

NEWSLETTER

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From the Office of the Executive Head

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

Do the Best you Can, Where you Are:

Neil Gaiman on Imposter Syndrome, which we all suffer from.

"... Some years ago, I was lucky enough invited to a gathering of great and good people: artists and scientists, writers and discoverers of things. And I felt that at any moment they would realise that I didn't qualify to be there, among these people who had really done things.

On my second or third night there, I was standing at the back of the hall, while a musical entertainment happened, and I started talking to a very nice, polite, elderly gentleman about several things, including our shared first name. And then he pointed to the hall of people, and said words to the effect of, "I just look at all these people, and I think, what the heck am I doing here? They've made amazing things. I just went where I was sent."

And I said, "Yes. But you were the first man on the moon. I think that counts for something."

And I felt a bit better. Because if Neil Armstrong felt like an imposter, maybe everyone did. Maybe there weren't any grown-ups, only people who had worked hard and also got lucky and were slightly out of their depth, all of us doing the best job we could, which is all we can really hope for."

This is a wise reflection on pushing boundaries in life and trying one's best, even when one is feeling out of one's depth – a way to always forge forward despite lack of confidence.

For Grade 12s: Identify the language error Neil Armstrong made when he uttered his famous words: 'One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind.' [Hint a small word is missing] Even he made mistakes.

Congratulations

I was fortunate to attend the official opening ceremony of Curro Academy Riverside, near Diepsloot in Gauteng on Friday. What a privilege it is to encounter our cousins in other provinces and as you can see from the picture, they are as happy and friendly as our own learners. Congratulations to Mr Johannes Mahlatsi and his staff and learners.



Umalusi Thank You:

Many thanks and a hearty pat on the back to all staff and learners involved in the official Umalusi Site Visit on Thursday last week. It was a long day for all, with much work and effort having gone into preparing for it over many months preceding the inspection. But all in all, it

is felt the accreditation process went well. The outcome of the visit will be communicated in the next few months, when it is received.

UCT Mathematics Olympiad

Top performers in the UCT Mathematics Competition receive official invitations to participate then in the UCT Mathematics *Olympiad*. Congratulations to **Jewon Kim** who did so on Saturday, 19 May. We look forward to hearing the outcome of this.



CAS Eisteddfod

HERE follow the results of the children who entered the CAS (CURRO ARTS SUPERHERO) competition on Tuesday, 15 May. We are extremely proud of our learners who participated and performed and thus proudly showcased Pinehurst Meridian's cultural stars.

The following awards were given based on the entries below:

65% to 75% were awarded a BRONZE certificate

75.1% to 85% were awarded a SILVER certificate: SILVER SURFERS

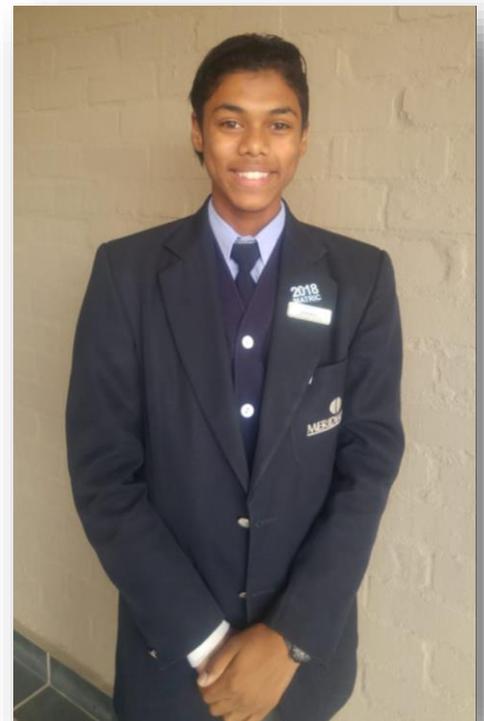
85.1% to 95% were awarded a GOLD certificate: BLACK RAVENS

95.1% to 100% were awarded a CURRO KRYPTONITE blazer badge.

CURRO KRYPTONITE (95.1% - 100%)

Blaine Africa	12.3	Sing it solo
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Special mention must be made of Blaine Africa who was also selected to be part of the company who will perform in a musical celebration of Curro's 20th Birthday. Thus he will receive two Kryptonite awards.





GOLD certificate: BLACK RAVENS (85.1% to 95%)

Sasha-Leigh Draai	9.2	Dance solo
Nicole Carlo painting	12.2	Make it
Lukau Makani-Msomi painting	11.1	Make it
Jordan Vismer	10.2	Sing it solo
Kirsten Jacobs & Stefani Boshnakova	12.3	Act it



Jade Erasmus	8.3	ACT it monologue	PARTICIPATION
Lethabo Thebe	8.3	Sing it solo	BRONZE
Lethu Ndlazi & Lathitha Mdama	9.2	Move it dance	BRONZE
Jessica Marais	10.2	Move it	BRONZE
Kelsey Julies	10.1	Make it painting	BRONZE
Shannon Cairns	11.2	Act it monologue	BRONZE
Hadassah Jacobs	8.3	Play it violin	SILVER SURFER
Jadyn Thomas	9.2	Read it	SILVER SURFER
Ziyanda Mbula	9.2	Act it poetry	SILVER SURFER

Gymnastics

Alexia Vosloo took part in the district trials on Saturday 12 May 2018. She won a gold medal and came first in the competition with the highest average score of 9.45 in her age group. She also qualified for South Zone next month.

Dates to Diarise

Monday, 21 May: -

Tuesday, 22 May: **Ms Melidah Makua's** birthday

Wednesday, 23 May: PAC Meeting

Spelling Olympiad
Ms Shelley Hillier's
birthday

Thursday, 24 May: -

Friday, 25 May: Nursery Sports Day

CAT Practical Grade 12

Monday, 28 May: High School Examinations
begin



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Executive Head

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