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CURRO
Thatchfield

High School
NEWS LETTER

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1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

Dear Parents/Guardians

Another short break for our Easter weekend from Friday, 19 to Monday, 22 April 2019 is coming up and then it will be down to core business, i.e. teaching and learning.

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents' meeting on Saturday, 13 April 2019. As we've discussed, our three focus areas are: academic excellence, enhanced discipline and a safe school environment. All parents agreed that this should be a combined effort from all stakeholders in order to achieve success. Thank you that we can count on your commitment in this regard.

All our matric learners are extremely excited about their big day – the **matric dance** – which will take place on Friday, 26 April 2019. We look forward to seeing our learners all dressed up in style and looking as elegant once again as they did in previous years.

Our RCL outreach and culture committees have launched an **Easter egg hunt** for the whole school. The idea is to collect Easter eggs that will be donated to less-privileged learners. We humbly request that every child brings R15 to school – R10 will go towards purchasing Easter eggs and R5 to wear house shirts and denims. This event will take place during register period on **Wednesday, 17 April 2019**.

With the cooler weather that we are experiencing, we will have a **uniform change-over period** until Friday, 3 May 2019 where learners can **wear either their full summer uniform or their full winter uniform**. However, from **Monday, 6 May 2019** all learners should be neatly dressed in their **winter uniform**.

Mrs Marlene Gerber





2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

Term two is traditionally the busiest term of the year. We have our winter sports fixtures as well as the mid-year examinations during this term.

We have fixtures for soccer, netball, hockey, rugby and chess. Some of our learners who prefer culture activities are also rehearsing for the upcoming Curro Arts Superhero (CAS) eisteddfod (which we will be hosting for the Gauteng region). CAS forms part of the Curro Create culture initiative from Curro Head Office. As usual, our learners will also be able to enrol to take part in the Centurion Arts Festival. Also, please look out for news on our matric dance on Friday, 26 April 2019 as well as our annual car show on Saturday, 11 May 2019!

I would like to remind you that the timetable and daily times have changed for term two since we will not be writing formal tests and, as a result, the test periods have fallen away. This allows for more teaching time during the term. The June examination will be the formal part of testing for the term.

Before we know our learners will be writing their June exams. If you add the upcoming public holidays we have just 15 days of teaching for Grades 10, 11 and 12 learners and 27 teaching days for Grades 8 and 9 learners left before our examinations commence!

I want to urge you to ensure that your child plans his/her study time carefully and remind them to attend all the academic support lessons that will be on offer during the term. There is no such thing as NO homework for a high school learner.

Mr Danie van Schalkwyk

3. PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

We've had a number of volunteers who indicated their willingness to become part of the high school PAC and our first meeting will take place soon. Thereafter, we will communicate to you the contact details of all members. Remember that they represent you, the parent, and are willing to assist in whichever way possible. Thank you to those parents who are willing to give up some of their time for serving on this committee.

4. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates for the rest of the term as well as for term 2:

| Date | Activity |
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| Friday, 26 April | Interhouse winter sport Matric dance |
| Thursday, 2 May | Grade 12 Afrikaans production |
| Monday, 6 May | Quo Vadis meeting (Grade 12 parents and learners) |
| Wednesday, 8 May | Public holiday (national voting day) |
| Thursday, 9 May | Blood drive |



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| Friday, 10 May | Careers day |
| Saturday, 11 May | CAS (Venue: Primary school) Car show (Venue: High school) |
| Sunday, 12 May | Mother's Day |
| Wednesday, 15 May | Exams start (Grades 10 to 12) |
| Monday, 27 May | Exams start (Grades 8 to 9) |
| Friday, 14 June | School closes |
| Sunday, 16 June | Father's Day |

5. GENERAL

As you know, Mrs Van Schalkwyk has undergone back surgery and we are also sad to report that Mrs Catherine Kloppers broke her leg during the holidays. We wish them a speedy recovery!

Staff matters

Tablets and textbooks

We remind you once again that, in order for your child to make the best of his/her academic year, it is of utmost importance that you **purchase the required textbooks/workbooks**. This year you had the option to either purchase hardcopy books or e-books. There is still a vast number of learners who do not have textbooks. We are concerned about how learners will prepare properly for the upcoming exams without the necessary resources.

The number of learners loitering on school premises after school hours is of great concern. Aside from the obvious safety concerns, learners are wasting valuable time that could be spent on homework or preparing for a test. We urgently need your support in this regard by ensuring that you check up on your children's whereabouts after school.

Learners on premises after hours

Changing of personal details

You are urgently requested to please log on to **MyHub** and check **your personal details**, i.e. telephone numbers, email address, etc. Should there be some changes, you can now update it personally with the latest information. It is important that you please keep your details updated as we might, from time to time, need to get hold of you regarding an incident at school.



General appearance of learners

Thank you to all learners for looking smart and proudly Curro when arriving at school in the mornings. Just a reminder to the girls to make sure that their dresses are of an acceptable length. We also expect of our boys to be cleanly shaved, please. If there is any doubt regarding general appearance, please contact the school for advice.

It has become really disturbing to hear of all the drug-related incidences in and around our community. We are not naïve to believe that this is not prevalent in our school as well. We have therefore contacted the local SAPS specialist's unit for schools; not only to come and talk to our learners, but also to do random searches amongst our learners. The school will also perform drug tests when and where a reasonable suspicion justifies this action. We will rely heavily on your support in this endeavour.

Drug-related challenges

Facebook

By visiting our Curro Thatchfield Facebook page regularly, you will stay up to date with all the activities that are taking place at our school. Interesting articles and photos are posted regularly and you will be amazed to see how busy we are!
Please don't forget to 'like' our posts.
<https://www.facebook.com/CurroThatchfield/>

6. IN CONCLUSION

We like to build connections between the child's day at school and life at home. We invite you to please make use of the **second 'C', i.e. COMMUNICATION** and keep us informed by communicating with us. Our goal is to build a sense of community and trust amongst children, parents and staff.

Kind regards

MRS MARLENE GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD

MR DANIE VAN SCHALKWYK
HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL



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Name of account: Curro Thatchfield

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Account no.: 623 5878 0403

Branch code: 250-655

Reference: Family code

Please note that school fees are due in advance on the 2nd of every month for 12 months (e.g. July school fees are payable on 2 July)

NB: A R150 payment allocation fine will be added to all accounts that do not use the family code as reference when making an EFT payment.

External providers

Grit Concept Lounge

thatchfield@grit.co.za

Located in the high school admin office

Monday to Thursday: 07:30 – 09:00 and 12:30 – 16:00

Friday: 07:30 – 09:00

Afro School Suppliers

ldreyer@afroschool.co.za or 011 708 6334

Educational support team

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If you think your child might suffer from depression contact

South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) 08:00 – 20:00

0800 567 567 or 0800 205 026 or 0800 708 090 and 0800 121 314 or

SMS 31393 and they will call you back

Urban Life church services on Sundays in the primary school hall at 10:00

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3C Ministries on Sundays in the high school hall at 08:00

