

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Guardians,
Happy Valentines day to all! Grade 1 to 7 learners enjoyed this day by exchanging gifts of friendship with each other. The wonderful rain resulted in many sport fixtures being cancelled during the course of the week. We look forward in hosting the Inter-Curro swimming gala here at Aurora on Saturday. Our Cheerleaders did exceptionally

well at the World School Cheerleading Championship in the USA where they came sixth. They did us proud! With only 4 weeks left untill the end of term, I kindly ask that you get your child's winter school uniform in order as learners are expected to wear it during Terms 2 and 3. Our Blue Pride values are extremely important to us as it unite us as a team, inside of school as well as outside in the real



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Pride

We show
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We
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world. **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

- U10 Cricket won against Charterhouse.
- Snr Tennis Girls won against NWCS.
- Cheerleaders came 6th at the WSCC.

DISCO

The Primary School is abuzz with excitement in announcing our Sunglasses, Silly Socks and Smiles Disco on Friday, 22 February 2019 in the school hall. All learners are invited to attend and dress up. The cost of a ticket is R30 and payment can be made to your child's tutor teacher from Monday, 18 February to Thursday, 21 February 2019. Tickets will be issued on Friday, 22 February 2019. A tuck shop will be available.

Times:

- Grade 1 to 3: 16:00 -17:00
- Grade 4 to 7: 17:30 – 19:00

**Sunglasses,
Silly Socks
and Smiles**

R30
per person

We cordially invite you to our
primary school disco.

Tickets can be purchased from the tutor teacher from Monday, 18 February 2019. Wristbands will be handed to learners on the Friday of the disco. A tuck shop will be available, as well as a photo booth.

Date: Friday, 22 February 2019

Time: Grades 1 to 3: 16:00 – 17:00
Grades 4 to 7: 17:30 – 19:00

Venue: School hall

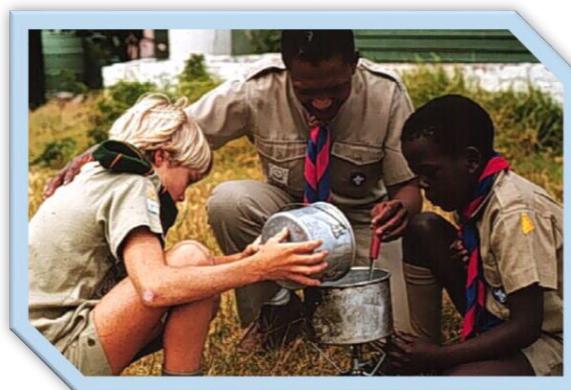
Dress code: Add sunglasses, silly socks and a big smile to your outfit!

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SCOUT COMMEMORATION

Every year on 22 February, members of the South Movement around the world celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden Powell, founder of the South Movement. We ask learners to wear their Cub uniform to school and our assembly on **Tuesday, 19 February 2019.**



REMINDERS

- **APT MOVIE NIGHT:** Remember to diarise Wednesday evening, 13 March 2019 for you to come and watch a family movie.

GRADE 1 TO 3 PHONO-GRAPHICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

**PHONO-GRAPHIX
READING AND
SPELLING
WORKSHOP**

We invite all Grades R to 3 parents to come and learn strategies to support your child with reading and spelling.

Date: Wednesday, 20 February 2019
Time: 18:00
Venue: School hall
Facilitator: Read for Africa

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We have recently introduced the Phono-Graphix reading and spelling method into the school. Our teachers are passionate about the programme and are having a great deal of success with it. We are excited about this journey that we are embarking on with Read for Africa and would like to invite you join us for an introductory talk on the method on **Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 6pm in the School Hall.**

Phono-Graphix is a straightforward reading and spelling method, which takes the sounds of the English language – and teaches the various sound-pictures (letters) that represent those sounds in careful stages. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the method and how you can support your child as s/he embarks on the exciting process of learning to read or enhancing his/her reading and spelling. **The talk is relevant to all Grade 1 to 3 parents.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 20 February 2019	• Grade 1 to 3 Phono- Graphix Workshop at 6pm
Thursday, 21 February 2019	• Grade 4 to 7 English Public Speaking Evening
Friday, 22 February 2019	• Primary School Disco
Saturday, 9 March 2019	• Annual Open Day
Monday, 11 March 2019	• Grade 4 visit to Sterkfontein and Maropeng
Tuesday, 12 March 2019	• Grade 5 visit to Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve

SPORTS FIXTURES:**Week 18 to 23 February 2019:**

Date	Sport	Opponents / Event	Venue	Time
Mon	1 st Team Cricket	Randpark Primary School	Randpark Primary School	14:00 – 17:00
Tue	U/11 Cricket	Randpark Primary School	Randpark Primary School	14:00 – 17:00
	Grade 1 & 2 T-Ball Festival		Curro Aurora	13:30 – 15:00
Wed	U/10 Cricket	Randpark Primary School	Randpark Primary School	14:00 – 17:00
	Softball	Jubilate Primary School	Jubilate Primary School	14:00 – 16:00
	Senior Girls Tennis	St Catherine's	Curro Aurora	14:00 – 15:30
Thu	U/7 & U/8 Cricket	Mini Cricket Festival	TBC	TBC
	U/9 A Cricket	Randpark Primary School	Curro Aurora	14:00 – 17:00
	U/9 B Cricket	Curro Wilgeheuwel	Curro Wilgeheuwel	14:00 – 17:00
	U/11 Cricket	Trinityhouse Randpark R	Trinityhouse Randpark R	14:00 – 17:00
Fri	Swimming	A League Gala	Randpark Primary	14:00 – 16:00
Sat	Mini Tennis	Tournament	Curro Aurora	08:30 – 12:00

Week 25 February to 02 March 2019:

Date	Sport	Opponents / Event	Venue	Time
Mon	1 st Team Cricket	Trinityhouse RR	Curro Aurora	14:00 – 17:00
Tue	U/11 Cricket	Franklin D Roosevelt	Curro Aurora	14:00 – 17:00
Wed	U/10 Cricket	NW Christian School	Curro Aurora	14:00 – 17:00
Thu	U/7 & U/8 Mini	Mini Cricket Festival	TBC	TBC
	U/9 A Cricket	Franklin D Roosevelt	Franklin D Roosevelt	14:00 – 17:00
	U/9 B Cricket	Cliffview Primary School	Cliffview Primary School	14:00 – 17:00
	Senior Boys Tennis	Jan Celliers Laerskool	Jan Celliers Laerskool	14:00 – 17:00
	Softball	Act of Education	Act of Education	14:00 – 16:00
Fri	Cheerleading	League Competition	Curro Aurora	TBC

CURRO ART SUPERHEROES (CAS)

A brief introduction to CAS. In 2017 our company, Wordsmith's Theatre Factory, began to talk to Curro Holdings about a structured plan to boost creativity within the Curro family of schools. In 2018, amongst other projects, we launched CAS.

Think of CAS as a National Platform on which your children can hone their particular brand of creativity: from singers to instrumentalists, from hip-hop dancers to blade makers, from budding opera stars to hip-hop divas, from avid spelling champions to funky kings of knitting, from masters of the art of colouring to "wannabe" Spielbergs who feel more comfortable behind the camera. If your child has a creative skill that can be expressed artistically, we will find a way of accommodating them. In 2018 we launched CAS for High Schools only. We aimed for 1500 entries nationally but were delighted to end up with 2600 creative learners who wanted to sharpen their particular talents.

Now, for the first time, we are enrolling CAS for Primary School within the Curro fold. This year CAS has added learners from Grades 4 to 7. We are adamant that the adjudicators are professionals who make their living from the discipline that they will be adjudicating. The panel includes, amongst others:

1. Move it! Didi Moses, internationally acclaimed teacher, dancer, choreographer and judge on the first two seasons of *So you think you can dance SA*.
2. Sing it! Sarah Theron, local diva known for her incredible vocal prowess. Recording star, actress and vocal coach.
3. Act it! Anthea Thompson, one of South Africa's most lauded stage actors and a force on TV and the silver screen. Anthea also teaches acting at UCT. She will be assisted by young firebrand actor and UCT alumnus Oarabile Ditsele, whose work has taken him to Edinburgh, Washington DC and New York. **A full list of adjudicators will be mailed to all schools in March.** The adjudicators' focus will be on empathy and mentorship, on guidance and on fair adjudication. We strive to create a safe space for learners, where they can perform at their peak. For this reason, no audience

members, including parents, staff or other learners will be allowed to be in the venue when adjudication takes place.

Your child will be awarded one of the following certificates per entry: Bronze Tiger: 65% to 74.9%, Silver Surfer: 75% to 84.9%, Black Raven: 85% to 94.9%, Curro Kryptonite: 95% to 100%. Learners who score 64.9% and lower will receive a participation certificate. It is important to note that these are National certificates: the same judge who adjudicates in Windhoek does so in Nelspruit, Durban, Cape Town and Klerksdorp. Thus, your child



will have an idea of where he/she falls on the national continuum of Curro creatives. The Kryptonite certificate comes with a Curro Kryptonite badge which learners can wear on their blazers to signify their creative excellence. For Primary School the badge is gold, with a green outline and a blue "C".

This extraordinary achievement can be reached once in Primary school and once in High school. A learner may receive any number of Kryptonite certificates, but only ever one badge. Later in the year there is the possibility of Regional Kryptonite Concerts in KZN, Gauteng and the Western Cape. The team of adjudicators will polish the individual items and we will compile a spectacular showcase for the region. All recipients of Kryptonite certificates are eligible to be invited to form part of this prestigious evening.



There is an entry fee of R50 per entry. Whether you enter as an individual, a group or a choir, the entry fee remains R50 per entry. So, if a learner enters for Sing it! Act it!, and the music video category, the total will be R150. If the learner enters as part of a marimba band, or a 60-voice choir, the entry will be R50 per entry only, not R50 per member. **The deadline for entries is 1 March 2019. Primary School adjudication for our region will take place at Curro Aurora.** Please note: 1 March 2019 is the deadline for entries.

It is not the deadline for your child's artwork, poem, dance, etc. – we just need the electronic entry form (compiled by the school) and the entry fee to reach CAS by then. Adjudication will take place in April 2019; specific adjudication dates will be mailed as soon as we have the final number of entries. It is up to the school or the parents to transport the learners to and from the venue for adjudication. Entries can only be made by the Cultural Head, Mr Dane Gabin. We will not accept any entries from individual learners or parents.

A full electronic CAS booklet, should you need any further information, is available via e-mail. Later this year we will launch the Curro Create National Youth Theatre Festival (a platform for Primary and High Schools to showcase a one-act play) and throughout the year we will offer workshops to up-skill learners and teachers. At Curro Create we ask only one question: what serves the learner the best? One of the answers, inevitably is: to help them to live their best creative lives. We hope to witness this creativity when we visit in April 2019.

This is what you need to do:

1. Decide on a category that you would like to enter (you can enter as many as you like)
2. Ask your tutor teacher for an entry form
3. Return your completed entry form to the Primary School Office (your account will be debited with the correct amount)
4. The Primary School will enter you into the competition
5. Await feedback from the Primary School regarding your individual dates and times.

We look forward to receiving your entries!

Yours in education

Mr. C. Maree
Head of Primary School



Hey you!

The funkiest arts superhero this side of Krypton.

Yes, you!

Show us your creative skills and you may just receive a rare piece of Curro Kryptonite.

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Speak to your head of culture today!

To take part in CAS, you have to:
be a registered learner at a Curro/Meridian/Academy/Select high school.



What is your superhero ability?



Filmmaking? *SINGING?* Painting?
SOCIAL MEDIA? Writing? *DANCING?*

Enter before 1 March 2019 to
#Learners2Leaders be a Curro Arts Superhero!

Get all the information from your teacher or head of culture.

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