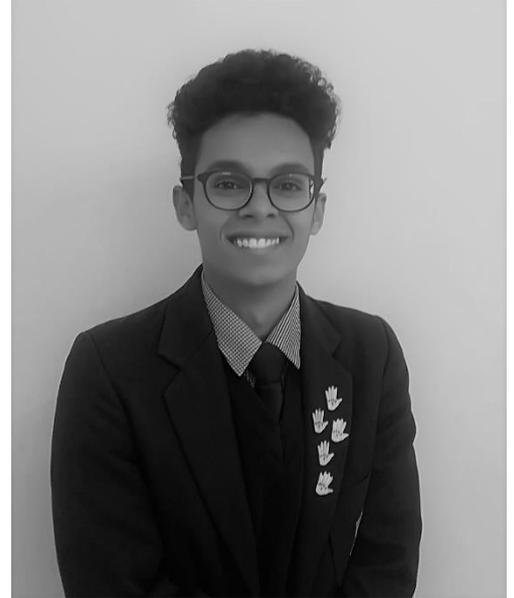
School SleepOut – Wednesday 18 July

Mikyle Fourie (Grade 10) was selected as a SleepOut Ambassador for The Nelson Mandela School Sleepout™ – Empowered by Liliesleaf: For Tomorrow Trust. This worthy cause for schools, functions alongside the well-known CEO SleepOut, and allows school goes the opportunity to experience the trials of the homeless, whilst supporting an underprivileged school. Learners and parents are invited to spend the night on Galaxy Field on Wednesday 18 July. More detailed information on this event will be sent out in due course. Folk are requested to keep an eye on Curro Aurora's Facebook page. For more information on the School SleepOut in general, go to:

<https://theceosleepoutza.co.za/school-sleepout/>.

To read more about Mikyle as a Brand Ambassador, go to:

<https://theceosleepoutza.co.za/school-sleepout/ambassadors/>



Close

As we reflect on a packed 2nd term which will soon fade into history, the lessons learned and achievements earned continue to build our learners, community, country and the global village of today and tomorrow. In the vacuum of an examination term, I wish our educators, learners and parents a rejuvenating break to return safely once more to write their next chapter of education at Curro Aurora.

On behalf of the Curro Aurora Family, I use this opportunity to thank our Executive Head, Mr. J.C. Engelbrecht, my virtuosic School Management Team, educators, administrative staff, APT, the printing room, coaches, our estate manager and his team yet again for their tireless dedicated service this term.

Blessings,

Dr. Richard Kieck
Head of High School

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