



## THANK YOU

We have come to the end of a busy second term, where many days have been long and cold. Nevertheless, who would have changed the way each day unfolded, the mystery, the shared experiences, the challenges and achievements celebrated?

People make their own warmth and the friendly, enthusiastic atmosphere that prevailed throughout the term is not to be understated. One can look back over the calendar and see the opportunities offered and grasped, at the lessons learnt, discoveries made, and games played. We hope that every learner goes away a little tired but very fulfilled this term. Nothing makes us happier than learners who have put their hands up and tried, who have joined the team, any team, and contributed to the dynamic conversations and activities that arose.

I believe it has been a term of good balance, with drama, music, public speaking and our major production, iAfrica, enjoying high profile evenings and opportunities for expression. The learners revelled in their sport with rugby, netball, soccer, cricket, cross-country, tennis, softball, hockey, golf, swimming and various outside activities all demanding practice, participation and effort.

We are embracing technology where it is educationally sound, convenient and makes for sustainable practice. We have already acquired our 3-D printer and laser cutter and have been utilizing virtual reality technology in the classroom already.

Our learners excelled at various sports, and we saw the growth of provincial, national and even international sportspeople.

Term three offers a whole new range of sports, cultural or service opportunities and we encourage each and every learner to pick at least one activity with which to persevere.

I would like to thank the staff for their effort and dedication to our learners over the term and thank the learners for their commitment, enthusiasm and school spirit. Thanks also to our supportive parents for the many ways in which they assist. There is a real sense of community at Curro Aurora, which is thanks to the compassion and understanding that is exhibited on a daily basis.

Please note that school starts again on Tuesday, 9 July for Grades 8 to 11 and on Monday, 1 July for Matric Winter School. The sports brochure and term planner will be available on the website shortly.

We wish you a fantastic holiday and trust that our learners will come back ready to discover new things.



## Academic Consistency and Integrity

The most important characteristic of effective standards and reaching academic goals is consistency. Figure out early on who you are and what your principles are and stick to them. Define success by what you have control over - doing excellent work and treating others with kindness. This implies that you need to have academic integrity.

Having integrity means doing the right thing, even when no one is looking. It means doing your own work. It means writing your own papers and properly citing your resources. It means taking an online quiz without the help from your textbooks or friends, if the quiz is supposed to be taken that way. Also, it could mean reporting someone you suspect has cheated on an exam or other assignment.

When people know that you believe in doing the right thing, and that your behaviour is consistent with that belief, they trust you. Additionally, trust is one of the key characteristics of a successful leader. These individuals develop good reputations by being honest, fair, and trustworthy.

Tackle your third term with academic integrity and work consistently – make every assessment count and you will find that your end-of-year exam preparation will be greatly simplified.

## RAFFLE

My weekly reminder about our raffle books that were distributed to the students for our Annual Fundraising Raffle. We will continue with our raffle ticket drive during the third term – another civvies day reward is just around the corner – every learner who sold a total of at least six tickets will be allowed to wear civvies in the next round of rewards.

Please support us in our endeavour to sell as many tickets as possible as these funds are set aside for the printing of the Annual Yearbook.

Please know that High School learners are gaining the same benefit from the income of these tickets and therefore it is only fair that they do their fair share in selling their raffle tickets.

We have launched a CIVVIES day initiative to motivate High School learners to participate in this initiative.

Please support our learners in this.

**RAFFLE**

Stand a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes.  
Support our APT and buy your raffle ticket now!

Closing date for purchasing tickets:  
Monday, 15 July 2019

Draw date:  
Saturday, 3 August 2019

**You have to be in it to win it!**

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## CULTURE

Mrs Saskia Snyders

### FEDA:

Curro Aurora participated in this year's annual Festival of Excellence in Dramatic Arts (FEDA).

On 9 May, Nicholas C. Kruger took the cast of Anonymous to the Joburg Theatre. The cast and crew consisted of **Nicholas C. Kruger, Sabrina Freeman, Sarah Dike, Katherine Weber, Kgosietsile Majatladi, Nqobile Gobodo, Molemo Menyatso, Tinaye Nicole Paradza, Liphelo Mzili, Munashe Mashayahanya, Mikaela Jerg and Moaho Chauke**. They performed exceptionally well, and it was evident that they were well-rehearsed. They produced a polished performance to which the whole audience could relate.



They were praised for the way in which they staged the performance and for their use of tableaux. Sabrina Freeman was also commended for her acting talent and her wonderfully articulate delivery of her lines.



On 15 May, Trevayne Weber and Bonolo Molomo took the cast of Hlulani to the Joburg Theatre. The cast and crew consisted of **Trevayne Weber, Minenhle Lukhele, Eugene Cilliers, Bonolo Molomo, Dino Barnard, Aiden Schutte, Kgolofelo Bopape, Hlulani Sabela, Munashe Mashayahanya and Moaho Chauke**. The cast devised the play and completely invested themselves into the creative process. Their performance was funny, moving, honest and left the adjudicators speechless.





The cast was applauded for their ensemble work; for their fresh interpretations; for the fact that they were able to show both sides of an argument; and for truthfully portraying relevant issues.

Sylvaine Strike, one of the adjudicators, mentioned that Aiden Schutte is a very talented young actor.

Curro Aurora's learners received the following nominations:

Hlulani, an original production, devised by its cast and directed by Trevayne Weber and Bonolo Molomo was selected as one of the top 8 productions. This is an incredible achievement.

Prolific Contribution of Quality:	Curro Aurora: Nicholas C. Kruger ( <u>Anonymous</u> )
Best Lighting nomination:	Curro Aurora ( <u>Anonymous</u> )
Inspirational nomination:	Curro Aurora ( <u>Hlulani</u> )
Original Script nomination:	Curro Aurora ( <u>Hlulani</u> )
Ensemble nomination:	Curro Aurora ( <u>Hlulani</u> )
Best Actress nomination:	Curro Aurora: Hlulani Sabela ( <u>Hlulani</u> )
Best Actor nomination:	Curro Aurora: Aiden Schutte ( <u>Hlulani</u> )
Best Director nomination:	Curro Aurora: Trevayne Weber & Bonolo Molomo ( <u>Hlulani</u> )
Best Production:	Curro Aurora ( <u>Hlulani</u> )

Munashe Mashayahanya won the Best Social Media Campaign award for Anonymous. We are incredibly proud of all our learners. Thank you to the parents, teachers and learners who supported the FEDA casts

## Curro CAS:

Curro Aurora hosted this year's Curro CAS for the Johannesburg Region. The talent that we witnessed was unbelievable. We are thrilled at the number of learners who participated and the opportunity afforded to the learners to explore and expand their creative skills.

We are honoured to announce that the following learners were awarded Kryptonite awards (the highest achievement at Curro CAS: 95% and above):

Rethabile Maseko (Gr 12):	<i>Kryptonite</i> for Act It! – Poem
Danielle Bosman (Gr 11):	<i>Kryptonite</i> for Act It! – Monologue
Danielle Bosman (Gr 11):	<i>Kryptonite</i> for Sing It! – Solo



The following learners were awarded Black Ravens (85-94%):

Rethabile Maseko (Gr 12):	Black Raven for Sing It! – Solo
Christabel Akpoduado (Gr 8):	Black Raven for Sing It! – Solo
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Connor Govender (Gr 8):	Black Raven for Sing It! – Solo <i>Beat Box</i>
S'Qalo Nhleko (Gr 8):	Black Raven for Sing It! – Solo
Alicia Ferguson (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Play It! – Marimba
Tatum Govender (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Move It! – Solo Dancehall
Shenade Mchunu (Gr 8):	Black Raven for Read It! – Unprepared Reading
Kiara Fourie (Gr 10):	Black Raven for Read It! – Prepared Reading
Mikyle Fourie (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Read It! – Prepared Reading
Mikyle Fourie (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Read It! – Unprepared Reading
Megan Archer (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Make It! – Pencil
Dino Barnard (Gr 10):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Avela Mvundle (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Mbali Lehlongoane (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Tatum Govender (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Sabrina Freeman (Gr 10):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Alicia Ferguson (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Mimi Lukhele (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Luke Prinsloo (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Danielle Bosman (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Hlulani Sabela (Gr 11):	Black Raven for Act It! – Monologue
Rethabile Maseko (Gr 12):	Black Raven for Sing It! – Solo
Basha Mosiuoa, Matsibe Mahonko & Achumile Koyana (Gr 9):	Black Raven for Act It! – isiZulu Poem
Blue Fusion (Dance Crew):	Black Raven for Dance It! – Hip Hop
Aurora Amadeus (Music Ensemble):	Black Raven for Sing It! – Small Group

## ATKV Redenaars

This year was the first year that Curro Aurora High School participated in the ATKV Redenaars, First Additional Language category.

The Afrikaans Department, along with the learners, worked extremely hard to get their persuasive speeches ready. Jada Reddy (Grade 8) participated in the semi-finals of the ATKV REDENAARS on Saturday at Linden Hoërskool. After weeks and many hours practising and memorising her speech, she made it through to the semi-finals. Her topic was: “*Mense verdraai die waarheid om elke hoek en draai.*”



(PHOTO: From left to right: Mr JC Engelbrecht, Jada Reddy and Mrs Rialda van Rensburg)



Jada is indeed a very competent and confident orator.

We are extremely proud of Jada who made it into the finals in Cape Town. We wish you luck, Jada, and we will definitely hear more speeches from you in the future!

You made the Afrikaans Department proud!

## Choir:



Our High School choir performed at their first external public showcase: Karisma Choir Spectacular on Wednesday, 24 April, at King's School Robin Hills.

The learners carried themselves well and were true ambassadors of the school.

## NEA

Congratulations to Hilton Botha (Grade 8) who was selected as a Quarter-Finalist for this year's National Eisteddfod Academy Young Performer Awards. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of you.

## **AFRIKAANS KOOK**

*Mrs Helen Steyn*

The Afrikaans Department was very busy this term. For the first time, we entered four Grade 8s in the Junior Afrikaans ATKV Redenaars and three Grade 11s in the Senior Afrikaans ATKV Redenaars competition. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our learners oral abilities. They each had to prepare an augmentative speech (4-6 minutes) on prescribed topics per grade. All the learners made us proud with their presentations.

We entered 30 Grade 10 to 12 learners for the "Senior Afrikaans Olimpiade". This is a national 3-hour examination that tests learners on their general Afrikaans knowledge. The results will be available next term.

In May, we had the hilarious PIT Productions who entertained the Grade 11 and 12s with a dramatization of a selection of poems and the Grade 12 prescribed set work. This was a huge success with the learners who thoroughly enjoyed the brilliant acting and many humorous sketches.



We're already very excited and planning for our outing to Aardklop during the September holidays! If you are interested in having a ROCKING Afrikaans outing with markets and shows: watch this space!

## Sport

*By Mr Adrian Ferreira*

The Term 2 High School sports teams enjoyed a busy season.

Curro Krugersdorp hosted Curro Regionals. Some of the codes were played at Curro Aurora. The teams did very well. The 1<sup>st</sup> and u/15 netball, 1<sup>st</sup> and u/15 rugby and 1<sup>st</sup> girls' soccer won all their matches. The 1<sup>st</sup> boys, 1<sup>st</sup> girls, u/15 boys and u/15 girls' hockey as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> boys and u/15 boys soccer were undefeated with wins and draws. Curro Nationals at Waterstone College will include 1<sup>st</sup> team winners from the various regions. The 1<sup>st</sup> rugby, netball, boys' hockey, boys and girls' soccer teams qualified.

## Hockey:

*Ms Kyla Hayter*

It is with great pride we look back at what was a whirlwind of a 2019 Hockey Season. Our boys and girls showed immense dedication throughout the season and worked hard at improving their skills.

Our official season began with the Treverton Co-Ed Sports Festival, during the April holidays. It provided a great opportunity for our learners to develop their skills as well as learn the importance of working as a team.

Though short on numbers for a full team, our girls accommodated the additional players that joined us at the festival and showed true Blue Pride sportsmanship.



Figure 1: Treverton Co-Ed Sports Festival Boys and Girls Hockey Teams



Figure 2: 1st Curro Aurora Boys Hockey Team

Both teams performed brilliantly at the festival. Lunga Mantanzima, Vaiyur Moodley, Teyvyn Pretorius, Emke Naude and Munashe Dombodzvukou were selected to join the touring Netherlands team made up of players chosen throughout the festival. Lunga was awarded the Best Striker of the festival.



Figure 3: U/15 Curro Aurora Boys Hockey team

The boys 1st and U/15 hockey teams performed well throughout their season and in the Aitken and Boden tournament.

The 1st team placed 14th at Aitken 'B' and the U/15 boys placed 6th in Boden 'C'. The 1st Team boys also qualified for Curro Nationals at the end of term. We wish them all the best. Lunga Matanzima (Grade 11) and Asad Davids (Grade 8) ended a brilliant season by being selected for the Southern Gauteng U/17 A

and U/14 C teams respectively. This is an amazing achievement, and both will be participating in their respective Inter-Provincial Tournaments during these holidays. Congratulations from your Aurora Hockey Family and all the best!

Our girls faced many challenges in their 2019 season. A busy schedule saw them play up to three matches in one week. Despite this, they never wavered in their commitment and Blue Pride. They ended with a good season.



Figure 4: 2nd Curro Aurora Girls Hockey Team

The highlight for our girls was the first team winning the Lumley and Hague Festival. This festival was started by two of our own Matrics in 2017 as an opportunity for girls' hockey teams to compete in their own festival during Aitken and Boden.

We are extremely proud to keep this tradition going. Our 1st team poured their hearts into their games on the day.

Lethabo Rakoma received the award for best Goal Keeper and Jade Ahlers received the best Defender of the day.

Such a great end to a busy season!



Figure 5: 1st Curro Aurora Girls Hockey

Thank you to our team of committed coaches and managers for a great season. We are looking forward to next year as Curro Aurora Hockey continues to grow in strength.



## Netball:



All our netball teams have once again proven that they are formidable sportspeople who will always be up for a challenge.

The netball teams fared well throughout the season, with the 1<sup>st</sup> and u/15 teams having an unbeaten league season.

Both teams advanced to the Inter-District playoffs, where they lost – the first team by a one goal.

- Kamilah Hank made the District 10 u/15 netball team and advanced to the second round of Gauteng trials.
- Megan Archer played for Western Gauteng 'B' at the u/17 Indoor Netball Inter-Provincial Tournament where her team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Tyla Mitchell represented Western Gauteng 'B' at the u/14 Indoor Netball Inter-Provincial Tournament where her team finished 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Melissa Parr, 1<sup>st</sup> team coach, who received her GSS umpire's grading.

## Rugby 7s:

Sevens rugby at school level has become very popular in South Africa and its structure allows a larger number of teams from smaller schools to compete in fast-paced competitive rugby. The rugby 1<sup>st</sup>, u/16 and u/15 teams played in the Warriors League.

From one field to the next, the rugby teams proudly represented their schools and their sportsmanship on and off the field.

After five rounds of league matches and playoffs, the teams played in the League Finals at Trinityhouse Little Falls on Saturday, 8 June. Our boys played great rugby throughout the tournament, and the positive results that have come out of this bode well for the future of sevens rugby at Curro Aurora.





The 1<sup>st</sup> and u/16 teams played in the Plate finals, and the u/15s competed in the Cup Final to determine the league champions.



The teams achieved the following results:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Curro Aurora (29) vs. Trinityhouse Little Falls (19). Plate Trophy winners.
- u/16: Curro Aurora (42) vs. The King's College (10). Plate Trophy winners
- u/15: Curro Aurora (21) vs. Curro Krugersdorp (14). Cup winners



Siyabonga Mokhosi is congratulated on his selection for the Warriors u/18 team that will be playing in the Vision Sport Mauritius 7's Rugby Tournament in September.

## Cross Country:

*Ms Nicole Webb*

The cross country athletes enjoyed a very successful cross country season. Besides the exceptional results that our athletes achieved, a bigger success was the number of athletes we had participating. Cross country is a growing sport at Curro Aurora, and we hope to have a team of thirty plus next year.

The season started off with an average of twelve athletes at practice, and as the season progressed, we ended with over twenty participants. Some of our athletes merely attended cross country for the enjoyment of a bit of running and fresh air. It was so inspiring to see the development over the season as the athletes got fitter each week. We had three routes – short, medium and long – and as the athletes got fitter, they either progressed to a longer route or improved their times on the shorter route. We do hope that we have inspired a love for running and that these students now participate in athletics in Term 3.



The season consisted of six meetings held at different venues. Each student's top four times were then taken to decide who would qualify for the Inter-District meeting. Three of our students qualified: Kim Turgut, Jenna-Laine Fuller and Siyabonga Mokhosi. These students performed exceptionally well at the Inter-District Meeting – Kim placed 19<sup>th</sup> out of 64 participants, Jenna-Laine placed 11<sup>th</sup> out of 64 and Siyabonga placed 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 72. We would like to congratulate these students on doing Curro Aurora proud.



We want to thank every student who participated this term and encourage them to continue working on their fitness levels. athletics is coming up in Term 3 and we hope to see as many enthusiastic athletes.

### Comrades Marathon:

The Comrades Marathon is an ultramarathon of approximately 89 kilometres which is run annually in KwaZulu Natal between the cities of Durban and Pietermaritzburg. It is the world's largest and oldest ultramarathon race. 2019's Race was an "up" run and started from Durban. The field was capped at 25,000 for 2019. Ms Nicole Webb completed her race in 8:14:04 – a remarkable achievement – we are extremely proud of her.

### Cheerleading:

During April and May, Curro Aurora Blues realised two significant achievements.



The International Cheer Unions Worlds took place at ESPN in Florida, USA. Five Curro Aurora Blues Cheerleaders, proudly attired in their Protea colours, were amongst 3000 Cheerleaders from all over the world. They competed in the Junior Co-ed Advanced and All Girl Elite divisions. Sonali Bhugwandeem, Nicole Krause, Shizel Thomson and Megan Vermeulen, members of the Co-ed Advanced division, were placed 6th overall.

Ushmitha Bhugwandeem and Nicole, members of the All Girl Elite division, were placed 11th overall. Nicole was also the first Cheerleader to be selected as a cross-over athlete to compete in both the Junior Co-ed and All Girl teams. The Junior Co-ed squad made history by being the first South African team to compete at Worlds for South Africa.

Curro Aurora Blues competed at Provincials at Edenglen High School on Saturday, 18 May. The Curro Aurora Blue Lightning Group Stunts and Curro Aurora Blue Ice All Girl teams were placed second in their respective divisions.

We congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well for Nationals in East London on the 22nd June!



## Equestrian:

The SANESA Qualifier 3 took place at Maple Ridge Equestrian Farm where the riders achieved the following:

Rae-kyndra Ragoobee :

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dressage Level 2 Novice A
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Prix Caprilli Level 3 Novice B
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Performance Riding Level 3
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Prix Caprilli Level 3 Novice A
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Dressage Level 2 Novice B

Chevaun Barker:

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Showjumping (90cm) Accumulator
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Equitation Level 3
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Showjumping (90cm) Competition

A superb performance was displayed by our riders at the SANESA Final Qualifiers this past weekend. Here are the High School results, from Qualifier 4 held at Maple Ridge Equestrian Farm:

Rae-kyndra Ragoobee (Grade 9):

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dressage Level 2 Novice B
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Prix Caprilli Level 3 Novice B
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Performance Riding Level 3
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Prix Caprilli Level 3 Novice A
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Dressage Level 2 Novice A



Chevaun Barker (Grade 11):

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Showjumping (90cm) Accumulator
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Showjumping (90cm) Competition
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Equitation Level 3



Norika Goldsmith (Grade 9)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dressage Level 1 A
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dressage Level 1 B
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Showjumping Accumulator
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Showjumping Competition





## Golf:

The golfers competed in two tournaments. The 'A' team won the Westville Boys' High Sun City Championship. The 'B' team finished 10<sup>th</sup>. Kieron van Wyk finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the individual competition and Kim Turgut 1<sup>st</sup> in the girls' competition.

The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 'Woodlands Junior Masters at Serengeti. Kim finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the girls' individual competition and was awarded the winners' jacket. Kieron was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the boys' competition.



The 'A' team won the Central Gauteng League Final.

- Kieron, along with three other players, represented Team GolfRSA at the ATI Ciputrar Golfpreneur Junior World at the Damai Indah Golf & Country Club in Jakarta, Indonesia. He competed in the Boys Class A Division (15-18 age group) where he finished in tied 2nd place.
- Kim represented Gauteng Ladies at the 72 hole Inter-Provincial Tournament.

## Canoeing:



Kamilah Hank represented Gauteng at SA Sprints where she won 4 silver and 1 bronze medals in her various races.

At the first race of the marathon season, she won gold in both her races.

The teams, players, participants, coaches and managers are thanked for their committed participation and congratulated on their achievements! 'Blue Pride' certainly prevailed.



## Speedcubing:

We wish to congratulate Ruben Grobler on his achievements at the SA National Speedcubing champs hosted by Arnold Schwarzenegger at his annual Arnold Classic Africa 2019. Ruben returned to the #1 ranked speedcuber in South Africa as well as in Africa.



## Witty Knitters Club

*Mrs Helen Steyn*

Early this year, we started a Knitting Club as part of our Community Service. We were very surprised when a group of enthusiastic learners joined this initiative. Most of the learners have never knitted before but with the guidance and help of teachers, they soon learned this skill and were on their way knitting scarves. The learners have completed 12 scarves which will be donated to a shelter next term.

Our next project is beanies for new born babies!

More and more people see knitting as a powerful therapy. "When you use your hands ... there's something that happens with the brain."

Some of the benefits are:

- reduction of chronic pain,
- boost in mood,
- reduction of stress,
- treatment for panic attacks,
- combats loneliness,
- boosts confidence, and more.



And, unlike many other crafts that require a stretch of dedicated attention, knitting can easily be picked up and put down again just a few minutes later. There aren't many things you can take on a bus or do in bed and not disturb anyone else. It gives people a really powerful tool that they can carry around with them and use it any time they want to.

It's not a huge investment and it can be a great outcome – all at your own pace.

The Witty Knitters get together once a week on a Thursday from 14h30 – 15h30. We knit, chat, drink coffee and have treats! You are welcome to join us next term!



“Have you ever been at sea in a dense fog, when it seemed as if a tangible white darkness shut you in and the great ship, tense and anxious, groped her way toward the shore with plummet and sounding-line, and you waited with beating heart for something to happen? I was like that ship before my education began, only I was without compass or sounding line, and no way of knowing how near the harbor was. ‘Light! Give me light!’ was the wordless cry of my soul, and the light of love shone on me in that very hour.”

- *Helen Keller*



To all parents and learners of Curro Aurora School, I wish you all the best holiday period filled with fun and excitement.

I wish you a time filled with joyful moments to be cherished and treasured forever. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Yours in education,

Dion Kotze  
Head of High School