



18 October 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

A warm welcome back to all our parents, learners and educators. We have started this final term with a bang! Before we know it, our learners will be preparing for their final examinations.

In this final term we will continue to provide our learners with quality education, where high achievement is fostered through quality teaching, academic rigour and opportunity.

Our **Curro Annual Regional and National Tournament** took place during the holidays and we ended on a high note. Congratulations and well done to our soccer u11 Jacaranda A, rugby u11 Jacaranda A as well as our netball u14 Jacaranda B teams who all came out as the winners of the tournament.

The term started on an emotional note for our High School when we said goodbye to our second group of matrics on 12 October. The **Valedictory Assembly** was quite an emotional experience and we cannot believe that our Grade 8 'babies' of 2014 will soon be leaving the nest.

As we are in the final stages of the school year, I cannot emphasize the necessity of 100% school attendance. Absence from school affects your child's learning and assessments.

**Due dates** will be given for the submission of final assessments. Please note that it is important that learners adhere to these dates as there is no time for 'second chances'.

Most extra-curricular activities (especially sport) will slow down, as most of our time will be spent on academics. Other activities for this term include, but are not limited to, excursions for the Primary School, Honours' evenings and of course the final examinations.

In Term 4 we also have the **Santa Shoebox Outreach project** again where parents fill **shoe boxes** with various items suitable for children from 4 to 8 years old. You will soon receive the 'goodie' list and I would like to appeal to our parents to please support this worthy cause. The last day to bring the filled shoe boxes to school is **Friday, 23 November**.

You are once again requested to please inform the finance office **ASAP** 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.

We will enjoy an Open Day for Group 1 to Grade R on Wednesday, 24 October 2018. Please invite friends and family to attend – see details below. There will be a great reduction on enrolment fees offered on the day!



It was indeed a disappointment that we couldn't start using our swimming pool this Term; however, I have a surprise up my sleeve for all the Primary School learners. But for now, I won't let the cat out of the bag.

At CTF we are committed to taking serious, proactive steps to any challenges that are brought to our attention, and therefore we invite our parents to **share your experiences** (positive or negative) with management in order for us to give credit where credit is due or, alternatively, intervene where necessary.

*Mrs Marlene Gerber*

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

Welcome back to Term 4 and we wish you all a fruitful term.

Thank you for taking the time to come and talk to your child's teacher during our **Parents' day**. If you missed this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher and make an alternative arrangement.

The **book people** visited the school on 10 and 11 October and offered a wide variety of books. Thank you for supporting them – by doing so, we got some books to fill up our library in return.

Please ensure that your children are at school every day. Teachers will be doing **assessments** and getting the little ones ready for the next phase.

Congratulations to Assistant Teacher, Jane Sethole (Galaxy Stars,) whose **baby boy** was born during the holidays. May he bring you lots of joy and love.

Hold on and enjoy the ride – we are almost at the end of the year.

*Mrs Sonette Pretorius*

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

To all our learners, parents and staff, a warm welcome back after our Spring holiday!

We are looking forward to this short, but exciting term. Our Grade R Graduation photos will be taken on 17 October and the **Graduation** will take place on Saturday, 3 November. The programme will be as follows:

08:30 – 09:30	Froggy, Dolphin, Owl and Lion classes
09:45 – 10:30	Sheep, Bright Birdies and Butterfly classes

The **outing** will take place on 6 and 7 November at Lory Park Zoo.

On Friday, 9 November we will be having a **water-fun-day** at school where learners can bring along their swimwear, towels, hats and sunscreen and taking part in water-games. We look forward to a great day!

God bless



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

I sincerely hope that our learners have re-energised themselves during the Spring break and that they are ready for what this term will bring.

Teaching and learning are already in full swing, and our programme for extramural activities is slowing down whilst our learners are being prepared for the final assessments and examinations which start on **15 November**. The exam **timetable** for Grades 4 to 7 has been issued and we are requesting your assistance in encouraging your child to give his/her best in preparation for the very important final exams which lie ahead.

Our **USA and Disney tour** was enjoyed by all! The tour included two nights in Washington, D.C. with visits to the Lincoln Memorial, the National Mall, the White House, International Spy Museum, the National Air and Space Museum and the American Museum of Natural History, and a ride on the Metro transit system. Eight nights in Orlando included a visit to a factory outlet shopping mall, Disney's Magic Kingdom and Epcot Theme Park, Universal Studios Orlando and Universal's Islands of Adventure, SeaWorld and a water theme park. Three nights in New York comprised strolling in Central Park, a visit to the Empire State Building, as well as a full-day tour of New York with a ferry trip to the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street and the Stock Exchange, Brooklyn Bridge, Ground Zero 9/11 Memorial, the USS Growler at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum. A big thumbs-up to the learners who displayed SMART Curro behaviour all the time.

Our **drummies** participated in the Majorette World Federation III Championship hosted in Cape Town from 20 to 22 September 2018 and achieved **second place overall!** CTF showcased their small drill display, competing against six other Elite Primary teams. The results for each division were as follows: Leader - 5<sup>th</sup>; sub leaders - 2<sup>nd</sup>; squad - 1<sup>st</sup>; display - 3<sup>rd</sup>; bringing home a trophy and silver medals! Well done girls, for being a part of MWF and South African history and for making us so **VERY PROUD!**

Our soccer also ended on a high note. We would like to congratulate our **u13 soccer boys** who came second in the final league play-off against Valhalla Primary, losing 2-1.

**Reports** were issued on the last day of last term and parents have been invited to attend scheduled meetings with teachers where needs were identified. Please be reminded that parents are always welcome to visit their children's educators to discuss any matters of concern.

Our Grade 7 Entrepreneurs Day took place on **Friday, 12 October** and it was enjoyed by all. We can also feel the excitement of our **educational excursions** that have been scheduled for this term. These are always a highlight for our learners.

The **prizegiving** for our **Foundation Phase** will be held on **5, 6 and 7 November**, and for our **Intermediate Phase** on **8 November** (details to follow).

A reminder that 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.

I would like to wish both you and your children all the very best as they approach these final weeks in preparation of their exams.

May you be blessed.

*Mr Mark Cloete*

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

The last term for 2018 has begun. Within three and a half weeks we will be starting with our final examinations for Grade 10 and 11 learners, and within 5 and a half weeks we will be starting with our final examinations for our Grade 8 and 9 learners. It is truly mind boggling to see how quickly time flies!

We also said goodbye to our second group of Matrics last Friday. The valedictory assembly was a very moving experience indeed. I would like to thank every parent and teacher (including those from our Primary School) who had a hand in making our Grade 12 learners the wonderful bunch of kids they are. My best wishes accompany them in this new adventure they are undertaking.

On a different note, an award was received from the Centurion Arts Festival, congratulating us on being the best school for performances. Well done to all the participants as well as their teachers for the effort they put into their performances. We are very proud of you.

*Mr Dayne van Schalkwyk*

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

Our PAC members who are representing the grades are as follows:

NAME & SURNAME	GRADE/ GROUP	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Mr Tshidiso Seoposengwe	8 - 10	<a href="mailto:Tshidiso.s@outlook.com">Tshidiso.s@outlook.com</a>

Mr Jayanth Shanand	7	<a href="mailto:Jayanth.shanand@gmail.com">Jayanth.shanand@gmail.com</a>
Miss Thuli Manzini (Chairperson)	5 & 6	<a href="mailto:dzunani7@gmail.com">dzunani7@gmail.com</a>
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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 CTF to new heights.

*Parent Advisory Council*

## 7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High school	Primary school
15 - 19 October	Grade 4 to 6 Parents meeting (by appointment only) Grade 7 Veldschool		X
15 - 18 October	Grade 1 to 3 Parents meetings (by appointment only)		X
18 October	Blood drive	X	
20 October	Parents morning	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 Grade 10 and 11 Exams start	X	X
6 November	Grade 2 Honours evening and Foundation Phase Art festival and Sport merit morning		X
7 November	Grade 3 Honours evening		X
8 November	Grade 4 to 7 Honours evening		X
15 November	Grade 4 to 7 Exams start		X
17 November	Orientation day for Grade 1 and new learners	X	X
19 November	Grade 8 and 9 Exams start	X	
28 November	Grade 4 to 7 Exams end		X
29 November	Prefect farewell		X
30 November	Grade 7 Final @ 08:00		X
3 December	Grade 7 Farewell to Pines Resort		X

6 December	Prize giving	X	
7 December	Final Assembly and handing out of reports. School closes for learners at 11:00	X	X

## 8. GENERAL

### Staff Matters

At the Primary School we would like to welcome Mrs Molebogeng Segole (Grade 5) who will be responsible for teaching Setswana and Life Skills. Congratulations to Miss Lize Robertson who recently got engaged – may this new adventure be the beginning of a long, healthy and happy life together.

At the High School we would like to congratulate Mrs Pienaar, who gave birth to a bouncy baby boy, Juan-Jacques.

### Stationery 2019

As per last year, **stationery for Group 1 to Grade 3 learners** will be ordered at the School for the learners. Parents **are not required to buy** any stationery for these groups/grades. Stationery costs will be charged to your school fee account. We are awaiting the final costing from our service provider and will convey this to parents as soon as possible. We would like to assure our parents that prices are very competitive, and because we purchase in bulk, we have negotiated even better prices. Stationery lists for **Grade 4 to 11 learners** will be posted on MyHub and hard copies will be available at reception. Parents may purchase stationery at **any service provider**. Please ensure that your child has all the necessary stationery items on the very first day of school.

### 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 (CTF and Castle), and the challenge is now to reach the **5 000** mark by the end of 2018. **Please don't forget to 'like' our posts ☺**

### MySchool/Makro

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>

## 9. IN CONCLUSION

I strongly believe in the importance of teachers, parents, and administrators collaborating and communicating openly and frequently. We will continue to serve you and your children over the coming years. Interested parents are encouraged to visit us and to ask any questions they may have regarding our school and everything we offer.

As I read the following quote by Robert Fulghum, '**Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you**', I once again realised the very important task laid upon us when we decided to become parents.

Yours in Education



MRS MARLENE GERBER  
EXECUTIVE HEAD



*-through hard work great heights are achieved-*

# General Information - CTF

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<p><b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.curro.co.za">www.curro.co.za</a></p> <p><b>GPS Coordinates:</b> S 25° 54' 05.8". E 028° 06' 26.7"</p>	
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<p>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</p>	<p><b>Play Therapist</b> Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313 <a href="mailto:anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com">anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Urban Life Church Services on Sundays in the Primary School Hall @ 10:00</b> <a href="mailto:danie@urbanlife.org.za">danie@urbanlife.org.za</a> <a href="http://www.urbanlife.org.za">www.urbanlife.org.za</a></p>	
<p><b>3C Ministries on Sundays in the High School Hall @ 08:00</b></p>	