

18 September 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

Spring is in the air and it feels strange to talk about September and think that it is already the ninth month of the year! September is **Heritage month**, and we celebrate our country with its diverse cultures and rich traditions. On **Thursday, 20 September** our **Reception Phase and Primary School** staff and learners will dress up in clothing that represents the cultures of our country, and I want to invite our parents to do the same.

Our **Primary School's 5-year celebration** was hugely successful, and I would like to thank each and every parent, learner and teacher who supported us by making this day so special and enjoyable.

Our learners find themselves at the end of their **cycle tests** and will receive the fruit of their hard labour in the form of their termly reports on **Friday, 21 September**. Reports will also be published electronically and parents can access these by logging on to MY HUB.

Our learners who took part in the **Centurion Arts Festival** have done us proud and have received excellent results: we had five category winners at our High School and four category winners at our Primary School. A Primary School showcase evening will be held on **Tuesday, 18 September** at **18:30** to brag with all our learners.

Thank you to all our parents who so positively embraced our **Cupcake Day 4 Kids with Cancer** on 31 August. Cupcakes of HOPE is a non-profit company with its aim to raise awareness and funds for families in need of medical assistance through their love of baking cupcakes. We were overjoyed when we were able to **donate more than R10 000** towards this very worthwhile cause.

Curro Thatchfield prides itself when it comes to **outreach projects**. We are delighted to introduce and welcome our **brand new puppy, Jozi**, to the Curro Thatchfield family. Jozi has been allocated to us by

the SA Guide Dogs Association because of our High School's sponsorship in April – see a letter from Jozi which you could share with your children on the last page.

The filling up of the **Judea Hope tins** is on track and there are already learners who have returned their tins, filled to the brim! I know that our parents will once again not disappoint with their overwhelming support. The deadline for these tins to be filled (or returned as is) is **Wednesday, 10 October**. **Kindly note that this is a voluntary donation where each R50 will feed 16 hungry children. We are hoping that our learners will use the change collected around the house and from family members. We do not want or expect our learners to walk around and solicit money from neighbours or strangers in shopping malls.**

You are once again requested to please inform the finance office by **no later than 21 September 2018** should your child **not be returning to the school** in 2019. Kindly note that if your child is currently in Grade 7 at Curro Primary this year, he/she **does not need to re-apply** for Grade 8 at the High School as this is an automatic process.

On **Friday, 5 October** we will be celebrating **International Teacher's Day**. This day is celebrated in honour and appreciation of teachers who mould and nourish children's raw talent and help them to become better individuals. However, our teachers too need motivation and inspiration to drive them to continue nurturing the children to create a better world. I want to appreciate my teaching staff by quoting Carl Jung: *'One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.'*

We have to ensure that our parents understand that the **safety and security of the learners** in our care remains our primary priority. This is one of the reasons why we have put up additional fencing around the **Primary School** where we can now have more control as to who enters and leaves the premises. In doing so, we also teach our learners road safety, whereby we want all our learners (and parents) to only cross at the pedestrian crossing when they are in the Primary School. The only entrance point during school hours will be the gate at the main reception area where parents must report to the reception. Just a reminder that **school officially starts at 07:45** and we plead with parents to drop off learners in time. Although an inconvenience at first, I believe we will get the necessary support of our parents in this regard.

Have you linked your **MAKRO and MYSCHOOL** cards to Curro Thatchfield yet? These are opportunities to raise funds for our school without any effort - just swipe your loyalty card! You can visit the respective websites to register, or if you already have a card, kindly change the beneficiary to Curro Thatchfield. **We also have MySchool cards available at each reception point.**

<https://www.myschool.co.za> AND <http://www.makro.co.za>

Kindly note that the **School closes for the holidays** on **Friday, 21 September** at 11:00, as indicated in the diaries, and will re-open again for Term 4 on **Tuesday, 9 October 2018**. Please ensure that your children come to school **on time** and neatly dressed in their **full school uniform**. **NO tracksuits** will be allowed as there will be no formal PE classes on this day. Reports will be handed out at 10:30 and we request parents to please abide by this timeframe. Unfortunately reports cannot be handed out earlier.

Mrs Marlene Gerber

2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD CURRO CASTLE

What a fun and busy month August was!

Our learners got the opportunity to learn about **road safety**, obtain their own driver's license and even enjoyed driving a battery-operated car.

Thank you to all our parents who sent **seedlings for Spring Day** and for helping your little ones create a Spring hat out of recycled material. It was so much fun to see all the creativity from staff, learners and parents! Please visit our Facebook page to see more!

The September holiday is drawing closer - please remember to inform your child's class teacher if he/she will be **attending during the holiday**.

We will end the term with a **traditional dress up day** to celebrate the different cultures in our school on 21 September 2018. A reminder that the **Castle will close at 12:00** on this day.

I would like to stress the following important factors regarding the **safety and security at our Castle** on a daily basis:

- Please ensure that you have the Castle stickers on your car's windscreen to allow access to the Castle premises.
- The visitors' register must be signed by a visitor as well as the security guard. The slip is then signed by the person visited and returned to the security guard on exit of the Castle premises.
- The entrance door to the Castle must please be closed at all times.
- Please avoid the so-called 'tail gating' at the biometrics entrances and ensure that you enter the building by using the biometric system.
- Security and safety is everybody's responsibility.
- We are all responsible for our children's safety so let us do the basics 100% at all times.

May you have a most enjoyable Spring break!

Mrs Sonette Pretorius

3. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF RECEPTION PHASE

Spring is in the air and what a lovely feeling we have with the changing of the seasons.

Thank you to all our parents who so willingly sent **seedlings** and plants to school. We had a lovely planting day and the school will soon be full of blooming flowers.

On **Thursday, 20 September** we will have a **Heritage Day celebration**. You will be informed by your child's class teacher about what the learners should bring and wear to school.

National SMILE day is on **12 October**, and we would like to spread the word of happiness and being caring. **National CHOCOLATE day** is on **18 October**. We will have a chocolate-baking activity with the learners in the classroom. Remember to spoil your loved ones with a chocolate on the day!

The school closes on **Friday, 21 September** at 11:00 and will re-open again on **Tuesday, 9 October**.

God bless

Mrs Sunele Katze

4. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am sure that learners, parents and staff agree that this term has been a hugely busy and involved term. Thank you for a healthy atmosphere on **Saturday, 1 September**. It was an awesome celebration and in particular the fun walk/run. This opportunity was proof that we have a team of committed parents, learners

and staff who all have one common goal, i.e. to develop our learners holistically. We look forward to our next fun walk/run in 2019 where we will most certainly have a generator on standby!

We are extremely proud of all our Foundation and Intermediate Phase learners who did so well at the recent **Centurion Arts Festival**. To summarize, our results were as follows:

RESULT ACHIEVED	TOTAL NUMBER OF LEARNERS
Category Winners	4
A++	6
A+	16
A	16
B+	5

We would like to make special mention of our Category Winners:

Shaka Xulu Grade 1	A++ Dramatized poetry
Lethabo Lebepe Grade 3	A++ Dramatized prose
Entle Dibakwane Grade 4	A++ Monologue
Ruhi Rooplall Grade 4	A++ Dramatized Prose

We look forward to celebrating **Heritage Day** on **20 September**. We ask that our learners come to school dressed in clothing which symbolizes our diversity. Learners do not need to bring lunch as the school will cater for them on this special day. In addition, we request that all adults (educators and parents) also wear traditional clothing on this day.

While our Grade 7 learners are looking forward to their Veldschool from **15 to 19 October**, our Grade 6 learners are excitedly awaiting their **Adventure/Leadership Camp** which will be held from **19 to 21 October**. Details of the respective camps have been communicated to learners and parents.

Our **drummies** recently participated in the Gauteng trials where 65 drummers from nine teams took part. Altogether 28 junior girls were selected and 10 out of the 28 girls who received their **Gauteng colours** were from Curro Thatchfield! These selected girls will represent Gauteng at the national championship in July 2019 in East London. Well done to Katleho Dichaba, Lwazi Mabena, Lathitha Mahlangeni, Lwazi Nsibande, Goitsimodimo Setshedi, Ntebogiseng Maseko, Keabetswe Morake, Tshogofatso Sebogodi, Thatogatsi Kgari and Siphithemba Mshengu. We are so very proud of you! In addition to this excellent achievement, our small drill group will be taking part in the **Majorettes World Championships** in Cape Town, on 21 and 22 September. Good luck to them!

The u11 and u13 **soccer boys** participated in the inter-Tshwane league recently. In all the matches played, the u13 team won convincingly with up to 7-nil margins. They also made it through to the finals after beating Uitsig 7-6 on penalties. The u11 team, on the other hand, played four and won two of their matches. This was a good season in totality - well done boys!

We are pleased to announce that Aobokwe Moche (Grade 4) received a silver medal for the events Eurotramp and Double-mini in **Trampoline Gymnastics**. Earlier this year she also qualified for and represented Northern Gauteng in Artistic Gymnastics where she also received a silver medal! Congratulations Aobokwe, you make us proud!

Our **Curro Annual Regional and National Tournament** will take place during the holidays from 23 to 27 September 2018. We wish all our teachers and learners attending an enjoyable time. Thank you to our teachers for always being on duty as well as for supporting our teams. Thank you also to our parents for involving yourselves with your children, the school and for being our loyal supporters.

It is still alarming to see the piles of **lost property** collected each day. Worse still is the fact that very few of the items are marked with the child's name, which prevents the school from returning the articles to the correct child. The **Lost-and-Found room is located in the L-block** and is overseen by Mrs Margaret

Nkosi and is **open daily**. Please make arrangements with her in advance to enable her to source your child's lost items.

We would like to thank all our parents for your continued support and we trust that you will enjoy your short Spring break and return safely if you are going away.

May you be blessed.

Mr Mark Cloete

5. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

Our Annual Curro Soccer Festival was a huge success! This year we had both a boys' as well as a girls' division. Our u15 girls ended second in their league. Once again there were many compliments for our beautiful school as well as the appearance and manners our learners displayed.

Looking back at this extremely busy term we have had, I come away with a feeling of accomplishment. Considering all that was done by our learners this term - soccer festivals and leagues, Curro Hero's competition, Centurion Eisteddfod, chess competitions, outreach to the less fortunate, Heritage Day celebrations, Miss Curro and our impending leadership camps - I think we can be really proud of our learners.

Please take some time to reflect on the most astounding results from the cultural festivals we have taken part in - we truly have very talented learners in our school.

CURRO SUPERHEROES		
RESULT ACHIEVED	CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF LEARNERS
Kryptonite (category winner)	Singing	1
Silver (75-84%)		2
Bronze (65-74%)		3
Silver (75-84%)		1
Bronze (65-74%)	Drama and Poetry	6
Participation		3
Black Raven (85-94%)	Dance	2
Bronze (65-74%)		2
Bronze (65-74%)	Instrumental	1
Black Raven (85-94%)	Art	1
Bronze (65-74%)		3
Silver (75-84%)	Photography	2
Black Raven (85-94%)	Written composition	1
Bronze (65-74%)		1

CENTURION EISTEDDFOD		
Category Winners (A++)	Singing	4
A++		3
A+		2

A		1
A+	Drama and Poetry	5
A		3
	Instrumental	
A+		1
Category Winner (A++)	Art	1
B+		1
B+		Photography

It would also be remiss of me not to mention the silent heroes of our school - our teachers. I would like to thank each one of them for the time they spend on and with our learners, many times to the detriment of their own.

Also our parents need to be thanked for their continued support.

Please enjoy every moment of the upcoming holidays with your child. They grow up so quickly...

Mr Dawie van Schaik

6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)

Our new PAC members who will be representing the grades are as follows:

NAME & SURNAME	GRADE / GROUP	EMAIL ADDRESS
Mrs Dieketseng Diale	8 - 10	lindinox@gmail.com
Mrs Althea Seoposengwe	11 & 12	Aseopo@gmail.com
Mr Tshidiso Seoposengwe	8 - 10	Tshidiso.s@outlook.com
Mr Jayanth Shanand	7	Jayanth.shanand@gmail.com
Miss Thuli Manzini	5 & 6	dzunani7@gmail.com
Mrs Josephine Dambudzo	7 & 4	jdambudzo@gmail.com
Mrs Yashina Maharaj	6 & 2	yashinam@sahomeloans.co.za
Miss Nhlo Zondi	1 & 2	Nhlo.Zondi@gmail.com
Mrs Natasha Munsamy	2 & 3	nmunsamy@sars.gov.za
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Silindile Makhathini	4	scmakhathini@icloud.com
Mogau Leshilo	G5	mleshilo@yahoo.com

Miss **Thuli Manzini** has been elected as **Chairperson** and **Mrs Althea Seoposengwe** as **secretary**. You are invited to **please interact with them** with new ideas, challenges, complaints, compliments, etc. In doing so, we can build positive relationships and take Curro Thatchfield to new heights.

Parent Advisory Council

7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High school	Primary school
18 September	Grade 1 to 7 Showcase evening		X
18 - 20 September	Leadership camps	X	
20 September	Heritage Day activities		X
21 September	School closes for Term3 Reports issued	X	X
9 October	School re-opens for Term 4	X	X
10 October	Judea Hope cans returned		X
12 October	Parents morning	X	
15 - 19 October	Grade 4 to 6 Parents meeting (by appointment only) Grade 7 Veldschool		X
16 - 18 October	Grade 1 to 3 Parents meetings (by appointment only)		X
19 October	Grade 2 Excursion		X
19 - 21 October	Grade 6 Adventure leadership camp		X
22 - 26 October	Grade 7 Parents meetings (by appointment only)		X
26 October	Arbour day		X
5 November	Grade 1 Honours evening		X
6 November	Grade 2 Honours evening		X
7 November	Grade 3 Honours evening		X
8 November	Grade 4 to 7 Merit morning/Honours evening		X
15 November	Prefect function		X
16 November	Grade 4 to 7 Exams start		X
17 November	Orientation day for new learners	X	X
28 November	Grade 4 to 7 Exams end		X
3 December	Grade 7 Farewell to Pines Resort		X
7 December	School closes for learners	X	X
12 December	Learner reports issued	X	X

8. GENERAL

Staff Matters

Welcome to **Mrs Nomfundu Sibanda** (Grade 7) who has taken over from Mr Lindokuhle Nyandeni. We look forward to her contribution to the Curro family. We also welcome **Mrs Salamina Segole** (Grade 5) who will be joining us from Term 4 and she will be responsible for teaching Setswana. Congratulations to **Mr Pieter Koch** who recently got engaged - may this new adventure be the beginning of a long, healthy and happy life together.

In the High School we welcome **Mr Chris Miller** who is substituting in the place of Mrs Westwood who recently gave birth to a baby girl. Mrs Pienaar will be going on maternity leave at the end of the term and we want to welcome Ms Illana Steytler as her replacement.

TAB (Thatchfield Activities Bulletin)

If you have not done so already, 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/>

Financial Matters

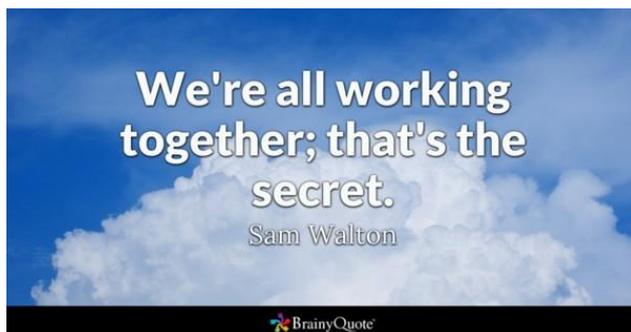
Parents' commitment to pay their children's school fees is crucial for the promotion of quality education in our country. Please plan for, and honour, this commitment. Parents experiencing difficulty in paying school fees should be responsible and bold enough to **approach the school to discuss** an 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 4 600 followers, and the challenge is now to reach the 5 000 mark by the end of 2018. **Please don't forget to 'like' our posts** 😊

9. IN CONCLUSION

Since we opened our doors on 9 January 2013, Curro Thatchfield has made rapid progress in becoming the School of Choice. We've sourced excellent teachers who are still the core of our team, we've embraced technology and enhanced our Curriculum to give our learners a wonderful learning experience. In this period of time we have built good relationships with our parents and learners, made new friends, celebrated joyous occasions and shared in some losses - a true Curro family in the making. It is on this note that I want to invite you to please share your experiences with us. Your input will help us to continue to deliver on our promises.



I trust that you will be celebrating Heritage Day in true South-African style by making sure that the coals are ready and the meat is on the braai. I leave you with the following inspiring quote by Mahatma Gandhi

"A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its' people"

Yours in Education

MRS MARLENE GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD

-through hard work great heights are achieved-

A letter from Jozi, our new addition to the Curro Thatchfield family



Puppy
Mail

**GUIDE-DOGS
ASSOCIATION**
South Africa

Dear Sponsor

My name is Jozi and I was born at the Gladys Evans Training Centre in May 2018 to mom Zara and dad Bosworth. I am part of a large family – one of seven siblings!!

Your generous contribution will assist S A Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind to raise and train me.

I am now living with my Puppy Raising family. I will be living with them for the next 12 to 14 months. My Puppy Raiser will teach me all sorts of things e.g. to 'stay' and 'sit' and 'leave that' and how to deal with food temptations. I will also learn how to walk on a lead and how to behave when riding with them in the car!

I go to Puppy Socialization Classes with my siblings every week at the Training Centre. This is so much fun! We play, but we also learn basic obedience and how not to get distracted by our surroundings.

Thank you for your support! I will be in touch again with more news.

Love and Licks

Jozi



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Counsellor

Vacant

Curro Banking Details

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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

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 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

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Play Therapist

Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313

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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

www.urbanlife.org.za

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