

Issue 4

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with mixed emotions that I compile my last CAB. I have reflected on the last 18 years at Curro Aurora and what final thoughts would be the most valuable for me to share. I have been blessed with experiences of change and development for our Castle as over the many we continue to grow and thrive alongside the children.

Let me express my warmest congratulations to our young graduates who have successfully gone through an important phase of schooling that lays the foundation of life-long learning. Thank you must go to parents and teachers for having given their children their unfailing support and an enabling environment in which children's potential is nurtured and developed through a wide variety of excellent learning experiences.

Our new generations will face a much faster changing world than we did decades ago. Globalization, the advent of information technology, and the development of a knowledge-based economy are leading to changes at an unprecedented rate and scale. The knowledge children learnt at schools will soon lag behind the development of the society. In the face of the challenges ahead, we need to equip our new generation to be "life-long learners" and with the ability to "learn how to learn", so that they can keep abreast of changes and become active and valuable members of our community.





While the school is an important place for children's education, families play an equally critical role in the development of their children. In particular, parents are instrumental in their personal growth and attitudes towards life. The partnership Curro Castle Aurora has forged with parents has contributed significantly to making learning more interesting and effective for our little learners. The ethos of this caring school culture has supported the school management, teachers and parents in the quest for a high-quality education.

To prepare our children for the future, we need to provide them with the opportunities to develop the generic skills that are needed for them to become lifelong learners. Apart from knowledge, our children need to develop their skills to acquire, construct and communicate knowledge. They should also be able to collaborate with others, be ready to listen and be creative in their thinking. Most of all, at this early stage of development, a positive view of themselves as learners is the most important benefit we can inculcate in our children.

This is much more than showing our children the path of learning we, as adults, have gone through. A big challenge for us, as parents or educators, is to equip our children with the knowledge, skills, and values for all-round and whole-person development. Our vision of education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century is to enable all our children to develop their potential to the fullest extent. It will be the concerted efforts by the government, frontline educators and the community as a whole which will translate our vision into reality. To the parents, I wish to express my appreciation of your active contributions towards your child's education. I am sure that the Castle days will stay in your child's memory as well as yours forever. I would also like to congratulate the school, our hard-working assistants, ground staff, cleaners, admin and the teachers on their efforts and contributions in promoting safety, the development and education of our young children.



We wish a fond farewell to Teacher Kelly Du Chenne who is joining the Foundation Phase Team in Grade 1 in January, wish her well in her new position and know that she will shine as much as she has here at our Castle.

Teacher Tammy Palmer is also leaving our Castle to settle abroad and she will be dearly missed for her wonderful adventurous lessons. Have a wonderful adventure Teacher Tammy, may you settle well in Australia and continue to inspire young minds to love learning!

Wishing our Curro Castle community a safe and festive holiday season. 2018, will bring most definitely renewed focus on our key strengths at Curro Castle Aurora: the nurture and development of our children across all aspects of the curriculum from personal, social and emotional development all keeping our focus on **LEARNING THROUGH PLAY**.

Lots of love  
The Curro Castle Aurora Team

