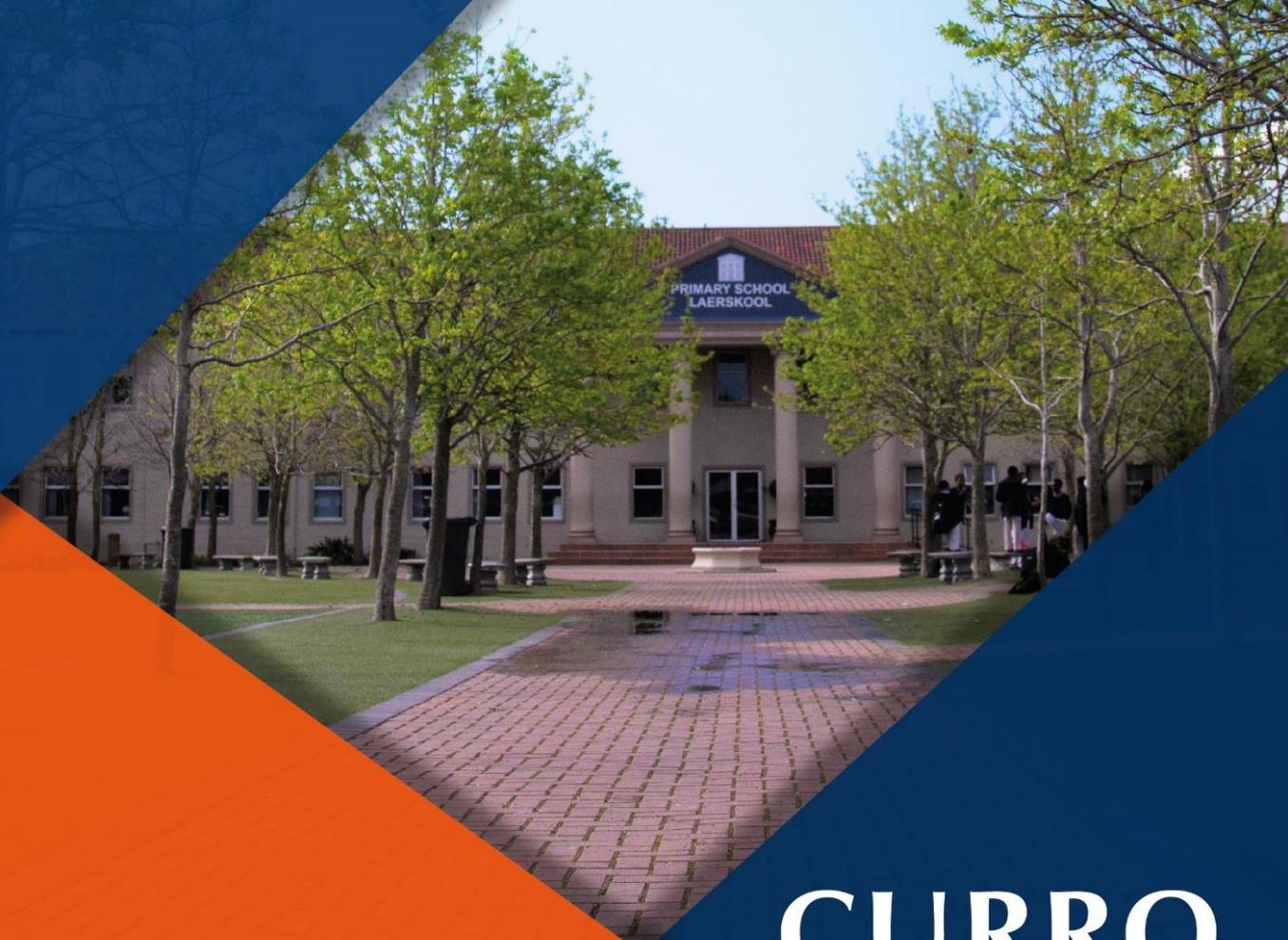


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1. INTRODUCTION

Curro primary school started 2018 with 920 Grade R to Grade 7 learners, dynamic new staff members, wonderful parents and a very supportive parent committee. 2018 was a very big year for us because Curro Durbanville celebrated their 20th birthday. We had numerous activities to celebrate this year.



A fantastic 20-year coffee table book has also been published which tells the wonderful Curro story – the book begins as far back as 1998 when Dr Van der Merwe built the first Curro school, Curro Durbanville. Each Curro learner also received a beautiful green Curro 20-year celebration t-shirt for wearing during the year.

This was also a year in which we strived to keep to our core values, namely:

- Christian ethos;
- individualisation, and
- to work on each learner's strengths, weaknesses and creativity.

We strive towards a culture where we try new things in all areas of a child's development and invest in positive discipline. We focus strongly in sending well balanced children in the world and therefore gave numerous opportunities during the year to participate in:

- sport;
- culture, and
- academic activities

We believe in focusing on character building to ensure we develop good citizens. We strive towards staying in touch with new world trends by bringing 21st century learning into the classroom to ensure we prepare our learners for the fast-developing world out there.

Umalusi (an organisation that accredits independent schools) also visited us for a whole day this year to have a look at the quality of Curro's education as well as many aspects of the management and organisation of the school. A certificate acknowledging the high standard of the school's functioning has been highly appreciated.

We look back on several highlights and activities that took place during the year and trust that it has enriched our learners.

2. HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 Sunset Social

Curro Durbanville celebrated their 20th birthday this year and the annual Sunset Social, held on Friday, 2 February, was the first opportunity to start with these celebrations. The Sunset Social is a tradition on our Curro calendar. It is an evening when everyone can relax, laugh and have fun and it gives parents, educators and learners the opportunity to get to know each other better. New Curro parents also had the opportunity to meet parents from their grade.

BOOGIE FEVER 20 YEARS AND BACK was the theme for this year's Sunset Social. Learners and parents were all invited to dress up as their favourite pop star, to bring along their picnic baskets and to come and boogie on the rhythm of music from way back then till now.

Every grade had the opportunity to show off their dance moves in the hall. Winners in different categories were chosen like the best 'Dancing Queen', 'King of Rock and Roll' and also the best dressed. Learners really enjoyed dancing together in their grades and moving their bodies to different types of dances. A smoke machine and real disco lights contributed to a wonderful and festive dance atmosphere in the hall. The Sunset Social was like every previous year a great success thanks to all the enthusiastic parents and learners who attended the event.



2.2 Curro Cares

Sandwich project

Grades 4 to 7 had the opportunity to hand out sandwiches to the learners at Attie van Wyk and Joostenberg primary school as part of our Curro sandwich project once a month. They thoroughly enjoyed their time there. It was a very humbling experience.

Tekkie Tax Day

Partnering with the Kay Mason Foundation, Curro Durbanville joined thousands of people across the country by wearing a sticker and tekkies to school on Friday, 25 May 2018. Funds raised went directly to the Kay Mason Foundation to give a child the opportunity to get a good education, as well as to assist other education sector charities within Tekkie Tax.

Mandela Day

Curro Durbanville is a school that cares for its community and the people in it. A happy community will result in a happy schooling community therefore to care means to love. Mandela Day is a global call to action that celebrates the idea that each person has the power to transform the world and the ability to make an impact. The Mandela Day campaign message is: 'Nelson Mandela has fought for social justice for 67 years. We're asking you to start with 67 minutes.'

This year we supported three organisations, namely:

1. Hawk Koinonia (animal rescue and rehabilitation centre)
2. Bless-a-Baby
3. Maak-'n-verskil-organisasie

Our wonderful parents and learners supported our drive and we are proud that we could make such a big impact.

2.3 Outings

Grade R	Butterfly World
Grade 1	Giraffe House visit
Grade 2	Le Bonheur crocodile farm
Grade 3	Cancelled due to safety
Grade 4	Fair Cape

2.4 Grade 5 West Coast Tour

On Wednesday, 28 February, about 110 excited Grade 5 learners gathered at the buses for the annual Grade 5 West Coast Tour. We stayed at Windstone village farm and had the opportunity to go on excursions to the following places:

- Fossil park
- Velddrif museum
- Bokkomaan, a little fish factory where bokkoms are preserved
- A trip on a ferry on the Berg River
- The salt factory
- Geelbek in the National West Coast Park
- !Khwa ttu, a San village

This tour was well organised and learners were presented with a balanced educational program.



2.5 Grade 6 camp

Curro Durbanville's Grade 6 camp took place at Back-2-Basics in Grabouw. Over the course of two days our Grade 6 learners participated in many excellent activities which focused on team building, personal development and nature. One hundred learners and six educators enjoyed a brilliant, well-organised and super-fun camping experience together.

2.6 Grade 7 camp

The Grade 7 camp took place at Big Oak Adventures in Franschhoek. It was a 3-day programme which focused on team building, communication and problem-solving. Our learners' development was taken seriously whilst at the same time they had the chance to enjoy

loads of fun adventures and activities. The Grade 7 learners thoroughly enjoyed the great outdoors and the many adventures. They participated and enhanced their relationships with one another and with their educators. Memories were made to last a lifetime.

2.7 Valentine's Day

On Wednesday, 14 February, our school was decorated in red, white and pink to celebrate Valentine's Day. The staffroom and trees in front of the primary school were beautifully decorated by our Curro Council parents. There was even a photo booth for staff and learners to capture their Valentine's Day memories. The staff treated each other with small gifts and learners enjoyed doing Valentine activities in their classes. This fun day filled with love was enjoyed by young and old!

2.8 Sport Safari: Grade 1 and Grade 6

On this day Curro Durbanville's Grade 1 learners had the opportunity to try out the different sporting codes currently available at our campus. Under the guidance of the Grade 6 learners, the Grade 1s moved from station to station where they were introduced to the various sporting codes, the equipment involved and the terrain on which the sport is played. A little bit of peer-to-peer sports training and development was done by our ever-so-patient Grade 6 learners. 'High fives' and encouragement was the order of the day as our Grade 1s learnt a great deal more about netball, tennis, hockey, rugby, cricket and other ball skills. The morning ended with the Grade 6 learners sitting with the Grade 1s and taking care of story time.



2.9 Carnival



At Curro Durbanville we're celebrating twenty years of excellence this year. It's been twenty years since our humble beginnings in 1998 when Dr Chris van der Merwe, our founder, started the Curro Durbanville campus. This was the start of Dr Chris's Curro dream!

We celebrated in grand style by having the biggest party our learners have ever seen. We held a traditional CIRCUS style CARNIVAL. The carnival was opened by a speech held by Mrs Stephani van der

Merwe (Dr Chris's wife) and 1 400 learners making a big twenty on the hockey astro. Birthday celebrations are always better when you're surrounded by family and friends...and that was exactly what the day was all about. Our learners, dressed up in their 20-year t-shirts, our educators and our exceptional and extremely creative parents made the day UNFORGETTABLE.

2.10 Easter

Curro's Learner Council won hearts and touched lives with their Easter egg project. All the learners in our school contributed to this 'sweet' project which originated in the hearts and thoughts of the Curro Council and their parents. About 5 000 Easter eggs were collected during the first five school days of the second term. Only one string was asked from each learner, but we received much more! The Easter eggs were received by the Attie van Wyk primary school, the patients and staff of the Karl Bremer hospital and the Andries Olivier quadriplegic centre in Durbanville. On this day we tried to make a difference with a small gesture!

2.11 Bully Wise

Curro Durbanville took up the challenge this year to provide our learners with a zero tolerance policy towards bullying! In order to achieve our aim of eradicating bullying completely and to equip our learners with skills to cope if they are targeted, we invited a few speakers and made this important topic the focus of assemblies throughout the year.

- **Mr SA 2017**, Dr Habib Noorbhai, addressed our Grade 4 to Grade 7 learners. He explained the STOP, WALK and TALK-strategy and gave helpful hints on preventing cyber bullying, especially for our Grade 6 and Grade 7 learners. It was a most insightful and enjoyable experience.
- **NO-bully box**
 - The NO-bully box has been implemented to provide the learners with a means to get help if they feel they are being bullied.
 - The learners are encouraged to write their names and grades and put it into the NO-bully box. Educators on the Bully Wise committee are then able to read the messages, chat to the learners involved and come up with ways to resolve matters.

To support the bully campaign of our school, the Grade 5 English home language classes prepared a speech on the topic at hand. Learners made posters to support their points of view and displayed them in the passages.

Striving to ensure a bully free environment, **Curro Council** took up the challenge and made us proud with their anti-bullying presentation at assembly. They again made our learners aware of what bullying is and how to differentiate between being mean or nasty and actual bullying.

The bully box was explained again and our learners got to witness Curro Council utilising it and reminding all of what to do in order to get help if someone is bullied. They showed the learners that it is important to write the following on a piece of paper and put it inside the bully box: name, grade and what is happening to them.

Some council members enacted a bully situation, and the procedure as to how to access the bully box was shown step by step.

On 20 September our learners were addressed by a speaker from the Pro-active Educational group who provided additional insight into this all important subject. The sessions were age specific with our Grades 1 to 3 learners being addressed on topics relevant to them. The Grades 4 to 7 learners focused more on cyber bullying and ways to combat this 21st century challenge.

2.12 Youth Day

Curro celebrated Youth Day on 18 June 2018.

Grades 1 to 3

On Monday, 18 June, we celebrated Youth Day at Curro. The Grades 1 to 3 learners watched selected video clips in their classes that focused on their rights. Thereafter they had a collaborative discussion with their class educators about the specific rights of children and the

importance of this special day. It was an informative day and enjoyed by both the learners and educators.

Grades 4 to 5

Educators had their classes sit down in a circle to tell them a bit more about Youth Day. They read and discussed questions and answers to give the learners some background as to what Youth Day is and where it originated from.

Each class received a 'puzzle' in the shape of a heart, already cut out in twenty pieces. The activity focused on the rights they have as the youth, and also on the rights they have as learners in Curro Durbanville. Every class received a topic for discussion for example: ***In Curro I have the right to... education/an opinion/have friends and family/be equal/have hopes and dreams/play/ask questions/be responsible.***

Each learner received a puzzle piece and a chance to be creative with the topic for example drawing a picture or write a quote. Been given enough time, the class put their creative puzzle pieces together that formed a perfect heart. They stuck their heart on an A3-colourpaper which was laminated and stuck to the walls of our colourful passages to remind them daily why they are important as the youth, and the rights they have coming to school every day.

Grades 6 to 7

Secondary school educator, Isa Swanepoel, did a presentation on the history of Youth Day and also had them doing a more interactive activity in this regard to help them better understand and celebrate Youth Day 2018.

2.13 Happy 20th birthday, Curro

Curro Durbanville's campus was transformed into a scene fitting of a 20-year celebration. Balloons, bunting and 20-year signage were strung from trees and hung from balustrades around the school. The school passages were beautifully decorated with each class and grade getting into the festive spirit. A celebratory assembly took place with special guests in attendance, including Dr Chris van der Merwe who started Curro twenty years ago. Curro Durbanville was also incredibly honoured to have amongst its special attendees other founder members, as well as some of the original educators, first secretary, previous principals and staff members who were part of Curro Durbanville from the very beginning. Dr Van der Merwe was also the guest speaker.



Proceedings in the hall included a few speeches, some wonderful entertainment and the highlight – the cutting of the cake and singing happy birthday to Curro Durbanville! Learners and special guests were treated to an excellent produced video clip which included photos and video footage from our school's archives. The video documentary ran through the school's history and highlighted the progression as a campus, as well as showing many wonderful

events and milestones that have taken place through the years. After the assembly, our special guests walked through a guard-of-honour which included all our junior primary school learners who joined in the celebration by waving flags. Our school's marimba band added to the festivities as well as Alpha, our school's mascot. Just before each learner received a celebratory sweet treat, one last memorable and celebratory moment was held: twenty doves (one dove for every year of our school's existence) were released into the air. This task was carried out by our founder members, CEO, regional head, executive head, acting head of the high school and the head of the primary school, as well as some of our learner council members.

Our special guests went on to enjoy light refreshments together in our school's hospitality suite, which saw old friends catching up and reminiscing over Curro's starting years. A wonderful and blessed time was had by all.

2.14 Sound of Music



As part of the 20-year celebration this year, both the primary and high school joined hands in staging the very popular musical production, *The Sound of Music*, from 1 to 4 August. *The Sound of Music* was selected as it lent itself to a large cast and provided the opportunity for 298 learners from Grades 1 to 12 to participate, either in groups or as individual characters. More than 400 auditions were held for main characters in the fourth term of 2017. We were thoroughly impressed with the talent of our learners and for that reason we decided to select two casts to showcase as many of our talented learners as possible. Being part of a production such as *The Sound of Music* was not only a privilege, but also an invaluable tool to aid the personal development of everyone involved. It was not just about performing on stage and experiencing the wonder of the spotlight. Our young actors and actresses learnt so much more about dedication, self-confidence and professionalism. The camaraderie and fun associated with such a production make the experience unforgettable. *The Sound of Music* was most definitely the highlight of our birthday celebrations.

2.15 Grade 7

Grade 7 Social

Lights, camera, action

Wow, such a red-carpet event, and the stars of the night our very own Grade 7 learners. On Thursday, 20 September, our Grade 7s were treated by our parents to an unforgettable evening of fun and dance and laughter presented just for them. Our Grade 7s looked beautiful and they celebrated the night with their friends.

Thank you very much to the parents who helped to make the night special for our Curro Durbanville Grade 7 celebrities.

Grace Land

On 28 November 2018 our Grade 7s went to Grace Land, Paarl, for their Grade 7 farewell – a well-deserved break after a tough year of hard work and exams. The Grade 7s ended off their year on a high note displaying respect and appreciation towards their educators and friends. We wish all our learners the best as they make ready for a new chapter in the high school. We know our learners will keep making us proud.

2.16 Curro Council

The Curro Council put up a good performance during 2018.

They were the 'face' of Curro Durbanville during the numerous events where they received and welcomed guests. They especially played a significant role during the 20-year birthday celebrations.

The Curro Council on own initiative used exuberant welcome-posters to cordially welcome the learners at the beginning of each term to make them feel at home.

During the first term they conducted the 'Easter egg project'. Approximately 5 000

Easter eggs were handed out to all the patients of the Karl Bremer hospital, to the learners of Attie van Wyk primary school and to the residents of the Andries Olivier quadriplegic centre.



During breaks Curro Council took responsibility on the campus and provided help where needed.

Curro Council conducted a 'mini library project' during the third and fourth terms. Storybooks were collected to provide a mini library to one of our foster schools. A total of 380 books were collected and delivered.

We are grateful for the unselfish cooperation we received from every member of the Curro Council and from their parents during 2018.

2.17 Safety

The health and safety of our school have been well managed this year by Mr Kobus Vermeulen. He left due to a promotion in the Curro Group. Heidi van Wyk from Curro Castle Durbanville took over the reigns and has done a fantastic job to date.

We have had very few serious incidents and are grateful for the work done by our trained first-aiders and secretaries who worked so nicely with our learners. We also had a successful evacuation drill earlier in the year and it was completed in approximately seven minutes. The training that certain staff members have received in health and safety has been relevant and practical to our needs. Finally the upgrade of the access control at our gates from Tier 1 to Tier 2 is in progress and we look forward to the implementation thereof.

Safety awareness talk: Phangela

Curro Durbanville's Grades R to 7 learners attended a presentation by Mr Charl Jacobs, CEO of the Phangela Security Group, about basic safety and stranger danger.

In an age-appropriate manner Mr Jacobs highlighted actions that our learners can take and protocol they should follow if ever feeling threatened or uncomfortable. Mr Jacobs also presented a session for our parents which were very informative.

2.18 Last week programme

After the examination we had an interesting programme for the learners.

On Monday, 26 November, we had our Masters vs Minions. The Grade 7 learners played netball-, rugby- and hockey matches against the educators. It was a day filled with excitement and lots of laughter as well as stressful moments to determine the winners.

On Tuesday, 27 November, we had our interhouse gala. The foundation phase took part in a kick board race, as well as freestyle and backstroke. Our little learners enjoyed it very much.

The intersen phase took part in freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke, medleys and relays. The swimmers gave their best for their teams and were cheered on by fellow learners.

On Wednesday, 28 November, the Grade 1 to Grade 6 learners watched the Storieskip production of Prins Kromtoon....happily ever after. The whole story was filled with humour and laughter and the characters entertained our learners very much. Valuable lessons were also learned.

Later in the day each phase was entertained by our talented learners at a talent show. The learners are so talented in singing, dancing and drama. The judges had a difficult task to determine the three winners of each phase.

On Thursday, 29 November, our learners attended the Split Second Science demonstration in the hall. This was excellent and our learners found it very knowledgeable as they gained a lot of information on Science.

On Friday, 30 November, all the classes held their picnics on the lawn in front of the office. It was a pleasant time for all with all the cakes, sweets and other delicatessen.

3. HIGHLIGHTS: SPORT – Deswin

Curro’s sport continues to develop and grow from strength to strength. We are proud of all our learners and will continue to strive for excellence. We have 4 learners representing South Africa of which 40 representing WPWC and 43 their district in their various sporting codes.

- SA Indoor cricket: 1 player
- SA Judo: 1 learner
- SA Martial Arts: 1 learner
- SA Biathlon: 1 learner
- WP Biathle: 2 learners
- WP Biathlon: 1 learner
- WP Tennis: 6 players
- WP Athletics: 1 athlete
- WP Drum Majorettes: 1 member
- WP Cricket: 1 player
- WP Netball: 1 player
- WP Chess: 11 players
- WP Hockey: 1 player
- WP Jiu-Jitsu: 5 learners
- WP Judo: 1 learner
- WP Cross-country: 1 learner
- WP Wrestling: 1 learner
- WP Trampolining: 2 learners
- WP Underwater hockey: 1 learner
- WP Angling: 1 learner
- WP Gymnastics: 3 learners
- Northern District Colours Cricket: 13 boys
- Zonal Hockey: 2 players
- District Rugby: 2 learners
- District Athletics: 2 learners
- District Chess: 2 learners
- District Swimming: 11 learners
- District Cross-country: 4 learners
- District Gymnastics: 7 learners



3.1 National Achievers

SA Judo	Name of learner
	Andrew Botha
Martial Arts	Name of learner
	Nina Buitendag
SA Biathlon	Name of learner
	Elandri Schmidt
SA Indoor Cricket	Name of learner
	Daniel Lategan

3.2 Provincial Achievers

WP Chess (Full Colours)	Name of learner
	Ryan Perkins Ethan van Heerden Caitlyn Olkers Drake Dicks Reegan Palmer Zanté Palmer Natasha Joubert Hannah van Heerden Declan Olkers Jesse Palmer Aiden Nel
WP Jiu-Jitsu	Name of learner
	Marnus du Plessis Anna Simmons Marné Beukes Leah Coetzee Morgan van der Westhuizen
WP Biathle	Name of learner
	SD Schmidt Elandri Schmidt
WP Biathlon	Name of learner
	Elandri Schmidt
WP Judo	Name of learner
	Andrew Botha
WP Cross-country	Name of learner
	Elandri Schmidt
WP Cricket	Name of learner
	Fahad Khan
WP Tennis	Name of learner
	Hailey Troup Mia Kotze Maria Inggs Milla Kotze Sagen Hugo Reegan Palmer
WP Athletics	Name of learner
	Elandri Schmidt
WP Hockey	Name of learner
	Jesse Muller
WP Netball	Name of learner
	Kiarah Skippers
WP Wrestling	Name of learner
	Janru Barnard
WP Drum Majorettes	Name of learner
	Siyolise Mathiti
WP Trampolining	Name of learner
	Noah Davidtz Riley Sutton
WP Underwater Hockey	Name of learner

	Oliver Nesdale
WP Angling	Name of learner
	Kay-Leigh Goch
Tygerberg Children's Choir Cultural WP	Name of learner
	Jared Isaacs
Robotics	Name of learner
First in WC and ranked No 1 in SA for Explorer category	Bhaumik Patidar Taymon Thops
Public Speaking	Name of learner
Radikale Redenaars First in WC and 2nd in SA	Joshua Beckley
WP Gymnastics	Name of learner
	Danté Botha Emily Muller Lené Joubert

3.3 District sport

Hockey	Name of learner
	Josh Beckley Kieren Samuels
Rugby	Name of learner
	Phillip Ritter Ethan Fransman
Athletics	Name of learner
	Luke van der Merwe Gabriella Celliers
Cricket	Name of learner
	Marco van Schalkwyk Phillip Ritter Daniel Lategan Luke van der Merwe Blake van Rooyen Tristen Celliers Henco Lourens Dean Huesmann Vaughn Visagie Joshua van Tonder Joshua Zietsman Janré Lourens Daniel Myburgh
Chess	Name of learner
	Kieren Samuels Christof Dreyer
Swimming	Name of learner
	Gemma Jones Troy Jones Taryn-Leigh Lochner Gabrielle Nieuwoudt Caellum Olkers Elandri Schmidt Jenna Smit Anika Visser

	Skye Westerhuis Kate Wilkinson Joshua Mettler
Cross-country	Name of learner
	Kate Wigington Hannah Henderson Mea Botha SD Schmidt
Gymnastics	Name of learner
	Jarryd Rebelo Jemma Fraenkel Camden Rebelo Angelica Joseph Rosa Joseph Mieke Brand Leah Coetzee

3.4 Curro Durbanville sport achievers

Versatile Sportswoman of the year: Elandri Schmidt

Versatile Sportsman of the year: SD Schmidt

Curro Sport Achiever of the year: Elandri Schmidt



3.5 Curro Regionals

Curro Durbanville hosted the annual Curro regionals on Friday, 4 May. The participating Curro schools were Durbanville, Meridian Pinehurst, Century City, Langebaan, Sitari, Mossel Bay, Hermanus and Kathu. Matches were played throughout the day. Teams were selected on merit to represent a team at the annual Curro Nationals, hosted by KwaZulu-Natal in September.

Rugby

- u.11 - 6 boys in Disa A team
- u.13 - 8 boys chosen for Disa team

Our Durbanville boys played great 7s rugby and represented our school well. Good luck to the chosen boys who will represent the Western Cape as the Disa team.

- u.11 played 3, won 2 lost 1
- u.13 Durbanville A played 3, won 3
- Durbanville B played 3, won 1 lost 2
- Durbanville C played 3, lost 3

Congratulations to the following u.11 boys that were included in the Disa A side:

Liam l'Ons
Soyisa Pongolo
Kehan Steynberg
Zack Bisson
Andre Blewett
Amo Kgwadi

Congratulations to the following u.12 and u.13 boys that were chosen to represent the Disa side:

Fahad Kahn
 Ethan Fransman
 Troy Jones
 Luke van der Merwe
 Andrew Botha
 Humelo Rafiki
 Vaughn Visagie
 Phillip Ritter

Hockey

- u.11 and u.13 – 47 players are chosen for nationals

Netball

- u.13 – 6 players
- u.12 – 3 players
- Mrs Sonja Krige coach for u.11 A Disa team.

3.6 Curro National tournament

Curro nationals: Primary schools

The Curro nationals for primary schools took place in Durban this year with Curro Hillcrest as host school. Sixty-three of Curro Durbanville's primary school learners were selected to participate as part of the Disa team representing Western Province Curro schools. During Curro nationals the Disa team competed against provincial teams from other Curro schools across our country.

The results for the Western Province Disa teams were as follows:

Netball

u.13A: 2nd
 u.13B: 3rd
 u.11A: 1st
 u.11B: 5th

Hockey

u.11 A boys: 3rd
 u.11 B boys: 7th
 u.11 A girls: 1st
 u.11 B girls: 4th
 u.13 A boys: 1st
 u.13 B boys: 7th
 u.13 A girls: 3rd
 u.13 B girls: 7th

Rugby

u.11 A: 2nd
 u.11 B: 3rd
 u.13 A: 1st
 u.13 B: 2nd

Wonderful team spirit was evident throughout the competition with important life lessons learned, memories made and friendships formed. Special thanks to the parents who were able to attend. It is wonderful to be part of the Curro family where this type of national tournament is possible.

3.7 Curro Interschools: Curro Durbanville vs Langebaan

Along with Curro Durbanville's 20th birthday celebration this year, it was our turn to host the annual interschools against Curro Langebaan. The Big Brag was held on Thursday in the CR van der Merwe hall where all the u.13 teams were introduced to the rest of the school by their coaches. The teams were encouraged and motivated for their respective matches against the Meerkats of Curro Langebaan. Early Saturday morning the teams braved the cold to see who would be victorious against Curro Langebaan. The Durbanville Wolves' and Langebaan Meerkats' spirit was incredible and everyone was ready to take on their opponents. Our learners played their hearts out and showed off their skills. All games were played with such good spirit and positive sportsmanship.

Netball

The Langebaan Meerkats were a bit stronger than our junior teams and our u.7, u.8 and u.10 teams lost while the u.9 team drew their game. Each and every 'little wolf' gave their best on the court and we are very proud of them. The senior teams had a fantastic day against the Meerkats. The Wolves proved they were ready for the challenge and won all their games.

The results were as follows:

u.11 won 9 – 5
u.12 won 12 – 6
u.13 won 15 – 13

Rugby

Our annual interschools against Curro Langebaan kicked off on 18 August on our home ground. All our teams were motivated and determined to do no less than their best. The day was filled with hard but well-played rugby. Congratulations to all our teams on the good results:

u.7 won 8 – 0
u.8 lost 0 – 10
u.9 won 5 – 1
u.10 drew vs Alpha primary u.11
u.11 lost 7 – 15
u.13 drew 5 all

Swimming

It was wonderful news to get the go ahead that swimming was resuming in term 3 and that we would literally kicked it off with a splash in the form of our interschool gala against Langebaan! Every event ran like clockwork and the afternoon sped by culminating in the last event, the relay. Curro Durbanville emerged victorious and our swimmers were amazing!

The final score was as follows:

Curro Durbanville scored 193 points, and Langebaan 139. Elandri Schmidt was our top female swimmer for the day. A fantastic achievement, Elandri, we are so proud of you!

Hockey

It was a cold Friday when our hockey teams competed in this year's interschool matches. The hockey was of a very high standard and all games were played with tremendous spirit between the opposing schools. Curro Durbanville's hockey teams performed exceptionally in all of their matches.

Matches played: 13

Won 10, lost 1, drew 2
 Goals scored: 64
 Goals conceded: 10

Chess

Competing for the first time in the annual interschools on Friday, 17 August 2018 against Langebaan, we entered three teams. We made the right moves and are extremely proud of having won all our matches. The scores were:

u.9 won 6 – 0
 u.11 won 5 – 1
 u.13 won 6 – 0

3.8 CR van der Merwe tennis tournament

Curro Durbanville hosted the annual CR van der Merwe tennis tournament from 19 – 21 September 2018. Due to rain on the first day, matches had to be moved and an extra round had to be played on both days.

Boys

Curro vs Eversdal 5 – 11
 Curro vs Gene Louw 10 – 6
 Curro vs Eikestad B 10 – 7
 Curro vs Stellenbosch 3 – 14
 Curro vs Eikestad A 0 – 16
 The Curro boys ended 4th overall.

Girls

vs Eversdal 16 – 0
 vs Gene Louw 14 – 3
 vs Eikestad B 16 – 0
 vs Stellenbosch 16 – 0
 vs Eikestad A 9 – 7
 Our Curro girls won the tournament for the first time.

3.9 Wall of Fame

- Any learner who has excelled nationally in a Curro sport or an outside/private sport can be awarded with this.
- The learner must have received a placing in SA or world ranking.
- A photo will be placed in the foyer and the learner will receive a copy of it at the Evening of Excellence.

Two learners have been awarded this honour.



Andrew Botha: Judo

In July Andrew Botha was crowned SA national champion for u.12 for the second consecutive year.

Nina Buitendag: Mixed Martial Arts

Nina Buitendag was chosen to represent South Africa in the developmental team for Martial Arts. She took part in the TSKA World Championships held in the USA in July. Nina was placed first for clash fighting, second for high kick and third for continuous fighting. This means that she was placed first, second and third in the world in her age group. Nina also broke the world record for high kick.



4. CO-CURRICULAR: SPORT GENERAL

4.1 Summer sports

4.1.1 Cricket

- Due to the drought minimum games was played this year.
- The u.13 boys played against a touring team from Bedford, UK.
- We are proud of the following learner achievements:
 - Fahad Khan (WP)
 - Daniel Lategan (SA indoor)
- The following u.10 to u.13 boys have been selected for the District North cricket teams:
 - U.10: Janre Lourens and Daniel Myburgh
 - U.12: Phillip Ritter, Josh van Tonder, Joshua Zietsman, Black van Rooyen, Vaughn Visagie, Dean Huesman, David Lategan, Tristen Celliers, Henco Lourens and Luke van der Merwe
 - U.13 Marco van Schalkwyk

Mossel Bay cricket tournament

During the September holidays Curro Durbanville's u.13A cricket team participated in the annual Mossel Bay cricket tournament.

Our boys played five T20 matches and good results were achieved. We won two out of five matches with a very young team and we are looking forward to the 2019 tournament.

We would like to thank Mr Jeanne Potgieter and Mr Chad Richter for making this tour one to remember. We are so proud of this team and wish them all the best for the upcoming season.

4.1.2 Swimming

Curro swimming, from strength to strength!

We took part at the level 1, 2 and 3 championships and our swimmers made us very proud with their results.

- **Caellum Oikers** competed at CSA regionals, level 2, where he had 5 personal bests, reached 4 finals, received gold for 50 m backstroke, gold for 100 m backstroke and bronze for 100 m breaststroke. He also walked away with two awards at the recently held prize-giving at Curro Aquatics for the 'best attendance' in his age group as well as best 'up and coming swimmer' of the year.

- **Joshua Mettler** participated in the level 3 champs and swam in the following events: 100 m breaststroke, 50 m backstroke with a new personal best of 42:18, 100 m freestyle with a new PB of 1:14:16, and 50 m freestyle with a new PB of 33:45.
- **Ethan van Heerden and Hannah van Heerden** was selected for 'CTMA INTERDISTRICT JL INVITATIONAL CHAMPS 2018'. Ethan got a silver medal for freestyle relay and 2 personal bests. Hannah achieved 1 personal best!

Friendly galas at Kenridge

We competed at the following friendly galas at Kenridge this year:

- On 18 October we attended our first senior mixed relay gala at Kenridge. Our swimmers competed against six other schools, namely Kenridge, Somerset House, Eversdal, Durbanville, Sun Valley and Parklands. Although it was a friendly gala, the pace was fast and the competition fierce. The biggest challenge our learners faced was the freezing water in Kenridge's outdoor pool. It literally took their breaths away as they are used to the warm, welcoming temperatures of our indoor pool. Well done to all our swimmers who did their best.
- On 29 October the u.7 – u.9 swimmers took part in a friendly gala at Kenridge. For some of our swimmers this was the first gala that they had ever participated in. They certainly rose to the occasion and made us very proud! Our seasoned swimmers brought their A game and achieved very pleasing results. Well done to all our swimmers with the very successful event. We encourage our primary school learners to join in the fun at swimming and training towards becoming part of the school team.
- On 6 November our u.10 – u.14 swimmers took part at Kenridge. They gave it their all and we achieved first and second places throughout the event. What an awesome result!
- Skye Westerhuis and Joshua Mettler were selected and competed at Western Cape trials. Well done to these very talented swimmers.

The year culminated in our Interhouse gala which was held on 26 November. Great fun, sportsmanship and skills were the order of the day.

4.1.3 Athletics

Two athletes, Gabriella Celliers (u.13) and Luke van der Merwe (u.12), were chosen to participate at WP Athletics championships.

At the SA championships Elandri Schmidt came 7th out of the 72 participants in the u.14 1 500 m although she is still u.13.

Top 10 athletics

This year we hosted our fifth consecutive Top 10 athletics meeting. It still is a wonderful experience competing with all the visiting schools. The participating schools were:

- Curro Sitari
- Curro Century City
- Curro Brackenfell
- Meridian Pinehurst
- Gene Louw
- Kenridge

- Brackenfell Primary
- Durbanville Primary
- Durbanville Prep

Only the top athletes from each school were invited to participate at this event. Our athletes achieved excellent results:

Zeta Bruintjies u.7: 50 m, 1st and 80 m, 2nd
 Adam Jacobs u.10: 100 m, 2nd
 Hannah Henderson u.11: 100 m, 2nd
 Gabriella Celliers u.13: 80 m, 2nd and 100 m, 2nd
 Fahad Khan u.13: 100 m, 2nd

Durbell Athletics

Our Curro athletes obtained good results at the Durbell athletics meeting. In spite of the heat and strong schools that we were competing against, many of our athletes were selected to take part in the finals. Luke and Gabriella obtained the following results at the Northern Zone meeting:

Luke van der Merwe u.12: 75 m-hurdles, 3rd
 Gabriella Celliers u.13: 200 m, 4th

Both athletes were selected to participate at the Western Province Athletics championships. Gabriella received 7th place in the finals at this meeting.

Elandri Schmidt

Elandri Schmidt has had a very successful athletics season. Although she participated in the u.14 events, she is one of our Grade 7 learners.

Interschools Athletics

800 m u.14, 1st new record
 1 500 m u.14, 1st new record

Northern Zone Athletics

800 m u.14, 1st
 1 500 m u.14, 1st

Western Province Athletics

800 m u.14, 4th
 1 500 m u.14, 3rd

Aristea Athletics

Our junior athletics team started their season with the annual Aristeia meeting. Congratulations to Zeta Bruintjies who won two gold medals in the 50 m and 80 m for u.8 girls.

Kenridge Athletics

Our junior athletics team participated in the friendly Kenridge athletics meeting. The aim of the meeting was participation and enjoyment. Our athletes enjoyed the meeting a great deal!

Kenridge Athletics: Field events

Our senior athletes participated in the Kenridge field event athletics day. The competing schools were Gene Louw, Kenridge, Curro Durbanville and Tableview.

The field athletes' season ended on a high note when they received the following good results:

Rusanne van Zyl u.10 shotput, 1st
 Hannah Henderson u.11 long jump, 1st
 Kehan Steynberg u.11 long jump, 2nd

Luke van der Merwe u.12 long jump, 2nd and high jump, 3rd
 Joshua Mettler u.12 long jump, 1st
 Tiago de Gouveia u.12 shotput, 1st
 Gabriella Celliers u.13 high jump, 3rd
 Kristin Proudfoot u.13 shotput, 3rd
 Fahad Khan u.13 high jump, 3rd and long jump, 2nd

Congratulations to our athletics team on their excellent results! We are very proud of you!

Interhouse athletics

We are extremely proud of our learners for their hard work and dedication for the preparation of our colour sports athletics. They have shown us that hard work does pay off. The three days were a huge success.

The cheerleaders of both teams kept the learners singing and cheering throughout the day. They opened the day with creative dance routines. The cheerleaders were:

BLUE TEAM Theme: <i>Army</i>	WHITE TEAM Theme: <i>Grease</i>
Mia Dippenaar	Megan Naudé
Meghane Jansen	Carl Vlok
Zoe Brown	Kristin Proudfoot
Sanah Healey	Luhle Mati
Keyna Gibbs	Hailey Troup
Joshua Lodewyk	Gabrielle Nieuwoudt
Joshua Beckley	Olof Wilsch
Ethan Fransman	Daniel Kurc
Troy Jones	

Team captains

Jenna Eagar

Noah Kinnear

On both track events days our captains inspired the learners with some wise words before the fun competition started.

The following records were broken:

Field items				
High jump	Boys u.12	Luke van der Merwe	white	1.46 m
Shot-put	Girls u.13	Kristin Proudfoot	white	8.81 m
Track items				
800 m	Boys u.10	SD Schmidt	white	2.35.00
800 m	Girls u.11	Hannah Henderson	blue	2.41.18
800 m	Girls u.11	Jamie Matthys	white	2.50.00
800 m	Girls u.10	Leyla Wagner	white	3.00.00 (matched the record)
75 m Hurdles	Girls u.13	Jenna Eagar	blue	13.02
200 m	Boys u.13	Fahad Khan	white	25.53

Congratulations to the following trophy winners:

u.7 Best track athlete: Girl	Rosa Karhama
u.7 Best track athlete: Boy	Reuben Bosch
u.8 Best track athlete: Girl	Zeta Bruintjies
u.8 Best track athlete: Boy	Blane Ernstzen
u.9 Best track athlete: Girl	Nica Odendaal
u.9 Best track athlete: Boy	Dehan van Deventer
Best track athlete: Boy	Fahad Khan
Best track athlete: Girl	Gabriella Celliers
Best field athlete: Boys	Fahad Khan Luke van der Merwe Kyle Abbott
Best field athlete: Girl	Kristin Proudfoot
u.13 Best track athlete	Fahad Khan
Victrix Ludorum	Gabriella Celliers
Victor Ludorum	Fahad Khan

These three days will continue to be one of the highlights on our calendar.

4.1.4 Tennis

- On 16 – 18 March 2018 both Mia Kotze (Grade 6) and Hailey Troup (Grade 7) excelled on the tennis court.
- Mia was the winner of the u.12 division of the KwaZulu-Natal TSA tournament and Hailey won the u.14 division of the TSA Boland tournament in Stellenbosch.

Western Province Wilson (played in northern suburbs area)

During February and March the following learners participated in the first leg of the Western Province Wilson tournament. We are very proud of their achievements.

Girls u.14B: Lisa Mybrugh – 2nd

Boys u.9A: Christof Dreyer – 3rd

Boys u.10A: Dehan van Deventer – 3rd

In the second leg of the tournament Dehan came first in his age group and Christof second in his age group. Congratulations to these learners.

Fast 5 tennis tournament (Round Robin)

The Grade 5 and Grade 6 learners participated in our first Curro Fast 5 tournament which took place at our school on Saturday, 17 February. The players impressed us by keeping the scores themselves and we are so proud of the progress they made throughout the morning. Well done to our winners, Antonio Rusconi and Ameline Ricketts. We are hoping to host more of these mini tournaments in the future.

Curro Durbanville learners ace the tennis court

The following Curro Durbanville learners represented the Western Province in the inter-provincial tennis tournament and contributed to the WP success story.

Reegan Palmer (WP u.11B Matzikama Interpro, gold), Jordan Gertse (u.11 Synergy Cup, gold), Mia Kotze (u.12A Synergy Cup, gold), Maria Inggs (u.12A Synergy Cup, gold), Sagen Hugo (u.13A Synergy Cup, bronze), Cassidy Cupido (u.13A Synergy Cup, bronze) and Hailey Troup (u.13A Interpro).

Curro Durbanville learners show their strength on the tennis court

From 16 – 18 March 2018, both Mia Kotze (Grade 6) and Hailey Troup (Grade 7) excelled on the tennis court. Mia was the winner of the u.12 division of the KwaZulu-Natal TSA tournament and Hailey won the u.14 division of the TSA Boland tournament in Stellenbosch. Well done on these brilliant results, girls!

Boland Mini Series tournament in Strand (26, 27 May and 3 June)

- Mia Kotze (Curro Durbanville, Grade 6), u.12 section
- Singles – 2nd place
- Doubles – 1st place

Individual achievements

- **Hailey Troup**, our number one girl player, and Sagen Hugo, our number one boy player, were invited to attend a training camp at Curro Hillcrest.
- On 4 August **Dehan van Deventer** (Grade 3) took part in the WP Wilsons u.10 tournament where he won the singles section.
- **Mia Kotze** and **Mila Kotze** both took part in the WP Mini Series 4 from 3 – 5 August. Mia (u.14) came 8th in the singles section and Mila (u.12) came 4th in the singles section.
- **Ruven Schoeman** and **Evan Schoeman** took part in the Boland Wilson Somerset West tournament and came third in their respective age groups.

Tennis Achievers

Hailey Troup

Hailey is currently ranked 9th in the country u.13. She has had a very successful year so far on the tennis court, winning the Cape Town and Boland Mini Masters u.14 section. She has also been part of the school's first team since her Grade 4 year.

Mia Kotze

Mia is currently ranked 11th in the country u.12. Mia has had a fantastic run of tournaments, and came 2nd in the KZN and WP Mini Masters. She won the Boland Mini Masters.

Milla Kotze

Milla is a Grade 4 learner but plays for the first team. She recently played the WP Mini Series Masters (u.10) and ended 2nd. In the Boland Mini Series Masters (u.12) she placed 6th.



4.2 Winter sports

4.2.1 Hockey

It has been another very successful year for primary school hockey at Curro Durbanville. Our hockey teams have once again shown great growth and we finished this year with around 27 hockey teams across the board. This is indeed a fantastic feat and we trust that our hockey will continue to grow and prosper on the coming years.

Durbell u.13A boys hockey Zonal team

Joshua Beckley and Kieran Samuels

They were selected for the Durbell u.13A boys' hockey Zonal team. This is a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of these two boys! The tournament took place from 4 – 8 July 2018.

Jesse Müller

He was selected for the boys' u.13A Western Province hockey team. Well done, Jesse. You have done yourself and Curro Durbanville proud! The provincial tournament took place during the July school holidays.

Zonal representation

The following players were selected for the boys' u.13A Durbell Zonal team:

Joshua Beckley

Kieran Samuels

Western Province hockey representation

The vice-captain of the boys' u.13A hockey team at Curro, Jesse Müller, was recently rewarded for all his hard work with his selection into the boys' u.13A Western Province hockey team.

On Thursday, 16 August, our hockey teams pitted themselves against the strong competition of Bastion primary school. With a total of 24 matches played across the board, our players really performed very well. CHES PLAYED MATCHES WON MATCHES LOST MATCHES DRAWN

Some praiseworthy performances include the following:

Girls' u.9B won 5 – 4

Girls' u.10A won 5 – 1

Girls' u.11A won 6 – 0

Boys' u.10A won 6 – 0

Boys' u.13A won 2 – 1

Curro u.13A boys triumphant against Bastion's u.13A premier league team

Curro Durbanville was victorious against Bastion primary's u.13A premier league team. After the first 12 minutes of the game and a score of 1 – 0 against them, the Curro boys fought back and Michael Giles scored a goal. Joshua Metler secured the win with his goal in the second half.

Curro Durbanville's 'Hockey under Lights' Night Bash

On 24 August 2018 Curro Durbanville hosted its first ever u.13 'Hockey under Lights' festival. Hockey players on the day included u.13 boys and girls from schools across the district, namely:

- Curro Durbanville
- Gene Louw
- Table View primary school
- Totius
- Sunningdale
- Fanie Theron

The players and coaches were all very excited to be able to play all their matches on the main astro turf with many of these games being played at night and under the flood lights to boot! Great fun was had by all and we look forward to continued success when we host this festival in 2019.

Paul Roos u.12 cup

On 31 August and 1 September our u.12 boys' hockey team, comprising of u.10, u.11 and u.12 boys, took part in the annual (and very prestigious) Paul Roos Gymnasium u.12 hockey cup, hosted by Paul Roos Gymnasium at the Maties Astro Turf in Stellenbosch. Here the boys were exposed to very strong competition and were also afforded the privilege of playing on a fantastic astro turf while playing a few of these games under lights. Our boys did Curro proud and returned home with another impressive performance, finishing 9th out of 18 schools.

4.2.2 Netball

It was a very successful and busy 2018-netball season. Approximately 100 girls took part in netball this year. At every age group from u.7 to u.12 there were two teams, but at the u.8s, u.11s and u.13s, there was only one team. We had 11 teams in the league. The Grade Rs also had the opportunity to take part in netball this year. Around 20 girls were receiving coaching for netball skills.

The netball season in 2018 is characterised by many opportunities that were afforded to players. Also very good results and highlights were achieved this year which made Curro and especially the coaches very proud. Teams took part in league matches every Wednesday and played at tournaments on Saturdays.

Leagues

This season we have played league matches against seven schools. Both Curro's u.11 and u.12 teams came first in their league where they did not lose any of their matches, and finished second in the B section of Metropolis North. They participated in the Western Province's final playoffs. The u.13 team finished second overall in their league after they have lost only one of their league matches.

Provincial player

Kiearah Skippers was selected for the WP u.11 team to participate in the interdistrict tournament in Wellington in July. Her team won a bronze medal.

Curro National Tournament

Nine of Curro Durbanville's netball players were selected at the annual regional trials for the Disa teams which took part in the national Curro tournament in Durban from 24 – 26 September. The players were:

u.13: Kayleigh Schultz
Julia Theron
Zoé Brown
Natalie Govender
Ashleigh Henn
Luhle Mati

u.11: Kiearah Skippers
Ayo Simelane
Buhle Yako

Tours

The u.13A team went on tour with the rugby at Glenwood in George. They won all their matches and were named as the winners of the tournament.

In March the u.12A team participated in the Knysna netball festival. The team gained a lot of experience with eleven games played over three days.

Referees

Sonja Krige graduated at the Knysna netball festival and got a C+ rating.

Coaches

Sonja Krige was appointed as a Western Cape u.12 coach and attended the SA Championships (all ages) in Boksburg during the June holidays.

She was also the general team manager of the nine WP teams who participated in the interdistrict tournament in Wellington in July.

Dianthea Thyssen coached the u.12 and u.13 teams. She is also a qualified SA B referee and former Tornado netball player.

2019 Prospects

The u.11 and u.12 teams have already enrolled in October to start playing action netball for the summer netball season.

Curro's netball achieved so many highlights in 2018 which can only be attributed to netball players who participate with so much enthusiasm and dedication to exercises, matches and tournaments. Many players developed well in their game this year.

Thanks to coaches who put their time and love into the players and teams. Congratulations to every team who won matches and tournaments. Thank you to every player who was part of a team and your contribution to 2018's successful netball season and your team's success. We are looking forward to the 2019 netball season.

Grade R

The Grade R girls also had their practice on Tuesdays this year with their coach, Billy Wagner. The little ones are always full of enthusiasm and enjoyed every practice. They focused on learning new ball skills, netball skills and getting to know the court better.

Tournaments

U.12 Netball tournament

- Curro Durbanville's u.12 netball team attended the Backward Point netball festival in Knysna from 26 – 29 April.
- They played 12 games over 3 days, winning 8 in total. There were about 400 players from 40 different schools from as far as Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth.
- One of the highlights was a special visit to the Knysna elephant park where the girls could feed and touch the elephants.

U.13 Sports festival Brackenfell Primary

- The results of JW Groenewald u.13 sports festival Brackenfell Primary, 4 August: the u.13 team played against De Villiers Graaff, Sun Valley and Brackenfell Primary. It is always such a good experience for our learners to play in tournaments.

4.2.3 Rugby

Another fun and successful rugby season is behind us. The rugby matches were filled with much excitement and pride as we watched our players put their game plans into action. The hard work that had gone into each practice was evident in the performance and level of fitness of our players on the field.

Our opponents were strong, and although we did not always surface as the winning team, we are most proud of their competitiveness, sportsmanship and endurance during each of the matches.

We are exceptionally proud of Phillip Ritter (u.12) and Ethan Fransman (u.13) who represented our school in their respective age groups in the district zone teams.

Our sincere thanks go to our coaches and each of the 125 rugby players for their commitment and participation on the field. We are looking forward to another successful season next year.

Glenwood House George Tour: u.13A Rugby

On Thursday, 19 April, the u.13 team departed from Curro Durbanville to take part in the annual Glenwood House rugby festival in George. It was the fourth time that we have participated in this tournament and the boys were very excited to undertake the trip. We stayed over at Carmel guesthouse with a beautiful view over the scenic Victoria Bay.

Thursday 19 April 2018

- Beat Blanco 12 – 10
- Beat Fish Hoek primary school 12 – 7

Friday 20 April 2018

- Lost against Caledon 26 – 12
- Lost against Glenwood House 15 – 12
- Lost against Rhenish 12 – 7

Saturday 21 April 2018

- Beat Herbert Hurd 22 – 7
- Drew vs Somerset College 12 – 12

Ethan Fransman was selected as best forward of the tournament.

This tour presented wonderful development and team building opportunities for our u.13 rugby boys.

The u.11 team also took part in the annual Panorama u.11 rugby tournament. They lost 2 and won 2 matches, ending up 2nd in their group.

4.2.4 Cross-country

This year we had a very successful cross-country season with many learners doing their best at representing our school and keeping our name up high. Each year the number of learners participating in this sport increases and we are proud of all our runners.

On Wednesday, 1 August 2018, Elandri Schmidt took part in the cross-country Zonals championship where she came first in the u.14 girls.

On Friday, 3 August 2018, we took part in the cross-country Zonals championship at CPUT. It was a tough race, yet they ran their hearts out.

On Saturday, 11 August 2018, the following Curro Durbanville learners qualified for the next round and took part in the cross-country Western Province championships at Fairmont High School:

- Elandri Schmidt
- SD Schmidt
- Kate Wigington
- Hannah Henderson
- Mea Botha
- Holly Wigington

Elandri Schmidt came third in her age group at the trials and has therefore been selected to represent Western Province cross-country championships at Dal Josaphat, Paarl on Saturday,

25 August. This was a tough and challenging event where the best in the Western Cape competed and they also had to endure the wind and rain. Elandri had an excellent race and ended in seventh place for girls' u.14. We are extremely proud of her achievement.

4.2.5 Chess

Chess highlights

On Tuesday, 21 August, we hosted our first chess round robin in the mini-hall. Four schools participated, namely Curro Durbanville, Reddam House, Gene Louw and Durbanville primary school. Matches were played until just after 17:00 that afternoon. Our arbiter coach Roland Willenberg, had to make decisions when serious competitive players would differ about moves made. We are extremely proud to report that Curro Durbanville had won ALL their matches. We however want to make special mention of our u.13 team, since they won all their matches with a full score, 6 – 0!

Metro North district team: closed trials

On 9 and 10 March thirteen players participated in this event which was hosted on the home turf at Curro Durbanville. The u.9 participants were Drake Dicks, Aiden Nel, Hannah van Heerden, Christof Dreyer, Declan Olkers, and Jesse Palmer. The u.11 team were Reegan Palmer, Caitlyn Olkers and Milla Vorster. The u.13 team were Kieran Samuels, Zanté Palmer, Natasha Joubert and Ryan Perkins.

Top schools

During the weekend of 24 – 26 August the Western Cape Top Schools playoffs were hosted in Caledon. For two days, top schools were competing until late in the afternoon. The u.13 team returned home with silver and a second place, even though they had to play without two of their top players.

The team was:

- Board 1: Kieran Samuels (captain)
- Board 2: Natasha Joubert
- Board 3: Declan Olkers
- Board 4: Caitlyn Olkers
- Board 5: Ryan Perkins
- Board 6: Drake Dicks

Wintersport: Chess

Chess is not a seasonal sport and is therefore enjoyed throughout the year.

The year started off with 110 learners attending weekly coaching sessions. Grade 1 to Grade 3 had 79 players and Grade 4 to Grade 7 had 31 players.



Cape of Good Hope chess tournament

On 27 January 2018 the abovementioned event hosted at the Bellville Technical School. Jesse Palmer came third in the D section and Zanté Palmer was also placed third in the C section (girls).

SAJCC: The South African Junior Closed Chess championships are an annual event hosted in Boksburg. This year it was scheduled for 3 – 12 January.

The results were as follows:

Ethan Joel van Heerden	u.10	WP B	silver
Declan Olkers	u.10	WP A	silver
Caitlyn Olkers	u.10 Girls	WP A	silver
Natasha Joubert	u.14 Girls	WP A	silver

Welgemoed chess challenge

On 24 February, many Curro chess players individually entered this event to sharpen their skills and be challenged by the talents of 202 chess opponents of schools in our district. Players could only enter in three age groups and therefore had to compete against opponents who might be much older. Declan Olkers (4th) and Jesse Palmer (10th) deserve special mention in the u.10 division. Each player was awarded with a medal after a long and tiring day, starting at 07:00 and ending at 16:00. Our chess players are blessed to have such dedicated parents who support and transport them to the weekly events. The primary school wishes to thank them for their continued support.

Panorama play day

On Friday, 9 March, thirteen chess players participated in the 'Come play day' hosted by Panorama primary school. This was a first-time event and no medals or trophies were awarded. Eleven Grade 1 and Grade 2 learners were happy to make use of the opportunity to informally participate.

Metro North district team: closed trials

On 9 and 10 March thirteen players participated in this event which was hosted on the home turf at Curro Durbanville. The results were as follows:

u.9	u.11	u.13
no. 1 Declan Olkers – gold	no. 1 Reegan Palmer – gold	no. 1 Kieran Samuels – gold
no. 2 Jesse Palmer – silver	no. 10 Drake Dicks	no. 9 Ryan Perkins
no. 6 Christof Dreyer	no. 1 Caitlyn Olkers – gold (girl)	no. 1 ZantéPalmer – gold (girl)
no. 10 Aiden Nel	no. 3 Milla Vorster – bronze (girl)	no. 3 Natasha Joubert – bronze (girl)
no. 1 Hannah van Heerden – gold (girl)	Ethan v Heerden (Reserve)	

Panorama chess challenge

On Saturday, 24 March, our three teams participated in this annual event hosted by Panorama primary school. This challenge is a pre-cursor and warm-up for the upcoming league matches. The 100 players were from seven participating schools, namely Curro Durbanville, Eversdal, Gene Louw, Brackenfell, Bellpark, Welgemoed and Panorama primary. Since most of the stronger players have attended the Steinitz chess festival which is a qualifying tournament for the nationals, we were extremely proud of these results achieved by the less-experienced players. The u.9s was placed fourth and both the u.11 and u.13 teams took second place.

Steinitz chess

The Steinitz chess festival was hosted at Bellville Technical High School from 21 – 25 March 2018. Since the Steinitz tournament is recognised as one of the strongest club tournaments in the country, Curro Durbanville is proud to report that Reegan Palmer, u.11, was awarded a trophy as the overall top primary school player of 2018, and Caitlyn Olkers was awarded the trophy as the best player in the girl's open section where she competed not only against primary but also high school girls.

Friendly matches

These matches are played every fortnight to meet up with neighbouring schools to create opportunities for our non-league players to sharpen their skills, and to prepare themselves for selection into the school teams.

League matches

The three league teams proved their talent and skills by the following results for 2018:

Team	Total	Games won	Games lost
u.9	41 – 7	7	1
u.11	37.5 – 16.5	7	2
u.13	45 – 9	8	1
TOTAL	123.5 – 32.5	36	4

SA JCC 2018 Squad

Fourteen of our primary school players had been invited to join this squad in preparation for the 2018 nationals in Boksburg. They were identified as a WP elect team. Their squad camp was held on 12 May at Bellville THS.

They are Jesse Palmer, Christof Dreyer, Declan Olkers, Hannah van Heerden, Aiden Nel, Caitlyn Olkers, Ethan van Heerden, Drake Dicks, Milla Vorster, Reegan Palmer, Kieran Samuels, Natasha Joubert, Zanté Palmer and Ryan Perkins.

WP primary school chess team 2018

The u.13 chess team was nominated as a team of the year finalist by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. They were awarded a beautiful glass trophy at an extravagant gala function hosted at the UWC on Wednesday, 25 July 2018.

WP district top schools trials

On Saturday, 28 July, our three primary school teams participated in this annual event hosted at Fairmont high school. Despite many players being involved in SOM on that day, the results were spectacular. Amongst hundreds of players our u.9 team finished in second place (silver), the u.11 team ended up in fourth place and the u.13 team returned home with gold – 1st place! Our u.9 team members were Jesse Palmer, Hannah van Heerden, Aiden Nel, Mei Yao Yi, Liam Huysamen and James Huysamen. The u.13 team members were Kieran Samuels, Reegan Palmer, Natasha Joubert, Declan Olkers, Caitlyn Olkers and Ryan Perkins.

Top schools

During the weekend of 24 – 26 August the Western Cape Top Schools playoffs were hosted in Caledon. For two days top schools were competing until late in the afternoon. The u.13 team returned home with silver and a second place, even though they had to play without two of their top players.

The team was:

Board 1: Kieran Samuels (captain)

Board 2: Natasha Joubert

Board 3: Declan Olkers

Board 4: Caitlyn Olkers

Board 5: Ryan Perkins

Board 6: Drake Dicks

Speed chess tournament

On Friday, 31 August, Curro Durbanville was represented by a team of four chess players who had participated in the Paarl Boys primary school speed chess tournament. The team was Kieran Samuels, Zanté Palmer, Declan Olkers and Jesse Palmer. We are proud of their second place, beating schools like Welgemoed and the host school, Paarl Boys.

2018 ACL chess festival

From 5 – 7 October 2018 Hannah van Heerden, Ethan van Heerden and Ryan Perkins participated in the ACL chess festival. These players had to show their talent by playing five rounds (Swiss) – some starting at 09:00 and only ending close to 19:00 in the evening. It was hosted at the Sans Souci Girls high school in Newlands. We wish to congratulate these players for taking on opportunities to improve and boast with their chess skills.

Western Cape Rapid championships

On Saturday, 20 October 2018, the Western Cape Rapid championships were hosted in Worcester. The teams were represented by only two players per age group. Natasha Joubert was one of the few players identified and selected to represent the WP A team which, at the prize-giving, was announced as the Cape Rapid chess champions. The best news, however, is that Natasha had a perfect score of 5/5! Natasha is deserving of her medal and 2018 queen trophy!

Aristea friendly chess tournament

On 15 September 2018 Matthew Holcombe participated in his first friendly chess match. After playing five rounds, Matthew was awarded the second place in the u.7 category!

Cape Metro Girls Open Chess Tournament

Zanté Palmer (u.13), Caitlyn Olkers (u.11) and Hannah van Heerden (u.9) took part in this event at Brackenfell high school. Zanté was awarded the 1st place for girls u.13!

4.2.6 Drummies

Our drummies have performed exceptionally well during the 2017 and 2018 season. The team has represented Curro Durbanville since 2002 and it is with a sad heart that we greet this fabulous sport.

Western Province group championships

In very wet and icy conditions the girls performed exceptionally well and ended ranked 2nd in the Western Province for the following displays:

- Flag group
- Non-prop/Pom group
- Throwing prop
- Baton

Curro Durbanville drummies marched at the Western Province drill champs on 10 June at the Bellville Velodrome. It was their final march of the season before heading off to nationals in July. The girls pulled out all the stops and gave the performance of the season, resulting in our leader coming first and being crowned WP small drill champ in the leader category.

The results were as follows:

- Leader: 1st
- Subbies: 3rd
- Squad: 3rd
- Display: 3rd
- Overall: 2nd

In the champion of champions category, which is determined by all six disciplines marched, Curro ended 4th which is still an outstanding result considering that we did not participate in the large drill category.

On Saturday, 19 May, our drummies marched at Hottentots Holland high school. This was their second large drill and group competition. There were only twelve girls in our baton group. We are very proud of these diligent girls who were placed 4th.

Our girls marched in their first Western Province league for groups only. This prestigious event was held at the Bellville Velodrome on Saturday, 2 June. They ended second overall.

- Flag group: 2nd
- Pom group: 2nd
- Baton group: 2nd
- Overall winners: 2nd

This year's national competition took place from 1 – 7 July in a freezing Oudtshoorn. Our girls were well-prepared as we all knew that top schools throughout South Africa would be participating. They marched very well and did their utmost best. Thank you to our parents and our coach, Jolanda de Necker, for all their support.

Small drill

Leader: 4th
 Subbies: 10th
 Squad: 9th
 Display: 8th
 Overall: 8th

Prize-giving

Pom: 8th
 Mace: 5th
 Baton: 11th

World championships

Curro Durbanville walked their last march at the end of September at the Grand West Arena as part of the world championships. They have shown beautiful sportsmanship and perseverance throughout the drummies season. Well done with the following results: leader 3rd, sub-leader 6th, squad 4th, display 4th and overall 4th. During September 2018 one of our Grade 6 girls was awarded her WP colours for drummies. We are very proud of Nikita Gimenez. What a privilege to have drummies of her calibre in our team.

Western Province

Siyolise Marhiti received her Western Province drummie colours.

4.2.7 Biathle

Two of our primary school learners, Elandri Schmidt and SD Schmidt, took part in many Biathle events throughout the year. They participated in the following events on a private capacity and we hope to introduce this as part of cross-country next year.

They both achieved first place in their respective age groups in the Biathle League 5 on 22 April 2018 and had fantastic runs. They advanced to the Western Cape Biathle Champs on 26 May 2018 in Bredasdorp where they both came first in their respective age groups! Elandri competed in the u.15 age group even though she is still only 13 years old, and SD in the u.11 age group.

These athletes continued to amaze us and represented Western Cape at the SA Championships in Port Elizabeth on 23 June 2018. They were both selected for the Presidents Team for the World Championships in Egypt.

Lastly for the Biathle season they both took part in the Western Province Biathlon Winter Championships on Sunday, 26 August 2018. Although Elandri had to take part in the higher age group, she still received an outstanding first place result for girls' u.15. SD made us equally proud by coming second for the boys' u.11 category.

Elandri received her WP colours in both, Biathlon and Biathle, and SD received WP colours in Biathle. They achieved prestigious results and made Curro very proud.

It surely was a successful Biathle season for the Schmidt family.

5. HIGHLIGHTS: CULTURE

5.1 Eisteddfod: Drama

During this year 164 learners took part in various drama items at the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod. Our learners did very well and we are very proud of them.

The following results were obtained:

- 61 highest honours
- 85 honours
- 16 honourable mention
- 2 merit

Eisteddfod top achievers 2018

The following learners were invited to the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod's prestige concert on 19 and 20 September:

Mia Kotze, Grade 6, performed her item, 'Kersfees'.

Category winners

- Mia Kotze, Grade 6 – 'Gedigte'
- Josh Beckley, Grade 7 – Public speaking
- Gemma Jones, Grade 4 – Unprepared reading
- Elizabeth Coetzer, Grade 1 – 'Gedigte'
- Jana du Piesanie, Grade 5 – 'Gedigte'
- Cherié Shum, Grade 4 – 'Openbare redevowering'
- Inge Dippenaar, Grade 5 – 'Openbare redevowering'



5.2 Music and choir

Altogether 264 enthusiastic and talented learners received music tuition in 12 different music instruments this year. Two marimba ensembles have been formed and had the chance to perform frequently. Curro Durbanville music learners are fortunate as we now offer a wide range of instruments namely piano, recorder, violin, clarinet, singing, keyboard, guitar, saxophone, trombone, accordion, marimba and drums.

We took part in the Stellenbosch- and Tygerberg Eisteddfods. Our learners also excelled in Royal Schools (ABRSM) and Trinity external practical and theory exams.

Choirs

All three choirs played an important part in the *Sound of Music* production during 1 – 4 August therefore we did not take part in any Eisteddfods this year.

On 18 September this year we hosted the annual Curro choir festival in our school hall. Choirs of Curro Century City, Curro Langebaan, Curro Sitari, Curro Hermanus, Curro Brackenfell as well as Curro Durbanville took part. The highlight of the evening was without a doubt the mass choir consisting of 580 voices performing Strong and Ukuthula. Johannes Slabbert, a former Curro learner and vocal educator, and Raymondo van Staden, music educator at Curro Century City, were the guest artists.

Piano workshop

Our music department organised a piano workshop at our school from 18 – 20 May. Fifty people attended this very successful weekend and the four masters that lead the master classes and lectures were Dr Mario Nell, Prof. Francois du Toit, Albie van Schalkwyk and José Dias, all lecturers at Stellenbosch University and UCT. Three concerts were held over the weekend.

Eisteddfods

Stellenbosch eisteddfod

Six learners took part in the Stellenbosch eisteddfod during May and the results were:

Cum Laude	4 awards
A+	5 awards
A	2 awards

Trophy winners

Julia Theron and Keenan Hansen (both Grade 7 learners) received the trophy for category winners of the piano duet 12 years section, as well as a second trophy and medal for best piano duet primary schools.

Tygerberg eisteddfod

Our music learners achieved excellent results at the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod. They received 38 highest honours, 46 honours and 12 honourable mentions at the Eisteddfod.

Eleven music learners received 14 trophies in total at the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod's prize-winners concert! Mia Kotze was invited to perform a recorder solo at this concert.

Trophy winners

Jenna Theron, Casey Berlion and Risa Burger	Piano trio, 8 years
Keenan Hansen and Julia Theron	Two piano, 12 years
Julia Theron	Concerto, 12 years

Concerts

Family concert

On Tuesday, 20 March, the music department had a family concert where talented family members had fun making music together! The items were really of a very high standard and the evening was concluded with the music educators making fun with the Radetsky March.

Learners' concerts

All our music learners had a chance to perform on stage with seven concerts during the fourth term! Piano, violin, guitar, recorder, accordion, singing and keyboard performances and recitals delighted parents and educators alike with their superb renditions.

Hennie Loock Concert

This concert which took place on 19 October paid tribute to Hennie Loock, conductor of the world-renowned Tygerberg children's choir. Alumni of the choir performed vocal and instrumental solos and teamed up to form a mass choir. The choir's performance of some favourite songs brought the concert to a heartfelt end. Afterwards the audience enjoyed drinks and snacks with the Loock family.



External exams

Eighteen learners played the Royal Schools (ABRSM) practical exams and ten learners passed with 80%+.

External Exam results

Congratulations to the following learners who excelled in the recent Trinity external exams:

Piano Initial Grade 1:

Jani Coetzer 82%

Jared Isaacs 85%

Sarah van der Wolf 84%

Annari Dalhouzi 91%

Amy Cloete 94%

Piano Grade 1:

Caitlin Thomas-McQueen 69%

Alexander Stam 83%

Jenna Theron 85%

Casey Berlion 89%

Julian Hayes 90%

Alexa Kesonk 95%

Alexa Kesonk who was, due to her excellent results, invited to perform at the 'Young Performers Concert'!

Lené Joubert (Gr 4) excelled in her recent Grade 1 ABRSM theory exam, by achieving 98%.

Marimba band

The senior marimba band performed at the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod at Settlers High where both bands achieved 90%. They performed at various venues and occasions, e.g. head office, the share holders' meeting, the 20th anniversary of our school and the high school's prize-giving.

5.3 Curro cultural achievers

Mia Dippenaar, a Grade 7 learner, played in *The Sound of Music* production at the Artscape theatre. Mia also took part in the Curro20 Concert which was held during July in Stellenbosch to celebrate Curro's 20th birthday. Mia played the role of Maria, one of the main characters in *The Sound of Music* which took place during August. Curro Courage Concert. Only primary school learner of the 21 learners.

South African Performing Arts

Lisa Bezuidenhoud, a Grade 7 learner, participated in the South African Performing Arts competition in Port Elizabeth and achieved multiple awards for her outstanding performances. Lisa walked away with no less than four gold medals for drama and keyboard. She also won the trophy for junior overall instrumental winner as well as a medal for her junior drama top 3 placement.

Ithike Gunter, a Grade 6 learner, participated in Talent Africa's nationals in Port Elizabeth on 26 – 29 April 2018. She was awarded a gold medal for her dance jazz item. She was also chosen to participate from 3 – 12 July in Talent America in New York for the SA team. She competed in three categories: dance, instrumental and photogenic. During her participation in New York, she was awarded first place for her guitar solo in the 12 – 14 age group and was also the category winner. She was also awarded third place for her dance solo in the 12 – 14 age group.

Mia Kotze, Curro Cultural Achiever of the Year

In the Tygerberg Eisteddfod her achievements were as follows:

- **Drama**
 Highest Honours in the Tygerberg Eisteddfod with 95% for Poetry
 Category Winner: Poetry Grade 6 Girls
 Performed by Prize Winner Concert
- **Music**
 Highest Honours in the Tygerberg Eisteddfod with 94% and 92% for blokfluitsolo.
 Performed by Prize Winner Concert.



About 10,000 learners participated in the Tygerberg Eisteddfod and then selected to deliver 2 different items at the Prize Winner Concert, surely an outstanding achievement.

World Map Art competition

The exhibition took place at Curro Brackenfell on 18 June 2018. The artworks were very interesting and colourful. The learners made use of art elements such as line, shape, texture and colour.

We are very proud of the learners that took part and how they interpreted the world.

The results of the winners were as follows:

Diamond - 95%+

Grade 5: Kaylin Bester

Grade 6: Leandri Cronje

Gold - 90%+

Grade 6: Leigh van Deventer

Silver - 80%+

Grade 5: Maria Inggs

5.4 Public speaking

The learners of Curro Durbanville participated in the 'Oppie Tong af' public speaking competition and they performed beautifully.

Kivara Moodley achieved an exceptional A ++ in her speech titled 'Barbie dolls have a negative impact on girls'.

We are also proud of Joshua Beckley who took part in the Radical public speaking competition and impressed the judges so much that they chose him to represent the Western Cape at the national competition.

Joshua Beckley represented the Western Cape at the national public speaking competition of Radical Speakers at Garsfontein high school in Gauteng. He participated in two divisions. We are extremely proud of his second place in the division 'English experimental public speaking'. His subject was 'The importance of making a good first impression'. He also achieved an overall third place for Grade 7-English prepared speeches.

6. HIGHLIGHTS: ACADEMIC

6.1 Evenings of Excellence

Our learners have been honoured in the academic-, sport- and cultural field during this year's Evenings of Excellence. Every learner can sincerely be proud of their remarkably hard work this year. Learners who received a diploma and medal are blessed with a special talent. We would like to thank every parent and educator for the role they played in the incredible achievements of all our learners.

We had a normal assembly for the foundation phase learners (Grades 1 to 3) during which each learner received their promotion certificates. The Grade 4 and Grade 5 learners received their promotion certificates at a separate assembly held for this purpose.

Our formal evening assemblies were held on different evenings. Only the merit achievers were invited to the foundation phase's Evening of Excellence. The Grade 4 and Grade 5 merit achievers were also invited to the intersen's Evening of Excellence.

We would like to congratulate the following learners:

Junior rector's trophy: Christof Dreyer

Senior rector's trophy: Joshua Beckley



6.2 Eskom Expo for Young Scientists

Three of our primary school learners, Lisa Bezuidenhoud (Grade 7), Michael la Grange and Mila Crous (both Grade 6) represented our school at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists in August. This annual event, the largest of the four Eskom expos hosted in the Western Cape, was held at the UCT sports centre. This year 439 projects from both primary- and high schools across the Cape were entered in the Cape Town expo.

We are exceptionally proud of our learners who all did extremely well at the expo. Both Lisa and Mila came home with bronze and Michael was awarded a silver medal for his research project. Congratulations to these budding scientists.

Our thanks and congratulations go to Ms Ilse Ferreira as well who guided these young scientists throughout their research projects and Mrs Sharleen Dilley for coordinating this.



6.3 Tablets and 2-in-1 devices: Grades 5, 6 and 7

This was the fifth year that Grade 5 to Grade 7 learners had the exciting opportunity to be using tablets within their classroom environment and the second year we started using Microsoft 2-in-1 devices. With the majority of our educators already having sufficient experience, we could assist and learn even more from one another. This whole new approach helps to assist the learners to prepare their young minds for life in the 21st century.

With the use of mobile devices we enhance the educator's way of teaching by, for example, the flip classroom concept where learners will be introduced to various topics and information before the actual practical lesson even took place. It adds to the learning experience with learners now collaborating with one another and sharing their thinking and opinions in groups.

Alternative modes of assessment have also been implemented, making education more exciting than ever.

Textbooks are enhanced by having the educators push additional content in many different formats into the learners' e-textbooks. This ensures that the learning material stays current through regular updates. The content being pushed can also be done on various levels, making sure the educator caters for diversity as learners work at their own pace.

By embracing this innovative technology in Curro Durbanville, we are speaking the language our children understand and we look forward in seeing how this amazing transition will be embraced throughout the years to come.

6.4 Robotics

We are very excited about our Robotics clubs that have grown tremendously over the past two years. We are currently offering Robotics as an extra-curricular option from Grade 2 to Grade 6.

STEAM Robotics competition

Eight learners from Curro Durbanville primary school recently participated in the STEAM Robotics competition at Curro Brackenfell. Congratulations to the following learners:

Shaun Stander (Grade 5), Ewan Kruger (Grade 5), Joshua Venter (Grade 6), Caellum Olkers (Grade 6), Sebastian Robinson (Grade 6), Phillip Ritter (Grade 6), Bhaumik Patidar (Grade 6) and Taymon Thops (Grade 6). A special mention of Sebastian Robinson who received bronze, Bhaumik Patidar who achieved silver and Taymon Thops who won gold!

World Robots Olympiad

TOPS IN ROBOTICS – Gold for Explorer

Congratulations to Shaun Stander (Grade 5), Ewan Kruger (Grade 5), Joshua Venter (Grade 6), Caellum Olkers (Grade 6), Sebastian Robinson (Grade 6), Phillip Ritter (Grade 6), Bhaumik Patidar (Grade 6), Taymon Thops (Grade 6), Andrew Botha (Grade 6) and Joshua Mettler (Grade 6) who were selected to participate at the Western Cape Regional competition of the World Robot Olympiad.

These boys spent many afternoons and Saturdays preparing for the competition which included designing, building and programming of their robots.

There were many schools and private Robotics clubs who participated in various categories of the competition. The atmosphere was electric while the teams were testing their programs. Their creativity and communication skills were tested as they often had to make adjustments to their robots and programs. This was a superb competition and we are proud of every learner who represented Curro Durbanville. HUGE congratulations to Bhaumik and Taymon (team RoboChamps) who were the overall winners in the explorer category, both on provincial level and in South Africa.

6.5 STEAM laboratory

Various learners participated in the STEAM competition held at Curro Brackenfell and achieved the following results:

- **Rubics cube**
 - Joshua Beckley – 1st
 - Hein Nieuwoudt – 3rd
- **PBL technology**
 - Pavan Naidoo – gold

- Connor Crown – gold
- Leya Matthews – gold
- Sebastian van der Wolf – bronze
- Liam Kloppers – bronze
- **PBL natural science**
 - Méca Ladielis - silver
 - Leigh van Deventer - silver
 - Maria Inggs – silver
- **Robotics**
 - Taymon Thops – gold
 - Bhaumik Patidar – silver
 - Sebastian Robinson – bronze

6.6 Mathematics competitions: AMESA

During 2018 our school took part in the South African Mathematics Challenge.

The challenge consisted of two rounds. During the first round 110 learners from Grades 4 to 7 took part and 89 learners qualified for the final round. The learners wrote the final round at the beginning of August and achieved the following excellent results:

Gold certificates (80% – 100%): 10 learners

Silver certificates (60% – 79%): 46 learners

Bronze certificates (50% – 59%): 16 learners

Congratulations to Abner Paul in Grade 5, and Maria Inngs, Leigh van Deventer, Tiago de Gouveia and Dylan Gillmer in Grade 6 who achieved 90% for their papers.

We are very proud of these learners as the AMESA papers are very challenging and require higher order thinking skills and problem-solving.

6.7 Grade 6 Leadership Course

Curro Durbanville Grade 6 – Leadership development

Our Grade 6 learners attended a leadership development course presented by The Venture Group (TVG) on 9 October 2018.

They had the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive leadership development programme on our school premises. The TVG team building leaders arranged a comprehensive programme for the day, with our learners engaging in a wide range of educational activities.

The TVG facilitators walked our learners through several 'leadership and team scenarios' in a fun and interactive way.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and our Grade 6 learners were able to really bond in an informal and fun-filled environment. We look forward to seeing how they take the key learnings they gained back to their classrooms and Curro Durbanville's campus.

6.8 Spelling Bee Evenings ... a first for 2018

Curro Durbanville took part in the *Sanlam WOW Spelling Competition for 2018* this year. The main aim of the competition is to increase the literacy levels of all participating schools by approaching spelling in a fun manner. We entered our top two spellers from each grade starting from Grade 2 through holding two Spelling Bee evenings at the school. All participating learners received selected words which have been set up by a subject specialist to learn. These words have to be spelt out loud in front of an audience. We enjoyed two very special evenings.

Winners of the respective grades participated in the Western Cape circuit finals in August.

They were:

Grade 2	Brahm Visser Risa Burger
Grade 3	Christof Dreyer Caitlyn Watkins
Grade 4	Lené Joubert Milla Vorster
Grade 5	Liam Volschenk Liani Bezuidenhout
Grade 6	Ethan Trollip Ithike Gunter
Grade 7	Lisa Bezuidenhout Mia Stander

WOW-spelling festival: August 2018

Well done to the following learners who qualified for the district finals in the WOW-spelling festival competition. We are extremely proud of all of you.

- Grade 2: Risa Burger
- Grade 3: Caitlyn Watkins and Christof Dreyer
- Grade 4: Lené Joubert and Milla Vorster
- Grade 6: Ethan Trollip and Ithike Gunter
- Grade 7: Lisa Bezuidenhout

Special congratulations to Christof Dreyer and Ithike Gunter who received a silver medal in their respective age groups.

6.9 Study methods

In April the Grade 4s were invited to attend a study methods workshop, held over two Saturday mornings.

Almost all of the Grade 4s attended which was quite astounding. The workshop was presented by Jana Avenant from the ProActive Education Group. The learners were taught valuable skills for successful studying which should prove very beneficial for their further studies. The parents were allowed to attend the course, therefore ensuring that the skills learnt for the day are emulated at home as well. At the end of the workshop each learner was presented with a certificate.

We are very blessed having all these opportunities to enhance our learning experiences.

7. EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING

7.1 Curro in the classroom

PBL (Project Based Learning)

This year CCMD added problem-based learning to the curriculum. Research has shown that successful learning includes problem-based learning. This means that learners are actively involved in the learning process by accepting responsibility for their learning. Learners are introduced to a question and then have to research the relevant information to find a solution to the question. Higher cognitive skills are developed by means of asking questions and 'to wonder'.

Curriculum reading level room Grades 4 – 7

Reading material that is organised on different levels from easy to more advance is available in this reading level room. The reading material is interesting and exciting and provides the learners with an opportunity to develop reading skills at their own individual pace.

Learners need the opportunity to be exposed to as much reading material as possible to be able to improve their reading. Curro Durbanville is very privileged to have such a functional reading level room at their disposal. It is an exciting room available to all our educators.

Curro's language educators test the learners' reading abilities on a regular basis and use the results to determine the level each learner is on, as well as what procedures need to be put in place to assist the learners in reaching their next reading level. Each reading level consists of a number of fiction and non-fiction books which provide a large variety of interesting topics which can be read and learnt from. This system provides the learners with the opportunity to improve their reading abilities individually, as well as increasing their vocabulary and improving their general knowledge.

Curro Durbanville is planning to expand our reading level room and by doing this, reading can be taken to even greater heights.

Teaching Afrikaans first additional language in foundation phase

Teaching in a parallel medium school has its advantages when it comes to teaching a first additional language. Our children come into regular contact with the spoken and written word in Afrikaans and English. When teaching additional language in the foundation phase, we try to make lessons as fun and interactive as possible. Listening and speaking are the most important aspects of learning a language and we have a number of resources that we use to facilitate learning. In Grades 1, 2 and 3 the Afrikaans learners are taught their sounds and diphthongs using the Letterland programme. This is the same programme that is used to teach the English-speaking learners phonics in their maiden language. This programme consists of posters, worksheets, colourful story books as well as sing-a-long CDs that the children love. The Grade 3s also use the interactive Letterland software on their interactive whiteboards with great success. The English learners use a programme called 'Pretletters met Musiek'. This is also a delightful programme developed by a remedial educator to help the children learn the pronunciation of letters in Afrikaans. It makes use of very catchy songs about the individual letters of the alphabet as well as colourful alphabet letter posters and stories. This programme is also followed from Grades 1 to 3. We are privileged to have a well stocked level focused reading room with graded readers for additional language. The readers used are the Key Links books that are published by Juta Publishers. The learners initially learn to read using big books during shared reading when the educator reads authentic, colourful and fun texts to the class. This forms the foundation of learning to read in their first additional language.

8. PERSONEEL

Ten years and twenty years of loyal service

Four primary school educators were honoured for ten years and twenty years of loyal service. They are:

Ms Sandy Visser (Grade R educator) service award for ten years; Ms Jean Wiese (phase head) service award for ten years; Ms Chantelle Bornmann (Grade 7 educator) service award for ten years, and Ms Jeanne Maritz (head of music department) service award for twenty years! During the primary school assembly each of these educators were honoured by Dirk van Zyl, executive head of Curro Durbanville independent school.



He recalled some of the wonderful memories made when these educators first joined our school. Ms Jeanne Maritz shared an especially special moment this year as her twenty years of service coincides with Curro Durbanville's 20th birthday year. Ms Jeanne has been with Curro from the very start of our school!

8.1 Staff list: 2018

PRIMARY SCHOOL – STAFF LIST 2018			
GRADE	EDUCATOR	GRADE	EDUCATOR
Gr. RA1	Carina Jonker	Gr. 5E1	Sharleen Dilley
Gr. RA2	Lianne Britz	Gr. 5E2	Charmaine Rossouw
Gr. RA3	Judith Weideman	Gr. 5E3	Erin Gibson
Gr. RE1	Sandy Visser	Gr. 5E4	Elna Mentz
Gr. RE2	Liesel Armstrong	Gr. 6A1	Deirdré la Grange GH
Gr. RE3	Julia Jones GH	Gr. 6A2	Suné Nel
Gr. RE4	Nadia Zeelie	Gr. 6E1	Michelle Nieuwoudt FH
Gr. 1A1	Carla Germishuys	Gr. 6E2	Louise Vorster
Gr. 1A2	Annemarie Jeffree	Gr. 6E3	Christo Spies
Gr. 1A3	Tes Gijsbers GH	Gr. 6E4	Jeanne Potgieter
Gr. 1E1	Jean Wiese FH	Gr. 7A1	Cobus van der Westhuizen GH
Gr. 1E2	Liezl Coetzer	Gr. 7A2	Chantelle Bornmann / Lijani Groenewald
Gr. 1E3	Louise Clulow	Gr. 7E1	Janetta van Wyk
Gr. 1E4	Annalize Willemse	Gr. 7E2	Elmarie Coetsee
Gr. 2A1	Hanlie Meyer	Gr. 7E3	Sean Kristal
Gr. 2A2	Alida Milne	Gr. 7E4	Nicole Barnes
Gr. 2A3	Elmarie Wilsch	LO	Jan Blignaut
Gr. 2E1	Dominique Stander	Kuns	Antoinette Rypstra
Gr. 2E2	Estelle Willis	I.T.	Yolandé Zeelie
Gr. 2E3	Deswin Munz	Student	Chad Richter
Gr. 2E4	Nicole Simpson GH	Musiek	Jeanne Maritz FH
Gr. 3A1	Michelle Bezuidenhoud	Musiek	Lina Hattingh
Gr. 3A2	Hilda Bosch	Musiek	Willem Luitingh
Gr. 3E1	Habré Nortjé	Musiek	Pieter van Zyl
Gr. 3E2	Chandré Boer	Musiek	Lize Janse van Rensburg
Gr. 3E3	Keri Theart	Laerskoolhoof	Olivia van Heerden
Gr. 3E4	Tameron Lassen GH	Sekretaresse	Liani van der Merwe
Gr. 4A1	Liana Erasmus	Inskrywingsekr	Carine Cornelius
Gr. 4A2	Christine de Villiers	Admin. Assist.	Lijani Groenewald/Chrisane Krige
Gr. 4E1	Tanya de Jesus	Finansies	Madelein Cardoso
Gr. 4E2	Debbie Wigington	Finansies	Cheryl Kay
Gr. 4E3	Beryl Vermaak GH	Bemarker	Colleen Just
Gr. 4E4	Michelle Greyvenstein	Nasorg	Hanlie Meyer
Gr. 5A1	Nadia Ward	Sportbestuurder (Mikro)	Deswin Munz
Gr. 5A2	Sonja Krige GH	Sportbestuurder (Makro)	Henco Bornmann
		Akademie Sport- sekretaresse	Kelly Herbert
		Swemafrigter	Warren Deyzel

8.2 Staff development

The staff from Grades R to 7 had three full day training sessions in the past year presented by CCMD (Curro's curriculum centre). During the curriculum training sessions there were many illuminating presentations and discussions on planning and assessment. Our Curro educators are privileged to regularly receive excellent training on the latest strategies, ways of thinking and classroom presentation. This is important to enable educators to prepare learners for the future so that they can develop skills to compete globally.

Our subject heads also regularly attend training sessions to make sure that they stay abreast on the latest subject information.

There were also several training opportunities for our Robotics staff as well as computer training on the implementation of new programs.

Curro also accommodates a number of students from training institutions annually, helping them by means of their practical education to prepare for their teaching career.

Training

Primary school educators attended full day training at the beginning of each term together with fellow educators from Curro schools in our region. Interactive styled workshops were the order of the day as our educators spent time with subject specialists and experts in their fields. Events like these created a platform where Curro educators could exchange their ideas and teaching methods amongst one another, while learning from educational specialists to keep up to date with the latest developments in 21st century teaching.

Team building

Educators of the high school and primary school got together in the beginning of the year for a 'Get-to-know-each-other' team building event. The event presented a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the bond between our primary- and high school staff members. The educators were divided into groups and after doing a fun personality test and revealing the results to one another, everyone got to know each other a whole lot better.

8.3 Staff functions

End of year staff function

The staff at the primary school celebrated the end of a very successful 20th year for Curro Durbanville in Franschoek on Friday, 30 November.

This was the first time that the maintenance staff, educators and admin staff from the primary school was invited to the same end of year function.

The staff enjoyed a lovely buffet-style lunch under the trees at La Bourgogne wine farm in Franschoek. The good food, excellent wine and great company added to the festivities of a day that will be well-remembered.

9. CURRICULUM: ACADEMIC

9.1 Phases of teaching

9.1.1 Grade R

The Grade R phase was privileged this year to educate, support and help 127 learners develop and achieve their potential. We focused on strengthening their fine- and gross motor skills. Our focus was to introduce and expose them to as many as possible concrete activities and to learn through play. All three learning areas were taught this way and learners could therefore grow and develop holistically.

Mathematical numbers and calculations were introduced and abstractly taught during our group and mat work sessions. Our duplo sets were used to encourage creative constructions, problem-solving and even enhancing memory games. We continued using the Brombacher book to consolidate the mathematical concepts, pattern building, numbers and relations, and counting skills.

Language skills were developed by teaching the children interesting ways of communicating and learning certain sounds. Various skills included visual discrimination, foreground/background, visual analysis and synthesis, identifying beginning and end sounds, clapping of syllables and introducing our learners to our phonological awareness programme. Songs, rhymes and many stories exposed our learners to an enriched vocabulary, fluent and correct grammar and a clear pronunciation of words and sentences. We also focused on strengthening eye movements to help learners read fluently.

Life skills were developed by various activities in and outside the classroom. Through movement (Bodies and Buddies) creative art activities, music rings, dramatisation, and gross- and fine motor activities, basic skills were taught. A variety of outings and school visits introduced all learners to new information which was enriching and innovative.

Our daily programme ensured a safe and organised routine for our learners to explore and develop their potential.

9.1.2 Foundation phase

Our Grade 1s took part in a fun-filled sport safari early in the first term. The purpose of this was to introduce the learners to the various sports on offer at Curro. This enabled the learners to make an informed choice about the sport that they would like to take part in at school. With the help of the Grade 6 learners and educators the day was a huge success.

Our foundation phase playground also received an upgrade this year. The learners were delighted to find a colourful and exciting place to spend their break time when they returned after the July holidays. This was yet another way that we strive to make school a fun and child friendly environment for our learners.

Our Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes were excited to begin the year with new technology. The Grade 2 classes all received e-Beams, which is interactive software to make learning more accessible, relevant and fun for the learners and educators alike. The Grade 1 classes were equipped with data projectors which have made learning a great deal more interesting.

As always our focus was on academics. The educators continued to refine and improve on the quarterly and weekly planning, as well as formal assessment tasks used in the continuous assessment of the learners as set out by the CCMD. The learners had ample opportunity to show their abilities for each assessment standard. Cross assessment is an integral part of assessment in the foundation phase. Learners from Grades 1 – 3 were cross-

assessed within their grade groups in the learning areas of Home Language, First Additional Language and Mathematics. This serves as a form of moderation to ensure quality and fairness.

The Grade 3s did very well once again in the annual systemic assessments conducted by the CCMD for Home Language and Mathematics.

The foundation phase educators have attended quarterly workshops and training to help keep abreast of the latest educational trends.

We also expanded the opportunities for learners to participate in new co-curricular activities like Robotics and IT clubs for Grade 2 and Grade 3, and Art club for Grade 1.

9.1.3 Intersen phase

The intersen phase has once again had a successful year. We are especially proud of the way in which the Grade 5s and especially new learners have adapted to their new technological devices and the challenges that it presents. This definitely becomes easier each year.

A first in the intersen phase this year was the introduction of Project Based Learning (PBL) where learners acquire a deeper knowledge through investigating real-world challenges and problems. This approach to learning supports the 21st century learning and is preparing our learners for the competitive world we find ourselves in.

Another first this year was the Stream Day which was hosted by Curro Brackenfell. A number of our learners exhibited their PBL projects at Stream Day, while others entered the Robotics challenges. It was a most enjoyable day and proved to be a great success.

The CCMD has continued to monitor, improve and standardise the curriculum throughout the Curro schools in South Africa by providing intensive training sessions to staff throughout the year, as well as setting standardised external examinations/tests twice a year for all Curro schools. This year we wrote CCMD assessments at the end of terms 2 and 3. Although our learners are apprehensive about the external examinations, we are proud to say that they did extremely well throughout – once again an indication of our high academic standards.

Exciting excursions to various interesting institutions formed part of each grade curriculum with Grades 5 – 7 learners having sleep over excursions of two to four days.

Robotics from Grades 4 – 6 and the 'Real Life for Kids Programme' which forms part of the Grade 5 life orientation curriculum continued to add value to our curriculum.

We also keep on extending and enriching our curriculum by providing learners with the opportunity to join the Living Maths club and the Art club, and participate in Science expos, eisteddfods, public speaking competitions, various olympiads and Amesa competitions to name but a few.

In addition we still have an extra didactical support programme to learners who need a little extra academic support.

In spite of a very busy year, our learners have done exceptionally well. We would like to thank our learners for their hard work and commitment towards their academics this year. We would also like to thank our amazing team of educators who have put in many extra hours in their effort to strive for academic excellence, as well as attending additional CCMD training to keep abreast of new curriculum challenges.

We shall continue to strive for the very best for our learners and are excited about the challenges that we shall be facing in 2019!

9.2 Programmes

9.2.1 Computer club

This year we started a computer club for the Grade 2 and Grade 3 learners. Term 1 and 2 was club for Grade 2 learners and term 3 and 4 was for the Grade 1 learners. In the club we focused on logging in with your own username, as well as on using files, folders and the MS Word programme.

9.2.2 Robotics club

Robotics is offered as an optional extra-mural activity for learners from Grade 2 to Grade 6. This year we've expanded our Robotic clubs by adding two extra sessions for Grade 2 and Grade 3. This unique offering prepares our learners for the future and the challenges they might face in professions that relate to science and engineering. It develops and strengthens a variety of skills, from creative designing and programming to critical thinking and evaluation.

Robotics is a subject that differentiates Curro and places it in the lead of 21st century education, and is a vehicle to transfer 21st century skills to our learners. It enhances skills such as problem-solving and creative thinking and our club sessions are structured in a way that contributes to collaboration and effective communication. The learners had the experience of designing and building their own robots before programming each robot to perform specific tasks. Apart from expanding their social interaction, it also equips them with the necessary skills needed in a variety of global industries.

9.2.3 Art club

Grade R Art club

It was a special year for us to explore different elements of art, including horizontal- and vertical lines, two- and three-dimensional textures, colour, space and shape. We made use of different media and the learners enjoyed creating with clay and to participate in group projects. Because there is no right or wrong in art, the learners learned that their specific contribution was important and acceptable and it was wonderful to see how each child's self-esteem and selfperception developed. They have learned the past year to appreciate, admire and enjoy each other's work. The art projects have promoted creativity, broadened insight and developed problem-solving skills...and this while we had lots of fun!

GRADES 3 – 6

The Curro Art club is a successful after school activity that provides materials, instruction and support for those students who are seeking a creative outlet in addition to their academic schedule.

All art activities are made available to learners. We cover as many areas of art as possible and include artist studies, a variety of projects and techniques, and artist-quality materials.

The learners also had national and international exposure in 2018 with the annual Curro Art Competition.

9.2.4 Bodies and Buddies

Bodies and Buddies were added to our Grade R curriculum this year. It is a very successful programme and diligently followed every Tuesday- and Wednesday morning. Basic skills were taught and a lot of emphasis was put on gross motor movements such as balance, motor movements, motor planning, integrated body movements, hand-eye and foot coordination, integration of the right and left side of the bodies, body strength, core muscles, reflexes and many more exercises that encourage development and growth. Working in groups and in pairs provided learners the opportunity to learn basic social skills like sharing responsibilities, taking turns, problem-solving and to acknowledge each other's strengths.

Bodies and Buddies were enjoyed by all and enriched all learners and their physical growth.

9.2.5 Real Life for Kids

The programme is used as a major component of Life Skills in Grade 5 and has been very successfully implemented over the past three years. The learners are exposed to many skills about how to deal with finances and technology skills when building houses and running businesses.

Every class has developed a town and used a variety of skills, both individually as well as being a member of a group project. We believe that this RLFK programme will still go from strength to strength and also lend itself to broadening the knowledge of real life in each and every Grade 5 learner.

9.3 Meetings

Meetings were held regularly to ensure that planning is done effectively and that the activities we offer are well planned and that it adds value. Meetings held were:

- Staff meetings: Once per term
- Phase meetings: Twice per term
- Grade meetings: Grade R to Grade 4 (weekly)
Grade 5 to Grade 7 (on a rotating basis)
- Subject development meetings: Grade 5 to Grade 7 (fortnightly)
- Leadership team meetings: Every Tuesday afternoon
- Committee meetings: As needed for activity planning

9.4 CCMD (Curro Curriculum Centre)

We have completed writing the examination papers in the second term and the circle test in term 1 and 3. These papers were set by the CCMD. The fourth term's papers were set by the schools.

CCMD also used their subject specialist to do external moderation for each subject at the end of each term. This was done for all Curro schools.

The feedback was positive and complementary with important and useful suggestions.

10. LEARNERS: INDIVIDUAL

10.1 Learner support

At Curro Durbanville we want all our learners to develop holistically excelling in sports, cultural activities as well as in their academics. Should learners need support in some of their subjects, we have an excellent support system in place to assist them. This starts with the subject educators identifying areas of concern. The parents are notified in writing of the areas of concern and are requested to give permission for extra classes that take place after school to support learners. At the start of each term the progress of learners who receive extra lessons is evaluated after which a decision is made whether the learner will continue with extra lessons. Should the learner require more intensive assistance, he/she will then be referred to a remedial therapist. We are very fortunate to have qualified remedial therapists on our school premises.

10.2 Group meetings

Group meetings play a cardinal role in our school's intervention programme and aim to get input from all the parties involved in a learner's development so that an action plan for the full realisation of the learner's potential can be established. The meetings are usually attended by:

- the head of the primary school
- the educator(s)
- the parents
- the learner's therapist

We have experienced many positive outcomes from this forum.

10.3 Therapists

Several therapists with their own private practices visit our school on a weekly basis to save parents the inconvenience of having to travel long distances and often after hours for their child's therapy.

Remedial therapists

Dr Ilse Ferreira, Heike Kriek and Marilyn Combrinck assist learners with their academical work such as languages and mathematics.

Educational psychologists

Sanet Verster and Bianca Vermaak's services include school readiness tests, full scholastic assessments and therapy.

Occupational therapists

Suzanne Maritz-Olivier, Joanne van der Merwe, Elize Swart and Riandri Roux do excellent work to help learners with low muscle control.

Speech therapists

Rika Janse van Rensburg, Leandri van Schalkwyk and Monique Potgieter support learners who need assistance with speech and auditory processing.

11. CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

11.1 Curro Parent Committee – 2018

The Curro Durbanville Parent Committee had a successful year in 2018 and remains committed to supporting the school, the learners and the parents in creating a school community that is supportive, inclusive and conducive to a positive experience for all.

Fundraising

As in previous years, fundraising remains important as an enabler for the PAC to fund and support special projects and events at the school. The two main sources of fundraising are the funds generated from the Woolworths MySchool programme and through the sale of advertising space on the advertising boards at the school.

MySchool

In keeping with the current economic reality, while our MySchool membership has grown during 2018, the monthly spend has decreased. Income generated through the MySchool funds is split between the high school, the primary school and Caste, according to enrolment numbers at the beginning of the year.

Advertising boards

The portfolio of managing the advertising boards remains a challenge, but we are almost there in terms of having a formal process that will allow us to generate even more income from the advertising boards. The good news is that the school's marketer will assist the PAC with selling the advertising space. In addition, the new pavilion should also bring in new advertisers and revenue. Advertising contracts will run from January to December each year.

Bingo Evening

Due to calendar conflicts, no bingo evenings were held in 2018, but from 2019 it will become an annual event.

Ad Hoc Sponsorships

In 2018, some of the noticeable items we spent finances on included:

- Payment for erection of advertising boards on rugby field
- Purchase of various supporter-wear items for resale
- Donation of Grade 7 farewell gifts 2017
- Donation of 'Welcome back' boards for Curro Council use
- Donation towards school digital library
- Donation of gifts for educators' day celebration
- Donation of Grade 7 farewell gifts 2018
- Funding of end of fourth term activities for all primary school learners
- Donation of refreshments at inter-house athletics

The PAC will soon be allocating funds towards a 'bathroom beautification' project, which is sure to be well received by all the learners on campus.

Pavilion

One of the highlights of the year was the approval of a new pavilion for the school. The PAC put a lot of effort and motivation into coming up with ideas for the new pavilion and we were delighted when head office not only approved the project, but agreed to sponsor the

construction in full. The pavilion is going to have such an amazingly positive impact on our school and our learners. We are very appreciative.

Communications

One of the key objectives of the PAC's vision and mission is 'to enable, facilitate and encourage two-way communication between the parents and our school in a proactive manner'. The key words there are 'enable,' 'facilitate' and 'encourage'. As part of this drive, a communications sub-committee was established with 1–2 class representatives from each grade. The sub-committee met twice a term to workshop around the issues which were raised by the parents in their grade.

The head of the primary school engaged with the parents on all the issues they raised and to discuss possible solutions to any problems identified. Her commitment to get involved and to listen was much appreciated by all.

Uniform Issues

2017 was a year of a fair amount of frustration for parents in terms of various issues and/or problems around uniforms. Parents expressed concern and frustration around issues such as stock outages, long delay until availability, not all sizes available for trying on in lounge, inferior quality materials, sizing inconsistency, perceived poor quality service from GRIT, price not equal to value (in terms of quality and service). It is pleasing to mention that 2018 was a better year in terms of uniforms, and it appears that these issues are being addressed and resolved.

Tuck Shop Issues

As per the previous year, there were a large number of complaints and concerns raised in terms of the service provided as well as the food on offer. The PAC spent quite a bit of time canvassing parents and learners to get their input and feedback. One of the main concerns raised was around the lost opportunity for the parents and the PAC to generate fundraising opportunities at various big sporting and cultural events. The current tuck shop provider would not allow parents to sell food to raise funds. These concerns were presented to school management who actioned them accordingly.

Elections/New Term

The current PAC tenure comes to an end at the beginning of 2019 when an election and voting meeting will be held to elect new members for PAC or re-elect previous members. We encourage parents to nominate themselves or their peers to this very important committee.

Conclusion

Finally we would like to thank our parents and the learners at our school for their continued support, passion and enthusiasm for our wonderful school. In particular the PAC would like to once again thank the dedicated class representatives for their unfailing hard work and support throughout the year. They play such a vital role within the school community. Thank you for everything you do.

Thank you to the fantastic educators and other support staff at Curro Durbanville. We surely have the best team in the country!

Lastly, on behalf of all the parents and learners at Curro, the PAC would like to thank and applaud the leadership team at Curro Durbanville. Mr Van Zyl and Ms Van Heerden are true role models for each of us. Their care and compassion and visionary leadership is a bit part of what makes Curro Durbanville one of the best schools in the country.

Thank you

2018 PAC Members

Tertia Albertyn	Chairperson
Wesley Lynch	Vice Chair
Heidi Jacobs	Secretary
Juliet Corbellari	Treasurer
Jacci Lotter	Member
Angie Frankel	Member
Annemie de Lange	Curro Castle PAC
Christy Haefele	Curro Castle PAC

11.2 Parent meetings

First term

The first parent evening for Grade 4 to Grade 7 took place on 22 January and the Grade 1 to Grade 3 meeting on 24 January. Both events were information evenings where parents were given the opportunity to meet their child's educator, and all relevant information about what was expected of the parents, learners and educators were discussed respectively. The educational package as a whole was dealt with and the learner's academic, emotional and social development was discussed.

The first individual parent evenings for Grade R to Grade 7 took place on 26 and 27 March. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the learners' adjustment in their new grades as well as their emotional and social development.

Second term

The foundation phase (Grade R to Grade 3) meetings took place in the second term on 20 and 21 April. The meeting focused on the learners' academic progress.

Third term

The intermediate phase meetings took place at the start of the third term due to CCMD examinations that were written at the end of the second term. Grade 4 to Grade 7 parent meetings took place on 17 and 18 July during which learners' reports for June were thoroughly discussed with the parents. Feedback regarding the exams was done and exam papers were shown upon request or where required.

The last parent evening of the year for Grade R to Grade 3 was held on 19 and 20 September. The educators once again had a thorough discussion with the parents regarding their child's progress. The educators also made recommendations regarding possible problem areas which might develop in the new school year and suggested strategies to approach these problems in the last term of the current year.

Fourth term

The last parent evening of the year for Grade 4 to Grade 7 took place on 9 and 10 October. CCMD test papers that were written in the third term were discussed and once again recommendations regarding problem areas as well as suggested strategies were the main topics of the meeting.

11.3 Curro Communiqué

This year the Curro Communiqué had seven issues and a special issue dedicated to our carnival for the 20th birthday year. Each issue was distributed to parents in both English and Afrikaans and was printed in colour. These showed off our term's activities and our learners' impressive achievements.

Throughout the year we were able to showcase many different events such as Grade 5 to Grade 7 camps, grade outings, classroom activities and special achievements. Masters vs. Minions, sport safari, eisteddfod achievements and sports achievements were just a few of the highlights of the year. These issues incorporated both our school's achievements and our learners' external achievements.

Each issue became part of a wonderful collection of memories that learners can treasure forever.

12. FACILITIES

- Additional new mini-hockey astro field was built.
- Various areas on campus have been paved.
- Sound system added to mini-hall.
- Computer room 2 has been upgraded for the use of Robotics.
- Foyer of CR van der Merwe hall has been upgraded.
- Building of a new big pavilion with a roof structure, including extra store rooms and bathroom facilities.
- The foundation phase playground has been upgraded.
- Garden area in front of primary school has been upgraded.
- Two tennis courts have been redone.
- Access control beams with license scanner installed at main entrance.

13. AFTERCARE

Our proficient and passionate aftercare-staff strives daily to meet our policy of providing a home away from home for our Grade R to Grade 7 learners. Our priority is to treat our learners with respect and love while providing a structured and disciplined environment. This is achieved with the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff.

This year our aftercare facility was home to approximately 350 learners on a daily basis.

Curro aftercare is a well-established facility with well thought out structures in place. Our facility operates smoothly with few hiccups. We do, however, replace and implement new ideas to alleviate problems that do arise in order to maintain our high standard.

We continually aim to add more value to our aftercare. In addition to the normal daily programme, the Grade R learners also get the opportunity to do extra computer classes, while the Grade 1 to Grade 7 learners can do drama and sewing lessons.

We continually brainstorm on how to make the aftercare as pleasant as possible for our learners. A well-equipped spe-lo-teek with indoor and outdoor activities provides great enjoyment to our learners.

There will always be challenges in managing an aftercare, but we approach it with a positive attitude and great passion. We are exceptionally proud of our aftercare staff who once again walked the extra mile to make each day a pleasant one for our learners.

14. MARKETING

14.1 General

The core role of Curro Durbanville's full time marketer is to engage in a broad range of marketing activities and tactics which will assist in generating leads and increasing enrolments. Secondary to this core role is a brand management function.

Enrolments

During 2018, several external roadshows and marketing activations were executed as part of a drive to attract new learners. Our enrolment and lead chasing processes were streamlined, with an industry standard reporting and follow-up service level agreement (SLA) put in place between our Marketing and Enrolment Administration departments. With a focus on enrolments and marketing efficiency, Curro Durbanville's school tour team took many families on campus tours throughout this past year, which yielded positive results in our enrolment targets. Our planned marketing and external communication activities as well as our many media placements this past year helped to reinforce the Curro Durbanville brand as a premium brand, further strengthening our school's positioning in our community.

Brand management

This past year saw a sharp increase in correctly branded Curro Durbanville marketing material and sporting attire. This was achieved by channeling all artwork requirements (flyers, posters, factsheets, presentations, etc) through a centralised design lab which has Curro's corporate identity practicalities in place. Furthermore, all learner sports attire was sourced through Curro's official procurement arm, namely GRIT Procurement. Working strictly through these official channels during 2018 has kept our school in line with Curro Holdings' corporate identity policy.

14.2 Communication

Social media (Facebook and Instagram)

We currently have 6 400 likes on our facebook page and have posted almost 740 articles this year. Our reach per post averages around 2 500, with significant spikes achieved from time to time. Curro Durbanville's facebook page is primarily used as a content marketing tool for all our followers, including our surrounding community members, our alumni, our investors, the parents (their families and friends), our group's shareholders and even our competitors. Curro Durbanville's facebook page is a tool which is used to tell the school's story as well as to highlight some of our learners' achievements. These articles are placed online with a view to raising the profile and reputation of our school within our community, and in so doing, increasing our enrolments.

It is important for parents to take note that official recognition of learner achievements by the school will still take place through historical channels, in school assemblies, prize-givings, awarding of badges, in newsletters, etc. This is done in a formal and comprehensive manner. Facebook is not for this same purpose and will mostly post summarised,

newsworthy and highlighted information with good photography and Curro branded artwork taking preference owing to share-ability reasons.

In 2018 Curro Durbanville established its own Instagram account which quickly rendered over 600 followers. These followers consist mainly of a young audience (Curro learners) and is steadily gaining traction in share-ability amongst many of our community's school going generation. This is a great content marketing platform.

Curro Durbanville Aquatics was re-branded this year and given its own facebook page and online presence (in the form of its own website). These two channels are keys in the club establishing themselves and sharing swimming specific news and results with its audience.

Be sure to like and follow us on our social media channels and stay up to date with all our latest achievements, activities and news. A valuable tool for the marketing function at our school is for parents to share our news and information with their friends and family which is easily done by simply 'liking' and 'sharing' our online content.

Curro Durbanville in the news

This year we continued to increase our presence in print news significantly. News articles and good quality photographs regarding our learners' achievements and campus activities were regularly sent through to publications like *Tygerburger*, *Northern News*, *Die Burger*, etc. for their publishing consideration. This editorial coverage achieved is not paid for and is selected by the newspaper's news editor on merits of newsworthiness. This year there were several editions of the *Tygerburger* where our school dominated the 'school news' section (sometimes achieving as much as half a page coverage). A highlight article being the coverage achieved in die *Tygerburger* regarding our 20th birthday celebration; another great article saw two of our high school learners featured on the front page as a lead feature. Curro Durbanville also featured in *Die Burger* in the last quarter of this year by once again achieving first place in the private school's category in *Die Burger*'s reader's choice survey.

15. TRANSFORMATION

At Curro Durbanville we remain committed to creating an environment that is fair, non-discriminatory and promotes equality across the board whether it be within the staff or schooling community in general.

With driven and passionate educators at the helm of the Transformation and Diversity Committee of Curro Durbanville primary school, the necessary steps are already in place to ensure and promote a transformed and diverse environment for all.

Our mission statement is as follows: to ensure that Curro Durbanville primary promotes an environment of inclusivity, respect and appreciation for a diverse school community – where everyone feels part of the Curro Durbanville family.

We have made great strides throughout 2018 in achieving our goals and maintaining equality across the board and our goal for 2019 is to maintain this consistency and approve upon the excellent work that has already taken place.

16. A FEW FIRSTS FOR CURRO DURBANVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2018

16.1 Curriculum

Sanlam WOW-spelling festival

The following learners qualified for the district finals in the WOW-spelling festival competition.

Grade 2:	Risa Burger
Grade 3:	Caitlyn Watkins and Christof Dreyer
Grade 4:	Lené Joubert and Milla Vorster
Grade 6:	Ethan Trollip and Ithike Gunter
Grade 7:	Lisa Bezuidenhoud

Special congratulations to Christof Dreyer and Ithike Gunter who received a silver medal in their respective age groups.

Spelling Bee Evenings

This year Curro Durbanville took part in the Sanlam WOW-spelling competition for 2018. The main aim of the competition is to increase the literacy levels of all participating schools by approaching spelling in a fun manner. We entered our top two spellers from Grade 2 to Grade 7 by having two Spelling Bee evenings at the school.

SACEE short story competition

For the third year running the South African Council for English Education (SACEE) held a short story competition. Five Curro Durbanville primary school learners took part in this year's competition and were duly awarded for their efforts. Gabriella Celliers received a gold award, Ethen Hsu and Megan Naude received a silver award, and Liam Kloppers and Nicolas Corbellari a bronze award for their short stories.

Bodies and Buddies

Bodies and Buddies is a program we have started with our Grade R learners in partnership with our sports department. These lessons took place every week with a variety of activities being introduced and practiced with the learners.

16.2 Sports

Curro Durbanville's 'Hockey under Lights'

On 24 August 2018 Curro Durbanville hosted its first ever u.13 'Hockey under Lights' festival. Hockey players on the day included u.13 boys and girls from schools across the district namely:

- Curro Durbanville
- Gene Louw
- Table View primary school
- Totius
- Sunningdale
- Fanie Theron

The players and coaches were incredibly blessed to be able to play all their matches on the main astro turf with many of these games being played at night under the flood light to boot! Great fun was had by all and we look forward to continued success when we host this festival in future. Thank you to everyone involved in the organising and the running of this fantastic festival!

Glenwood House

2018 was the first year that netball was included in the Glenwood House tour and our u.13 girls were very excited to attend.

Chess

On Tuesday, 21 August, we hosted our first chess round robin in the mini hall. Four schools participated, namely Curro Durbanville, Reddam House, Gene Louw and Durbanville primary school. Matches were played until just after 17:00 that afternoon. Our arbiter, coach Roland Willenberg, had to make decisions when serious competitive players would differ about moves made. We are extremely proud to report that Curro Durbanville had won ALL their matches. We however want to make special mention of our u.13 team, since they won all their matches with a full score, 6 – 0!

17. STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Sonja Krige was appointed as a Western Cape u.12 coach and attended the SA Championships (all ages) during the June holidays in Boksburg.

She was also the general team manager of the nine WP teams who participated in the interdistrict tournament in Wellington during July.

Henco Bornmann has been chosen as the head coach for the WP u.13 B cricket team.

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