



Annual Report

2019

Curro Durbanville Primary School

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege to present this following annual report of Curro Durbanville Primary. We started the year with 930 enthusiastic Grade R to Grade 7 learners. As you read through the year report, it should bring a smile on your face and a warm feeling in your heart thinking back to the 2019 journey you shared with the Curro Durbanville family – a journey on which we look back with gratitude and pride.

A highly professional, multi-talented and enthusiastic team of educators, dedicated to educating the learners, encouraged and inspired them to do their best throughout the year and reach their maximum potential. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with them.



Academically, we are constantly striving to deliver a curriculum of excellence. Our Culture and Music departments made us proud with their outstanding results. We are also extremely proud of the excellent results obtained in sport on national, provincial, and district level. We focus on sending well balanced children in the world and therefore gave numerous opportunities during the year to participate in sport, culture and academic activities.

We worked hard on the core values of our learners because we know it is essential if we are to seek the benefits of stability, character and responsibility in our learners.

It is with great gratitude that we present this overview of 2019 to you. It is a journey that would not have been possible without the support of our wonderful parents, community and very supportive parent committee. We were tremendously blessed and cannot help but praise our Heavenly Father.

Olivia van Heerden
 Head: Primary School

2. HIGHLIGHTS: VALUE ADDED PROGRAMME

2.1 Sunset Social

Each year this event 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 and where new Curro parents get the opportunity to meet parents with children from the same grade as their own children.

WILD WILD WEST was the theme for this year's Sunset Social. Learners, educators and parents were all invited to dress up as any character from the Wild West, to bring along their picnic baskets, do line dancing and ride the rodeo bull that we sourced for the occasion. The lawn in front of the primary school was jam-packed and the parents thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



2.2 Curro Cares

Donations for Overberg fires

Curro Durbanville learners provided hundreds of bottles of water, bags of clothing and various food supplies to Curro Hermanus Independent School. Curro Hermanus arranged that the donations from both schools are delivered to those most affected by the fires in the Overstrand area.

Sandwich project

Grades 4 to 7 had the opportunity to hand out sandwiches to the learners at Attie van Wyk Primary School as well as The Valley Primary School as part of our monthly Curro sandwich project. They thoroughly enjoyed sharing with the underprivileged. Thank you to all our parents for helping with this project and leading by example.

Curro Durbanville Primary School's WE GIVE BACK outreach project

WE GIVE BACK TO FISANTEKRAAL ANIMAL WELFARE (FAW)

On Monday, 22 July 2019, Ursula Neetling from Fisantekraal Animal Welfare joined us at our school to collect all the items that were donated by our learners and parents. It formed part of our 67 minutes for the Mandela-initiative.

On their wish list was dry food collars, treats, kennels, bowls, containers, blankets, etc. which was generously donated by our school.

FAW helps the people and their animals of the Fisantekraal township, Morning Star, Klipheuwel and surrounding farms near Durbanville in the Western Cape. Their focus is on primary healthcare and sterilisation (spay/neuter). They treat injuries and illnesses and assist with kennels, collars and food. They also rescue the animals and rehouse them.

We would like to thank Curro Durbanville learners and parents who kindly donated items to the FAW project, which formed part of our We Give Back week.

WE GIVE BACK TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

There was great excitement on 19 July as Curro Durbanville's Grade Rs waited for their grannies and grandpa's to come and visit them in their classrooms.

As part of the 67 minutes for Mandela initiative, our Grade Rs embraced caring for and celebrating our senior citizens. It was a fun-filled morning enthused with singing, rhymes, laughing and showing our grandparents what their grandchildren do during a normal day at school. At Curro Durbanville we nurture and encourage our learners to treat one another with respect, dignity and patience. The day ended with delicious pancakes and cupcakes and of course, lots of hugs and kisses.

WE GIVE BACK TO BLESS-A-BABY

We would like to thank Curro Durbanville learners and parents who generously donated items to the Bless-a-Baby project which formed part of our We Give Back week.

This outreach project joins in with the 67 minutes for Mandela-initiative. On Friday 19 July 2019, one of our parents, Mrs Tania Gietzmann who is part of the Bless-a-Baby committee, came to collect the baby clothes, baby blankets, nappies and soft toys which were donated by our learners and parents. Curro Durbanville Primary School's learner council helped carry and pack the items – what a privilege and what a joy!

Bless-a-Baby assists mothers and newborn babies in our community and beyond who are in need, by giving them nappy bags filled with 'mom and baby' essentials.

WE GIVE BACK TO KAY MASON FOUNDATION

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela.

On Friday 19 July 2019, Curro Durbanville Primary School's learners were very excited to dress up as superheroes for the 67 minutes Mandela- and We Give Back initiatives. With their outfits befitting their task-at-hand, the learners handed over their tins full of coins they had collected for Noëline de Goede, CEO of the Kay Mason Foundation (KMF). KMF is a small, non-profit organisation providing schooling and social support to deserving disadvantaged children with great potential.

It was truly an honour to have the opportunity to GIVE BACK to such a wonderful cause which helps many children have a better education and future. We would like to sincerely thank every learner and parent who supported this project and raised the huge amount of R72 000.

Curro Council's visit to Green Pastures

As part of the annual Curro Gives Back campaign, the members of the Curro Council visited Green Pastures, a retirement home in Durbanville. The learners spoiled the residents with gifts such as colouring books, colouring pencils, soft balls and games. Each resident also received a small succulent plant that they could take to their rooms. Three of our learners performed for the residents – Mia Kotze recited a poem, and Ithike Gunter and Joy Holcombe sang them a song. It was a very enriching experience for the learners and educators, and especially for the residents of Green Pastures.



2.3 Outings

Grade R	Butterfly World
Grade 1	Rosen Castle and Artscape Theatre
Grade 2	Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm and Artscape Theatre
Grade 3	Melkbosstrand
Grade 4	Iziko Museum

2.4 Grade 5 West Coast Tour

Altogether 116 excited Grade 5 learners went for the annual Grade 5 West Coast tour. Our first visit was to !Khwatshu, a San village. They then went on a safari drive and were allowed get off at the sand dunes at Geelbek in the West Coast National Park. The learners ran down the dunes to the other side and looked like tiny ants in the distance. At the Langebaan lagoon they had a quick swim and stayed at Windstone Backpackers. On Thursday they visited the Velddrif Museum and learned about the fishing industry in the area. They also visited Bokkomlaan, a little fish factory where they preserve bokkoms. Most learners loved the bokkoms and even bought extra bokkoms to eat. One of the highlights of the day was the trip on a ferry on the Berg River. Back at their accommodation, the learners had obstacle courses to contend with. On the last day they visited the Fossil Park. The museum was opened to the public for the first time and learners were amazed by all the interesting facts on fossils. It was very informative to see fossils of five million years ago and learn about the life of that time. At our final station each learner received an owl "dropping". They had to use a toothpick to analyse it and to identify the different parts of a skeleton of the owl's prey. The learners enjoyed the tour a lot.

2.5 Grade 6 camp

Curro Durbanville's Grade 6 camp took place at Back 2 Basics near Grabouw. The learners were divided into groups and they did team building activities. These activities allowed the learners to discover themselves, to bond with each other and to grow as leaders. Activities also included obstacle courses, raft building and problem solving. New friendships were formed and they thoroughly enjoyed the break from their daily routine. Back 2 Basics were a definite highlight for the Grade 6s of 2019.

2.6 Grade 7 camp

The Grade 7 class of 2019 visited the Wortelgat school camp at Stanford. After the initial welcoming and briefing session, boys and girls were divided into separate groups. At their respective campsites they participated in activities ranging from kayak racing, wall climbing and various other challenging, teamwork-based activities. These activities were undoubtedly one of the highlights of our stay at Wortelgat and most definitely aided in creating new and lasting bonds between many of our learners. After finishing the activities of the day, the learners were given a few hours to relax in the afternoon and enjoy the beauty of the areas surrounding Stanford. A wonderful camp was had by all.

2.7 Valentine's Day

The Curro Durbanville learners and staff were enfolded in love. On 14 February we wore red, white and pink. We were spoiled with sweet treats and our amazing music department held a colourful cake sale. It was a special day on which our Curro family had the opportunity to share love with one another.

Each learner in the school made a compliment card for a friend and put it up on the "Curro spreading the Love" boards in the primary school foyer.

The Curro Council and their parents spoiled the staff and decorated the school.

2.8 Cubs and Coaches: Grade 1 and Grade 6

Our new Curro Cubs, the Grade 1s, had an amazing day with their Grade 6 Coaches. Cubs and Coaches are all about introducing the Grade 1s to the various sports offered by Curro Durbanville. The Grade 1 cubs watched a swimming demonstration and played netball, hockey, rugby, cricket and tennis with their Grade 6 coaches. It was heartwarming to see the joy on the little ones' faces. What was even more wonderful is the gentle, kind and encouraging way in which our Grade 6s interacted with the Grade 1s. After a busy day of sports, the Grade 6 learners entertained the Grade 1s with stories.



2.9 Curro Plaza

The Curro Plaza Day was well attended and enjoyed by young and old. Filled with many games of yesteryear, as well as new challenging activities added, the Curro Plaza Day was certainly an enjoyable occasion on our school's 2019 calendar.

Educators, learners and parents spent a lovely sunny day in a relaxed environment and had a choice of wonderful food, games and vendor stalls to purchase items from.

2.10 Masters vs Minions

Curro Durbanville Primary School learners recently enjoyed a fun-filled Masters vs Minions event during which our school's u.13 netball, rugby and hockey teams challenged their educators and coaches to a series of matches.

The primary school learners gathered on the pavilion to watch all the teams performing their war cry. The different teams then proceeded to battle it out on the netball courts, hockey astro and rugby field.

The end result, well... the Masters won mostly everything, and the Minions... they still have a lot to learn from the best.

2.11 Bully Wise

Be a buddy ... not a bully was Curro's anti-bully motto this year. We are guiding our learners to be buddies, not bullies. By using colourful posters in our passages, educators informed learners about this topic on a regular basis. We focused on the following points: understanding the concept of bullying, why it occurs, forms of bullying and how to stop it. We also focused on cyber-bullying. Our aim was to create a safe and positive environment where bullies are not welcome.

2.12 Grade 7

Market Day

On Friday 30 August, Curro Durbanville hosted a Grade 7 Market Day. The market formed part of the Economic Management Sciences Curriculum, where the students learned about entrepreneurship and the opportunities it provides. The market day involved creating an “open market” atmosphere, where the entire school had an opportunity to purchase goods on sale from our budding Grade 7 entrepreneurs. The items on sale included food and drinks, crafts, toys and novelty items, along with some fun activities. It was a huge success and all the Grade 7s made a profit – with the highest profit being R2 300!



Grade 7 Social farewell

The Grade 7 learners were treated to an evening of food, fun and laughter at the end of the third term. The evening was themed “Game on” and the committee of Grade 7 parents put in a lot of effort to ensure that the mini-hall was transformed into an arena for fun and dancing. The learners thoroughly enjoyed the DJ, photo booth, lucky draws and of course the variety of food that was provided. We would like to thank every parent who were involved and put in an immense amount of effort to ensure that all our Grade 7’s enjoyed an evening they will not soon forget.

Grace Land

On 26 November the Grade 7 class went to Grace Land, Paarl, for a well-deserved and fun-filled day of swimming, sliding and chilling out with their peers and educators. We wish all our learners the best as they prepare for a new chapter in the high school. We know our learners will continue to make Curro as well as themselves proud.



2.13 Curro Council

The Curro Council of 2019 made a deep impression in many areas.

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

They made a great contribution in the field of leadership training during assemblies by reminding the learners that everyone is a leader in their own right. Various leadership qualities were regularly portrayed on stage by means of short plays.

The Easter egg project was once again one of Curro Council's projects to show their compassion to the community. Approximately 6 000 Easter eggs were handed out to all the patients and staff of the Karl Bremer hospital and the residents of the Andries Olivier quadriplegic centre in Durbanville.

A visit and a big treat for the elderly was one of the highlights of the year. They visited a retirement home in Durbanville and all residents were spoiled with a unique succulent plant for their rooms and colouring books to stimulate their creativity. Young and old chatted about the olden days and the challenges of the modern age.

The year ended literally at a peak – the highest peak of Lion's Head. The learners, together as a team, ventured to reach Lion's Head and achieved the highest peak.

We are grateful for the unselfish cooperation we received from every member of the Curro Council and from their parents during 2019.

The Curro Council of Durbanville got their wings in 2019.

2.14 Last week programme (25 – 29 November)

The last week's programme included a lot of fun activities! We engaged the learners in a wide variety of activities.

The week kicked off with a Theme Day where learners and educators came to school in costumes that starts with the first letter of their own names. The two learners wearing the best outfits were chosen from each class. The rest of the learners sat on the pavilion while the selected learners paraded on a gangway showing off their creative outfits.

On Tuesday, it was soapbox derby on the sports grounds! Each grade received a time slot in which they could enjoy a spin around the track, as well as a colour in which they were to dress for the day.



Wednesday was a day of Christmas fever and board game battles. Learners brought all kinds of Christmas accessories to create the red, white and green feeling. We did all kinds of activities in the class that fitted in with the theme of the day. The learners made Christmas cards and decorations, and watched Christmas movies. They played board games against each other and all had a jolly day!

The theme for Thursday was "My country is my pride". The learners were dressed in the colours of the South African flag. Various activities related to South Africa that makes our country special were performed in the classroom. The committee provided all the ideas and tools. This theme fitted in nicely with the 2019 World Cup. The spirit was high. "Carols under the Stars" also took place that evening – what a wonderful opportunity.

On Friday, it was time to clean up and prepare for the last few days of school. The learners wrote individual letters to wish each other good luck for the new grade they are entering next year.

Promotion certificates for their progress to the next grade were handed out to the Grades 1 to 7 learners during an assembly. It was a week filled with excitement and fun. We can't wait for next year!

3. HIGHLIGHTS: SPORT

3.1 National achievers

Six primary school learners achieved national colours for sport.

<u>Nr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Phase</u>
1	Anton Nieuwoudt	Karate	F

<u>Nr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Phase</u>
1	Calvin Tanner	Indoor Cricket	I
2	Daniel Lategan	Indoor Cricket	I
3	Bahle Yako	Indoor Netball	I
4	Sagen Hugo	Tennis	I
5	Janru Barnard	Wrestling	I

3.2 Provincial achievers

Sixty-eight primary school learners achieved provincial colours for sports.

<u>Nr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Phase</u>
1	Ryan Huesmann	Chess	F
2	Aiden Nel	Chess	F
3	Clea Nel	Chess	F
4	Wynand Gouws	Gymnastics	F
5	Nické Pelser	Jiu Jitsu	F
6	Leah Coetzee	Jiu Jitsu	F
7	Marne Beukes	Jiu Jitsu	F
8	Lourens Coetzee	Jiu Jitsu	F
9	Matthew Hoffmann	Karate	F

<u>Nr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Phase</u>
1	Luke van der Merwe	Athletics	I
2	SD Schmidt	Athletics	I

3	SD Schmidt	Biathle	
4	Mea Botha	Biathle	
5	Reegan Palmer	Chess	
6	Hannah van Heerden	Chess	
7	Caitlyn Olkers	Chess	
8	Jesse Palmer	Chess	
9	Ethan van Heerden	Chess	
10	Declan Olkers	Chess	
11	Ryan Perkins	Chess	
12	Trinity van Beeck	Chess	
13	Drake Dicks	Chess	
14	Milla Vorster	Chess	
15	Amahle Zenzile	Chess	
16	Ewald Addinall	Chess	
17	James Wilson	Chess	
18	Caleb Jonkers	Cricket	
19	Calvin Tanner	Cricket	
20	Dean Huesmann	Cricket	
21	Daniel Lategan	Cricket	
22	Hannah Henderson	Cross Country	
23	Rachael Jeffrey	Drummies	
24	Layla Wagner	Drummies	
	Michle Mascontane	Drummies	
	Thandeka Mayiji	Drummies	
25	Riley Sutton	Gymnastics	
26	Jarryd Rebelo	Gymnastics	
27	Emily Muller	Gymnastics	
28	Danté Botha	Gymnastics	
29	Lené Joubert	Gymnastics	
	Racheal Jeffrey	Gymnastics	
30	Joshua Mettler	Hockey	
31	Maria Inggs	Hockey	
32	Adam Jacobs	Indoor Cricket	
33	Blake van Rooyen	Indoor Cricket	
34	Josh van Tonder	Indoor Cricket	
35	Phillip Ritter	Indoor Cricket	
36	Vaughn Visagie	Indoor Cricket	
37	Joshua Zietsman	Indoor Cricket	
38	Dean Huesmann	Indoor Cricket	
39	Anna Simmons	Jiu Jitsu	
40	Marnus du Plessis	Jiu Jitsu	
41	Aidan Lynch	Jiu Jitsu	
42	Andrew Botha	Judo	
43	George Bell	Judo	
44	Troy Dolinschek	Karting	
45	Kiarah Skippers	Netball	

46	Kay-Lee Goch	Shore Angling	I
47	Louis Bierman	Tennis	I
48	Dehan van Deventer	Tennis	I
49	Mia Kotze	Tennis	I
50	Maria Inggs	Tennis	I
51	Milla Kotze	Tennis	I
52	Emma Pheiffer	Tennis	I
53	Mea Botha	Triathle	I
54	Joshua Venter	Underwater Hockey	I
55	Jenna Smit	Underwater Hockey	I
56	Oliver Nesdale	Underwater Hockey	I

3.3 District sports

Fifty primary school learners achieved district colours for sport.

<u>Nr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Phase</u>
1	Pierre Verbeek	Cross Country	F
2	Camden Rebelo	Gymnastics	F
3	Leah Coetzee	Gymnastics	F
4	Mieke Brand	Gymnastics	F
5	Kayla Botha	Gymnastics	F
6	Liné Sauerman	Tennis	F

<u>Nr</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Phase</u>
1	Hannah Henderson	Athletics	I
2	Joshua Mettler	Athletics	I
3	Adam Jacobs	Cricket	I
4	Blake van Rooyen	Cricket	I
5	Daniel Myburgh	Cricket	I
6	Declan Olkers	Cricket	I
7	Henco Lourens	Cricket	I
8	Janre Lourens	Cricket	I
9	Joshua van Tonder	Cricket	I
10	Joshua Zietsman	Cricket	I
11	Kyle Abbott	Cricket	I
12	Luke van der Merwe	Cricket	I
13	Matthew Brooks	Cricket	I
14	Phillip Ritter	Cricket	I
15	Sebastian Robinson	Cricket	I
16	Vaughn Visagie	Cricket	I
17	Likona Makhonta	Cricket	I
18	Sino Mathiti	Cricket	I
19	Kate Wigington	Cross Country	I
20	Leyla Wagner	Cross Country	I

21	Mea Botha	Cross Country	
22	SD Schmidt	Cross Country	
23	Wilmien Verbeek	Cross Country	
24	Leo Smit	Equestrian	
25	Lauren Smit	Equestrian	
26	Henco Lourens	Hockey	
27	Leandri Cronje	Hockey	
28	Mia Kotze	Hockey	
29	Sienna Graser	Hockey	
30	Ayo Simelane	Netball	
31	Caellum Olkers	Swimming	
32	Jenna Smit	Swimming	
33	Tané Putter	Swimming	
34	Joshua Mettler	Swimming	
35	Evan Schoeman	Tennis	
36	Ruben Kotze	Tennis	
37	Jenna Theron	Tennis	
38	Leah Pheiffer	Tennis	
39	Nina Coetzee	Tennis	
40	William Inggs	Tennis	
41	Zoe Davies	Tennis	
42	Reegan Palmer	Tennis	
43	Tiaan Bierman	Tennis	
44	Tiaan Cartens	Tennis	

3.4 Curro Durbanville sport achievers

We wish to congratulate the following learners:

Versatile Sportswoman of the year: Hannah Henderson

Versatile Sportsman of the year: SD Smidt

Curro Sport Achiever of the year: Maria Inngs



3.5 Curro Regionals

Rugby

Curro Durbanville's u.13 team won all their games in their section as well as the semifinal against Mossel Bay. In the finals they played against Curro Hermanus and defeated them by two tries. Our team was crowned as the winners of the tournament and qualified to represent the south at the annual Nationals Tournament. Our u.11 team was also crowned winners of their respective tournaments. They remained unbeaten and did not concede a single point throughout the tournament.

Hockey

Curro Durbanville's u.11 girls'-, u.11 boys'- and u.13 girls' teams all came first in Regionals.

Netball

Curro Durbanville's u.11 girls' team achieved great results in the Regionals Netball Tournament. Unfortunately the team lost with 3 goals in the nail-biting semifinal match against Meridian Pinehurst.

The u.13 team won all their matches in their division and defeated Meridian Pinehurst in the semifinals. They lost with 2 goals against Century City, but still qualified to represent the southern team.

3.6 Curro National tournament

From 13 to 15 June 2019, Curro Durbanville participated in the annual Curro Nationals Tournament. Waterstone College hosted the event where u.13- and u.18 athletes participated in hockey, soccer, netball and rugby sevens.

Except for soccer, Curro Durbanville was privileged to have representatives for both age groups in every sport code. This is an outstanding achievement and we are extremely proud of all our teams.

We are also very proud of Curro Durbanville's u.13 teams who have achieved exceptional results at the Nationals Tournament:

- u.13 rugby sevens – gold
- u.13 hockey – gold
- u.13 netball – silver

The Curro schools in the south had stiff competition against the schools in the north, but we are very proud of the results.

3.7 Curro Interschools: Curro Durbanville vs Langebaan

Curro Langebaan hosted Curro Durbanville for the annual interschools sport competition. This is a combined primary and high school event and took place from 15 to 17 August. It was a wonderful three-day festival of sport and is the highlight of our winter sport season. Our teams did very well and impressed everyone with their great team spirit and positive sportsmanship.

The results were as follows:

- Chess – won all 12 matches
- Swimming – won the gala with 2 705 points to Langebaan's 2 610 points
- Hockey – won all 12 matches (scored 84 goals, conceded only 4 goals)
- Rugby – won 4, drew 1 and lost 3 matches
- Netball – won 6, drew 1 and lost 8 matches

We are proud of all our players and grateful for our parents' loyal support. Our coaches deserve praise for good coaching.

3.8 Mini Sports Day

On 25 May 2019 Curro Durbanville hosted its Mini Sports Day.

The hockey players and coaches were incredibly blessed to be able to play all their matches on the mini Astro turf (u.7s) and the main Astro turf (u.8s and u.9s). Players were boys and girls from schools across the district, namely from Curro Durbanville, Bastion Primary School, Durbanville Preparatory School, El Shaddai Christian School, Kenridge Primary School, Seamount Primary School and Sunningdale Primary School.

Our young rugby players also enjoyed the day with us. The schools invited for the tournament were Durbanville Preparatory School, Rhenish Primary, Sunningdale, Yellowwood, Saxonse, Parklands College, Saffier Primary, Belvue and Curro Sitari and a total of 400 young rugby players participated. It was a very successful day.

Besides rugby and hockey, the u.7- to u.9 netball players also had the opportunity take part. Participating schools included Bastion, Meridian Pinehurst, Boston, Nooitgedacht, Koos Sadie, Parow East, Aristeia, Holy Cross, Ruyterwacht, Blouberg Ridge, Curro Sitari and Melkbos Private School. Altogether 300 netball players showed off their netball talents.

3.9 CR van der Merwe tennis tournament

Curro Durbanville hosted the annual CR van der Merwe Primary School tennis tournament on 17 and 18 September. The teams played really well and made us proud by obtaining the silver medal in both the boys' and girls' sections. The girls lost by one point against De Hoop, the winners.

The results were as follows:

Boys

- 1 – De Hoop
- 2 – Curro Durbanville
- 3 – Gene Louw
- 4 – Eversdal
- 5 – Eikestad

Girls

- 1 – De Hoop
- 2 – Curro Durbanville
- 3 – Gene Louw
- 4 – Eikestad
- 5 – Eversdal

Well done to all our tennis players. We are very proud of you!

3.10 Wall of Fame

Special mention should be made of three learners who became national champions in their particular sports. Their photos will be added to the wall of fame.



Anton Nieuwoudt is the SA champion for Gujo -Ryu karate in his age group. He also travelled to Malaysia to take part in the World Guyo-Ryu Karate Championships. He achieved a bronze medal for Individual Kumite.

Emily Muller represented WP at the SAGF and SA Games for gymnastics. She was crowned the SA champion in the Level 6 Rhythmic Gymnastics Ball Routine.

Leah Coetzee participated in the Jiu Jitsu National Tournament and became the SA Champion in her weight class.

4. CO-CURRICULAR: SPORT GENERAL

4.1 Summer sports

4.1.1 Cricket

2019 has been a very successful year for our primary school cricket teams. We participated in numerous tournaments, league games and tours, had teams visiting from the United Kingdom, and there were lots of personal development. We have invested in some outstanding coaches that have played a pivotal role in ensuring our learners develop their skills, talent and love for the sport. Our indoor cricket facility is nearing completion and we are excited about the future of cricket at Curro Durbanville.

Some of the highlights:

Night Bash

Both u.11 and u.13 cricket teams participated in the Durbanville Cricket Club's Nightbash. This tournament is a highlight on the annual cricket calendar. For the u.11 boys the experience was all new in their young cricketing careers as they made their "day-night" cricket debut on 8 February. Unfortunately they did not qualify for the final stages of the tournament. On 22 February our u.13s took centre stage. As previous winners, the pressure is always there and the tone somewhat more serious. The boys seemed to deal well with the pressure as they advanced to the semifinals. Sadly, their journey to a second title ended with a loss against Bellville Cricket Club.

Six-a-side Cricket

The u.13 side played in the Brackenfell tournament this year and once again walked away as the winners of the tournament.

Under 13 Mossel Bay Tour

This year we sent two u.13 teams to the Mossel Bay Cricket Festival. The Wolves ended second overall with a silver medal. It is always a highlight on the calendar and this year did not disappoint.

District North

We were extremely privileged to have no less than 20 players selected from our u.10 – u.13 teams.

Western Province

Four of our learners were selected for the u.13 WP squad. We would also like to congratulate Mr Jeanne Potgieter for being selected as the u.13B WP manager.

Indoor Cricket

Eight learners were selected to represent WP Indoor teams this year. We are also honoured to have two of our learners representing South Africa in indoor cricket. It is a huge achievement and the first time in our school's history that we have had so many players selected.

CPL

We have nine learners representing various teams in the upcoming CPL tournament that will be hosted in Cape Town in the first half of 2020.

4.1.2 Swimming

The learners turned up in droves to attend the swimming programme, offered by the school. The coaches were super excited to work with all our budding swimmers. Some of our club swimmers recently participated in galas and we are very pleased with their results.

Hannah van Heerden and Anton Nieuwoudt took part in the Cape of Good Hope Gala held at Fairmont and won the following medals:

- Hannah – silver: 50 m freestyle and silver: 200 m freestyle
- Anton – gold: 200 m freestyle and silver: 100 m backstroke. He also participated in the Valley classic meet in Fish Hoek and received bronze for 100 m backstroke
- Joshua Mettler participated in the Western Province Champs at Maties. Well done for achieving a new personal best in all his races.

Our swimmers also participated in the CTMA Gala held at Sunvalley Primary on 9 and 10 February. They obtained 6 gold, 8 silver, and 5 bronze medals. We are very proud of the results.

The junior swimming team, u.8 to u.9, took part in the Kenridge Gala held on 20 February and achieved very good results.

The u.9 to u.14 swimmers went to Milnerton Primary on 21 February and took part in the Störzner Cup Gala. Curro came second and Adam Daniels broke a record!

Interhouse Swimming Gala

Our Interhouse gala took place on 11 and 12 March 2019 in the last week of the first term. A very exciting addition to the event was the certificates that were awarded for the first, second and third places at the gala. A big thank you goes to Mrs Angie van Heerden who donated the beautiful Victor and Victrix Ludorum trophies. Anton Nieuwoudt and Hannah van Heerden were the deserving swimmers who received the junior awards while Tané Putter and SD Schmidt received the senior awards.

Our Curro Aquatics Club season culminated in the annual prize-giving held on Friday, 18 May. All the hard work, dedication and effort were celebrated when the following learners received awards:

- Caellum Olkers – swimmer of the year
- Adam Daniels – up and coming swimmer
- Jenna Smit – Victrix Ludorum

Durbanville Aquatics

Curro Durbanville Aquatics went to Port Elizabeth during the September holidays to take part in the annual Aquabear Gala. This is an annual event with clubs from all over South Africa participating. The following learners took part in the four day event: Emma Lategan, Anton Nieuwoudt, Caellum Olkers, Tané Putter, Ameline Ricketts and Jenna Smit.

Our club ended in the 3rd place out of 36 clubs for the men's division and 11th out of 36 clubs for the women's division.

4.1.3 Athletics

Durbell Athletics

On 2 February 2019 our athletes took part in the Durbell circuit athletics meeting at Gene Louw Primary and on 4 and 6 February at the Durbell circuit field events at Welgemoed Primary.

Our athletes performed well and we are very proud of them.

Metro North Education District (MNED) Athletics

On 16 February 2019 four of Curro Durbanville's athletes participated in the MNED athletics meeting at the Parow Athletics track. Our athletes formed part of a very strong team of Durbell athletes and they excelled in their respective events.

- SD Schmidt, a Grade 5 learner, competed in the 1 200 m and finished the race in a time of 3:54. He received a gold medal for his performance – a great achievement.
- Hannah Henderson, a Grade 6 learner, competed in the long jump event and with a distance of 4.2 m, she too was awarded a gold medal for finishing first in her event.
- Luke van der Merwe, a Grade 7 learner, competed in the 80 m hurdles as well as high jump. Luke achieved a third position in the 80 m hurdles and was awarded a bronze medal. In addition he was placed first in the high jump event with a new personal best of 1.55 m and was awarded a gold medal.

Prestige Athletics Meeting at Worcester Primary

Curro Durbanville was invited to participate in the Prestige athletics event hosted for the first time by Worcester Primary. The facilities were fantastic and it was a wonderful opportunity for the learners to participate against some of the top schools from the Boland District. We are extremely proud of our athletes, who as a team, managed to collect 16 medals.

Western Province Championships

On 23 February three of Curro Durbanville's athletes participated in the Western Province championships at the Coetzenburg Athletics Stadium in Stellenbosch.

- SD Schmidt competed in the 1 200 m and finished the race in a time of 3:52. He received a silver medal for his performance.
- Hannah Henderson competed in the long jump event and with a distance of 4.35 m, also a new personal best, finished 6th in her event.
- Luke van der Merwe competed in the 80 m hurdles as well as high jump. Luke performed extremely well in the high jump event, setting a new Western Province record of 1.64 m and finished 3rd overall – an outstanding achievement.

Curro Durbanville is extremely proud of these athletes and we wish to congratulate SD and Luke on receiving their Western Province colours for their respective disciplines.

Western Province Championships

On 2 March two athletes of Curro Durbanville competed in the Western Province championships held in Paarl. Luke van der Merwe competed in the high jump and achieved excellent results. He ended up in the top 6 athletes, an outstanding achievement!

SD Schmidt competed in the 1 200 m and received a bronze medal for his time of 3:49. This was also a personal best for him.

Curro Top 10

On 18 February we hosted our sixth annual Curro Durbanville Top 10 athletics meeting. It was a wonderful afternoon where the learners from ten schools were given an opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities. The medals, caps for the winners and various refreshments were sponsored

by Realtors International and we would like to thank them for their continued support of this event. It is greatly appreciated. The event was once again an enjoyable one for athletes, parents and coaches.

WP Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following three athletes who performed excellently at the WP Athletics championships. The event was held at Coetzenburg and hosted the top athletes of the Northern and Southern District. All three athletes have improved their personal best times and distances.

- Long jump: Hannah Henderson – 6th place
- 1 200 m: SD Schmidt – silver medal
- High jump: Luke van der Merwe – bronze medal

SD Schmidt qualified for the WP 1 200 m boys' u.11 and was chosen to take part in the SA Championships in Germiston.

Interhouse athletics

Our learners had the opportunity to once again prepare for Curro's annual Interhouse Athletics events. We are extremely proud of our learners for their hard work and dedication over the last three weeks in preparation for the events. They have shown us that hard work does pay off. The three days were a huge success.

We were also very excited to host the first Interhouse event between the newly named Bellator, meaning strength, and Viribus, meaning warrior. The cheerleaders of both teams kept the learners singing and cheering throughout the day. They opened the day with creative dance routines which were thoroughly enjoyed by all the learners.

Our learners were also inspired to achieve greatness by their respective athletics captains. Leandri Cronje inspired the Viribus learners to strive for excellence and Joshua Mettler encouraged the Bellator learners to give it their all. The three days were enjoyed by all the learners and we are very proud of each and every learner that participated.

Below are the records that were broken on the days:

Event	Age group	Learner	New record
Highjump	Boys u.13	Luke van der Merwe	1.60 metres
Shotput	Girls u.9	Zanne Marcus	5.38 metres
800 m	Boys u.11	SD Schmidt	2:30 minutes
800 m	Girls u.12	Hannah Henderson	2:35 minutes
800 m	Boys u.13	Joshua Mettler	2:17 minutes
Long jump	Boys u.11	Daniel Graser	4.23 metres
Long jump	Girls u.12	Hannah Henderson	4.49 metres

Congratulations to the following trophy winners:

u.7 Best Track Athlete: Girl	Milla Arendse
u.7 Best Track Athlete: Boy	Noah Jonkers
u.8 Best Track Athlete: Girl	Rosa Karhama
u.8 Best Track Athlete: Boy	Vuyo Ngobeni
u.9 Best Track Athlete: Girl	Zeta Bruintjies
u.9 Best Track Athlete: Boy	Blane Ernstzen and Daniel Cloete
Best Track Athlete: Boy	Joshua Mettler
Best Track Athlete: Girl	Hannah Henderson and Layla Wagner
Best Field Athlete: Boy	Daniel Graser
Best Field Athlete: Girl	Hannah Henderson
Best performance by a track athlete (under 13)	Joshua Mettler
Victrix Ludorum	Joshua Mettler
Victor Ludorum	Hannah Henderson

Congratulations to Bellator, this year's athletic trophy winners, and to Viribus who claimed the spirit trophy for 2019.

We would like to thank everyone who joined us and who took time out of their busy schedules to support their children at our three Interhouse athletics days. Despite the weather, it was a huge success and enjoyed by the learners, parents and staff.

4.1.4 Tennis

Curro Durbanville's tennis players have been very busy during the second term and we are especially proud of the following achievements:

Tiaan Carstens (u.14A) won the WP Wilson tournament and Jenna Theron (u.10A) was the winner of the Gold Plate section in the Boland Wilson Ceres tournament.

Mia Kotze and Milla Kotze participated in the East London Grand Prix tournament. Mia achieved second place in singles and first place in doubles, and Milla achieved a second place in singles and doubles.

Milla Kotze, Emma Pheiffer and Dehan van Deventer participated in the Eden Mini Series 3. Milla achieved second place in singles and first place in doubles, Emma first place in singles and doubles and Dehan a first place in singles.

Dehan van Deventer participated in the Smrikva Bowl in Croatia during the July holidays. The tournament is considered by most as the unofficial Under 10 World Championship with 64 boys being invited from across the world. Dehan gave good account of himself but unfortunately on the second day just fell short of being the number one player. He was also named as an official ambassador of the tournament.

Boland Wilson tournament

Zoe Davies – won the u.11B girls section of the Strand leg

Jenna Theron – achieved gold in the u.10A section of the Ceres leg

Boland Grand Prix tournament

Milla Kotze – first place (u.12 doubles)

Emma Pheiffer – two second places (u.12 singles and doubles)

KZN Grand Prix tournament

Sagen Hugo – 4th place (u.14 doubles)

KZN Growthpoint tournament

Emma Pheiffer – 2nd place (u.12 doubles)

Cape Town Winter tournament

Mia Kotze, Milla Kotze and Emma Pheiffer participated in the tournament.

Mia – 1st place (u.14 doubles) and 4th place (u.14 singles)

Milla – 3rd place (u.12 singles)

Eden Mini 4 tournament

Milla Kotze – 2nd place (u.12 doubles) and 4th place (u.12 singles)

Emma Pheiffer – 1st place (u.14 doubles) and 3rd place (u.14 singles)

Cape Town Mini 5 tournament

Dehan Van Deventer – 1st place (u.10 singles)

Milla Kotze – 1st place (u.12 doubles)

Sagen Hugo – 2nd place (double gold)

Emma Pheiffer – 4th place (u.14 singles)

Eden Grand Prix tournament

Milla Kotze – 4th place (u.12 doubles)
 Emma Pheiffer – 2nd place (u.12 doubles) and 3rd place (u.12 singles)
 Mia Kotze – 2nd place (u.14 doubles) and 4th place (u.14 singles)
 Sagen Hugo – 4th place (u.14 doubles)

Boland Mini 3 tournament

Mia Kotze – 2nd place (u.14 singles)

From 29 to 31 August our u.10 boys' and girls' tennis teams for the first time competed in the Graaff-Reinet Match Point Tennis tournament. Both teams participated in the A section of this prestigious tournament. Our girls' team played their heart out and had close matches against schools such as Stellenbosch Primary and Cradock Primary. The girls' team won the bronze medal in the A section. The boys' team also had a lot of tough matches throughout the tournament and played amazing tennis. They made it all the way to the finals of the tournament after beating Volkskool Primary in the semifinal. The final against Stellenbosch Primary was a close match and continued until 19:00 under floodlights to get a winner of the tournament. The Curro boys' team performed exceptionally well and was crowned winners of the tournament.

Cape Town (WP) North Zone Tennis

During September the following players made the Cape Town (WP) North Zone tennis teams to participate in a provincial tournament from 18 to 20 October. We are very proud to have so many players of Curro Durbanville in the Zonal team. Congratulations to the following learners:

u.14 team – Peeto van der Walt, Sagen Hugo, Tiaan Carstens (reserve), Hailey Troup, Cassidy Cupido, Maria Inngs, Mia Kotze
 u.12 team – Reegan Palmer, Tiaan Bierman, Emma Pheiffer, Milla Kotze
 u.11 team – Zoe Davies, William Inngs
 u.10 team – Dehan van Deventer, Evan Schoeman, Ruben Kotze, Jenna Theron, Line Sauerma, Leah Pheiffer
 u.10 central team – Nina Coetzee

Sun City

The annual Curro Nationals Tennis Tournament was held in Sun City from 7 to 11 October. Our u.13A boys' team was in the section with 16 other Curro boys teams and had a lot of matches to play. After the second day, the boys' teams were divided into an A, B and C section. Our boys competed in the A section and played out for first position on the final day of the tournament. Their opponent was Curro Hazeldean and it was a tough match that ended in a draw. In the A section, Curro Hazeldean scored 60 points and Curro Durbanville 59 points, resulting in Hazeldean being the winners of the section and Durbanville the runners-up.

Our u.13A girls' team competed in two sections. They first competed in the Girls Primary School section, where they dominated and won all their matches easily. They ended as the winners of this section. After the second day, they were entered into the boys' u.13A section where our u.13A boys played thanks to their good performances. They competed brilliantly and gave all the boys' teams very competitive matches. They beat Curro Hillcrest and Curro Krugersdorp in this section, which resulted in a third place in the boys A section.

The following awards and accolades were received:

- Best junior boy player of the tournament: Sagen Hugo
- Best junior girl player of the tournament: Mia Kotze
- Best junior sportwomanship award of the tournament: Mia Kotze

The following players were also selected for the Curro National Squad in 2020:

Sagen Hugo, Louis Bierman, Dehan van Deventer, Mia Kotze, Emma Pheiffer, Milla Kotze and Maria Inngs.

Congratulations to all our tennis players!

4.2 Winter sports

4.2.1 Hockey

As the 2019 hockey season comes to an end, we look back at the leaps and bounds we have taken to start competing against the top schools. In total we had 17 girls' and 16 boys' teams from u.7 – u.13. Some of the highlights of the season are:

The girls' u.13A team competed in the premier league, where they played against the best school in the northern suburbs.

The boys' u.13A team also competed in the premier league, where they went up against some strong opponents. The boys really started to show their true Curro colours towards the end of the season.

The u.11 girls' team participated at the u.12 Rhenish tournament where they played against Kenridge, Rhenish and Eikestad Primary. The girls ended up third place overall.

On 25 May Curro Durbanville hosted a mini-hockey festival. Hockey players included u.7, u.8 and u.9 boys and girls from schools across the district. Great fun was had by all and we look forward to continued success when we host this festival again in 2020.

These are but a few of the numerous fantastic achievements of the 2019 hockey season. Our players, coaches and supporters must be commended for continuing levels of excellence across the spectrum. We thank everyone for the efforts and contributions to make the 2019 season such a successful and memorable one. As we rest and look forward to the hockey season next year, we do so with excitement at what lies ahead.

4.2.2 Netball

At the end of the netball season's league matches, the u.11, u.12 and u.13 teams participated in the final WP play-offs. This was the first time in Curro's history that three of our teams took part in the final round. They played in the B-league and competed against three other district winners. The final round took place on Saturday, 7 September at De Kuilen High School.

On Saturday, 3 August, the u.10 to u.13 netball teams took part at the Curro Hermanus sport's day. Each team played two games. We won four games, lost two games and drew two. Everybody enjoyed the day.

The u.13A team took part in the sport's day at Brackenfell Primary on Saturday, 24 August. They played remarkably well and won four of their five matches.

On Saturday, 31 August, the u.12A team took part in the Welgemoed sport's day.

Curro's netball achieved many highlights in 2019 which can only be attributed to netball players who participated with so much enthusiasm and dedication. Many players developed well in their game this year. We are looking forward to an even better season in 2020!

Glenwood House

On Thursday, 11 April, the u.13 team departed from Curro Durbanville to take part in the annual Glenwood House netball and rugby festival in George. This is always a memorable event where teams can play simply for the enjoyment of the game. We were reminded that netball is a team

sport and it took a team effort to win all their matches. The team ended second in the tournament. After a successful weekend we returned home on Sunday, 14 April.

Skills and coaching workshop

Our netball coaches and umpires had the opportunity to attend a Skills and Coaching Workshop in the mini-hall. It was presented by one of our Curro parents, Dianthea Thyssen. Various positions, rules and requirements were discussed, after which the practical side of the game was explored on the netball court. Dianthea demonstrated some warm up routines, various ball skills and different defense and attack skills. The training concluded with the coaches who taught their skills to some enthusiastic u.10 netball girls.

Netball trials

The u.11, u.12 and u.13 teams again participated in the trials to be selected for the Western Province and Western Cape teams. The first round was hosted at Curro Durbanville on 8 April. The following girls were selected for the next round of trials that took place on 10 April:

Leyla Wagner – u.11
Kiarah Skippers – u.12
Ayomide Simelane
Bahle Yako
Noelene Coetzee – u.13
Chloë Matthys
Kelsey Swartz

After four rounds of trials, Kiarah Skippers qualified to participate in the final WP trials. She was then selected to attend the Western Cape trials, hosted in Riversdal. Her dedication and hard work paid off when she was awarded a placing in the Western Cape's u.12 team.

Western Province

Bahle Yako was selected to play for the u.12A Western Province Action Netball team. During the March holidays they played against all the other provinces' teams at the interprovincial tournament held at Brackenfell Action Netball Arena. After a very successful week of netball they played the final against Kwa-Zulu Natal and won a silver medal. A South African Indoor Netball Team was then selected and Bahle was selected for this team which will play in New Zealand in 2020.

We are very proud of Mrs Sonja Krige who was selected general manager of District North and chairperson of WP Netball.

WP finals

On Saturday, 7 September, the u.11, 12 and 13 netball teams took part in the WP finals to determine this year's league winners. It was a very long and hot day for all the netball players, but in the end our teams did very well.

The u.11 team won one match, drew one and lost one match in their pool and unfortunately didn't make it through to the semifinals. It is still a very good result making it through to the WP finals.

The u.12 team won all the games in their pool, placing them first. Unfortunately they lost their matches in the semifinals and finals. They were placed fourth overall. It is still a very good result to make it so far this season.

The u.13 team came second in their pool. They lost their match in the semifinals, but won the final match placing them third overall and winning the bronze medal. It is an excellent result for the season.

4.2.3 Rugby

It has been another successful rugby season. The rugby matches were filled with much excitement and pride as we watched our players put their game plans into action. The hard work during 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. Due to our enthusiastic and dedicated rugby players Curro rugby achieved so many highlights in 2019. It was amazing to see the development of our players this season. We are so proud of your team work and dedication. Our sincere thanks go to our coaches and each of the 130 rugby players for their commitment and participation on the field. We are looking forward to another successful season next year.

Highlights:

- u.11 7s Regional winners
- u.13 7s Regional winners
- u.13 7s National winners
- u.13 Glenwood tour winners
- Interschools u.8, u.11, u.13 winners

Glenwood House

The u.13 boys played four rugby matches over three days. The standard of play was exceptional and they managed to win all four games. They were also awarded the trophy for the best rugby team of the tournament.

Welgemoed Sports Day

Welgemoed Rugby Day is used for the 2020 prep where the first team boys are prepared for the coming year and get a taste of what to expect. We left the field knowing that we did our best. The boys have learned many lessons that will help achieve better results in future.

4.2.4 Cross-country

Cross-country is regarded by many as the purest form of the running sports. It does not require a highly technical artificial track and there is no need for athletes to share the road with a lot of traffic as in road racing. It is cheaper than trail running and participation is not limited.

Curro Durbanville had a great start to the 2019 cross-country season. They participated in six league races at various venues within the northern suburbs and the various age groups from u.9 to u.13 performed very well.

Cross-country has shown a steady growth in numbers due to the exciting nature of the sport – Mr Dieter Voigt who assisted with coaching!

The following learners achieved Metropole North colours in cross-country running:

Pierre Verbeek, SD Schmidt, Wilmien Verbeek, Leyla Wagner, Mea Botha, Kate Wigington.

Hannah Henderson was awarded Western Province colours. We are very proud of their achievements.

On Friday, 2 August, the following learners took part in the Zonal cross-country championships at CPUT: Vuyo Ngobeni, Pierre Verbeek, Wilmien Verbeek, Leyla Wagner, William Inggs, S.D Schmidt, Hannah Henderson, Mea Botha and Kate Wigington.

They achieved the following results:

- Girls u.11 – Wilmien Verbeek 9th and Leyla Wagner 18th
- Boys u.11 – SD Schmidt 6th
- Girls u.12 – Hannah Henderson 4th, Mea Botha 5th and Kate Wigington 8th

These learners formed part of the Metropole North Zone team and participated in the Western Province championships at Fairmont High School on 17 August.

Hannah Henderson achieved the 9th place in the girls' u.12s. She competed in the WC championships in the Strand on 31 August. She also competed in the u.13 group and ended in the 15th place. Vuyo Ngobeni came second in the u.8 section.

WC colours are only given to learners from u.9.

4.2.5 Chess

Chess is not a seasonal sport, but enjoyed throughout the year. The year started off with 90 learners attending weekly coaching sessions. Grades 1 to 3 had 57 players and Grades 4 to 7 had 33 players.

Outdoor Chess Set

The primary school PAC sponsored a synthetic grass mat for our big outdoor chess set. The campus shares the mat with the primary school, having Tuesdays and Thursdays allocated to set up and pack the set away. We trust that our players will share their talents with fellow learners and in this way increase the interest in the sport amongst their peers.

Under 13 Chess Attire

On Friday, 12 July, the u.13 chess team were presented with their first-ever chess shirts, sponsored by OXIFA. These shirts will form part of the chess uniform to be worn at events. Curro would like to thank the sponsor and owner of OXIFA, Mr Daniel Nell.

South African junior closed chess championships

The SAJCC event of 2018 was hosted in Boksburg during the December holidays. From 16 to 21 December twelve of Curro Durbanville invitees took part as representatives of the WP with the following results:

Name	Team	Results	Ranking
Reegan Palmer	u.12A	Gold and Board winner	1st
Hannah van Heerden	u.10A	Gold and Board winner	1st
Caitlyn Olkers	u.12A	Silver and Board winner	2nd
Jesse Palmer	u.10A	Bronze and Board winner	3rd
Drake Dicks	u.12C	Gold	1st
Ethan van Heerden	u.12C	Gold	1st
Natasha Joubert	u.14A	Silver	2nd
Zante Palmer	u.14A	Silver	2nd
Cleo Nel	u.8B	Silver	2nd
Declan Olkers	u.10A	Bronze	3rd
Ryan Perkins	u.14B	Bronze	3rd
Aiden Nel	u.10B		4th

Metro North Open Individual Trials

On Friday, 25 and Saturday 26 January, 315 chess players represented their respective schools at the Metro North open individual trials that took place at Ravensmead High School. Twenty-one Curro Durbanville players registered and 6 rounds were played against opponents from Metro North schools. At the prize-giving event our Curro Durbanville players were well represented in the top ten results. The following learners represented our school and those selected for the top ten team participated in the Metro North closed individual trials hosted at Brackenfell on the 1st and 2nd of March.

Name	Under	Result	Ranking
Clea Nel	7 G	Gold and top u.7 player	1st
Jordan Palmer	7 B	Gold	1st
Hannah van Heerden	9 G	Gold and top u.9 player	1st
Aiden Nel	9 B	Gold and top u.9 player	1st
Ryan Huesmann	9 B		7th
Caitlyn Olkers	11 G	Gold and top u.11 player	1st
Milla Vorster	11 G	Bronze	3rd
Drake Dicks	11 B	Bronze	3rd
Ethan van Heerden	11 B		5th
Declan Olkers	11 B		6th
Hein Nieuwoudt	11 B		9th
Jesse Palmer	11 B		10th
Trinity van Beeck	13 G		5th
Reegan Palmer	13 B	Gold and top u.13 player	1st
Ollie Nesdale	13 B		
Ryan Perkins	13 B		
Ewald Addinall	11 B		
Yzdan Arif Khan	11 B		
Tyler Jones	11 B		
James Wilson	9 B		
Logan Priestly	9 B		

Chess Western Province Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, 6 February, the Chess Western Province Awards Ceremony was hosted at the Observatory Community Centre. Curro Durbanville School was well-represented and boasted with the following awards:

2018 Primary School Female Chess Player of the year: Natasha Joubert

2018 Primary School Chess Player of the year: Kieran Samuels

2018 Primary School Team of the Year: u.13 open

Welgemoed Chess Challenge

On 23 February, Curro chess players individually entered and participated in this development tournament, challenging opponents of schools in our district. We are very proud of our two golden girls, Trinity van Beeck who achieved 1st place (u.14 girls) as well 3rd place (mixed team), and Caitlyn Olkers who achieved 1st place (u.12 girls) as well 3rd place (mixed team).

Panorama Play Day

On Friday, 1 March, some of our chess players participated in the "Come play day" hosted by Panorama Primary School. At this event, no medals or trophies are awarded, but players are happy to make use of the opportunity to informally play against fellow chess players from nearby schools.

WP Metro District – closed trials

Thirteen Curro learners participated in this event, hosted at Brackenfell High School on the weekend of 1 and 2 March. Brilliant results were achieved by the following players and they were selected to participate in May in the WP trials:

Player	Age group	Placing
Trinity van Beeck	u.13	8th
Reegan Palmer	u.13	2nd
Caitlyn Olkers	u.11	5th
Drake Dicks	u.11	5th
Declan Olkers	u.11	7th
Jesse Palmer	u.9	10th

Ryan Huesmann	u.9	2nd
Hannah van Heerden	u.9	2nd
Clea Nell	u.7	1st

Milla Vorster, Ethan van Heerden, Hein Nieuwoudt and Aiden Nell also performed extremely well, although they did not gain a placing in the top 10.

Panorama Chess Tournament

On Saturday, 9 March, the primary school participated in this annual event on our chess calendar. It was tough competition, especially since all our players were not available for the event. Some of the participating schools were Panorama, Curro Durbanville, Welgemoed, Eversdal, etc. At the prize-giving, Curro Durbanville was awarded the following trophies: u.9: silver – 2nd place, u.11: silver – 2nd and u.13: gold – 1st place.

WC women's open chess championships 2019

On Friday, 8 and Saturday, 9 March, the WC Women's Open Chess Championships for 2019 was hosted at the Sans Souci Girls High School. Two of our learners, Caitlyn Olkers and Trinity van Beeck, enrolled and made use of the opportunity available at this prestigious event. Both girls ended in the top 20 placings!

CBC St John's Chess Tournament

On Saturday, 13 April, James Wilson participated in the CBC St John's chess tournament hosted for u.9 – u.13 players. James played 5 rounds against 15 opponents and was awarded the 3rd place in the u.10 division.

SAJCCC

During the March holidays, the SA Junior closed chess championships were hosted in Kapanong, Gauteng. Reegan Palmer (u.12) was awarded a 4th place in the South African team.

4-man Chess Match

On Friday, 17 May, we participated in the annual 4-man chess match hosted by Kenridge Primary School. During the match 4 players use one board with different coloured chess pieces. Players apply strategic planning since they have to focus on the game plan of three other opponents. A player can use an individual game plan or work along with an opponent to overpower the strongest competition. The idea is to eliminate opponents until the last and winning player is left.

Friendly Matches

During Term 2 and 3 we played friendly matches hosted by the surrounding schools, Bellville North, Totius, Excelsior, Gene Louw, Kenridge and El Shaddai. These matches are played every fortnight and are precursors to league team selections.

League Matches

Gene Louw

Our first two scheduled matches have unfortunately been cancelled by our opponents. On Friday, 10 May we had our first league match against Gene Louw. Since 9 of our chess players were unavailable for play, we made use of our substitute players. Four teams were entered, and Curro Durbanville was the winners of the day.

Durbanville

Due to availability problems, we invited Durbanville to come play a home match on our campus and therefore did not lose out on an opportunity to sharpen our chess skills. On Thursday, 23 May our u.13 team played a home match against Durbanville primary school. Our u.13 mixed team unfortunately lost 4–2. On Friday, 24 May, the u.11 and u.13 girls' team also played against Durbanville. The results were as follows:

u.11 won 5.5–0.5 and the u.13 girls ended up in a tie with 3 each.

Our match against Durbanville Primary School took place on Friday, 2 August. The results were as follows:

u.11: Curro won 6–0, u.13: Curro won 4–2, u.13 girls: Curro won 5–1.

Reddam House

On Friday, 24 May, our u.9 and u.13 teams played league matches hosted by Reddam House. Curro Durbanville did us proud by being the winners of the day. The u.9 team won 4.5–1.5 and the u.13 mixed team won 6–0.

The following results were achieved at the match on 26 July at Reddam House:

u.11: Curro won 3.5–1.5 and u.13: Curro won 6–0.

Western Cape Primary Schools Chess Trials

During the weekend of 17 to 19 May, twelve primary school chess players were invited to the Western Cape chess trials that took place in Mossel Bay. Well done to Reegan Palmer, Ethan van Heerden, Drake Dicks, Declan Olkers, Aiden Nel, Ryan Huesmann, Jesse Palmer, Trinity van Beeck, Caitlyn Olkers, Milla Vorster, Hannah van Heerden and Clea Nel for being invited to participate in this event.

The results were as follows: u.7 girls – 2nd place: Clea Nel; u.9 girls – 1st place: Hannah Rose van Heerden; u.11 girls – 2nd place: Caitlyn Olkers; u.13 girls – 4th place: Trinity van Beeck and u.13 boys – 4th place: Reegan Palmer.

Out of the 465 players representing regions such as WP Metro, West Coast, Overberg, Eden and Winelands, only the 15 top players were selected as members of the SA Schools chess championship to be held in Kimberley from 17 to 21 June.

SA schools chess championships

At the Western Cape Primary Schools Chess Trials hosted in Mossel Bay from 17 – 19 May, a team of 15 players/age group and gender were selected to represent the Western Province at the South African National Schools Chess tournament, hosted in Kimberley from 17 – 21 June. We are proud to report that 6 of the team members invited were Curro Durbanville players. They were Clea Nel, Hannah van Heerden, Caitlyn Olkers, Reegan Palmer, Trinity van Beeck and Amahle Zenzile. Ethan van Heerden entered individually to represent his school as well.

We can boast with the following results:

u.9 girls: Clea Nel – 4th place, u.11 girls: Hannah van Heerden – 7th place, u.13 boys: Ethan van Heerden – 19th place and u.13 girls: Amahle Zenzile – 1st place. Well done to Clea and Amahle for their brilliant results and being selected as members of the South African Schools team!

District north top schools: Fairmont

On Saturday, 20 July, Curro Durbanville Primary School participated in the District North top school chess trials hosted at Fairmont High School. Curro Durbanville is proud to report the following placings: our young u.13 girls team – 4th, u.9 – 2nd, and the district north champions taking gold in two age groups: u. 11 – 1st and u.13 – 1st.

Burger Bonanza

On Monday, 2 September, the u.13 chess team was spoiled with a Spur meal to acknowledge their contribution as one of the winning teams in the 2019 interschools vs. Langebaan. The u.13 team enjoyed a memorable day and we thank the primary school management team.

Interschools

On Thursday, 15 August, the u.11 and u.13 teams made their way to Langebaan for our annual interschool event. Curro Durbanville Wolves did us proud with a winning of 6–0 each.

Women's Month Chess Tournament

This event was scheduled for 9–11 August at Club Mykonos in Langebaan. Trinity van Beeck, a Grade 6 learner, registered for the tournament and after completing seven rounds, she was awarded 2nd place! Trinity can now boast with a silver medal, beautiful trophy and a cash prize of R1 000!

Western Cape Top Schools

From 30 August to 1 September the Western Cape Top Schools tournament was hosted in Ceres, Western Cape. Two Curro Durbanville teams participated, representing the Western Province as the top u.11 and u.13 teams. These players did us proud with the following results: The u.13 team was awarded 2nd place with silver and the u.11 team received gold for a 1st place. With competition being tough amongst 600 top players. We were blessed with two of our chess parents volunteering as team managers, i.e. Mr Ashley van Heerden (u.11) and Mrs Delray Olkers (u.13).

Western Province (regional) Schools Colours

The following learners were members of the WP (Metro) Schools Chess Team who participated at the Western Cape Schools Chess (Provincial) trials on 17 to 19 May 2019 in Mossel Bay against duly selected teams from Cape Winelands, Overberg, West Coast and Eden. We are proud to report that they were awarded their Western Province (Regional) schools colours for the code chess.

Name	Age group
Trinity van Beeck	u.13 G
Reegan Palmer	u.13 B
Caitlyn Olkers	u.11 G
Amahle Zenzile	u.11 G
Milla Vorster	u.11 G
Drake Dicks	u.11 B
Ethan van Heerden	u.11 B
Jesse Palmer	u.11 B
Hannah van Heerden	u.9 G
Clea Nell	u.7 G
Aiden Nell	u.9 B
Ryan Huesmann	u.9 B

2020 South African Junior Chess Championships

It gives us great pleasure to congratulate the following twelve primary school chess players who qualified for selection (according to the Youth Selection Policy) for this upcoming SAJCC event to be hosted in Boksburg from 3 to 12 January 2020. The first ten players had committed themselves and upon participation, they will earn Western Province colours.

	Name
1	Declan Olkers
2	Drake Dicks
3	Ryan Perkins
4	Ethan van Heerden
5	Ewald Addinall
6	Trinity van Beeck
7	James Wilson
8	Caitlyn Olkers
9	Amahle Zenzile
10	Hannah van Heerden
11	Reegan Palmer
12	Milla Vorster

Western Cape Kings and Queens: 2019

On Saturday, 12 October, the Western Cape Kings and Queens tournament was held in Porterville. It is a Western Cape Schools event consisting of team entries. Metro played against top players from Cape Winelands, Eden, West Coast and Overberg. Only the top players from each age group and gender were selected as the Kings and the Queens of the Western Cape. Seven girl teams (70 players) and eight boy teams (80 players) had been entered.

The team results were as follows:

- Metro WP A girls – gold (1st)
- Metro WP A boys – gold (1st)
- Metro WP B girls – silver (2nd)
- Metro WP B boys – bronze (3rd)

Team	Name	Placing	Age group	Gender
A	Clea Nel	1st – gold	u.7	girls
A	Hannah van Heerden	1st – gold	u.9	girls
A	Amahle Zenzile	1st – gold and board 8 winner	u.11	girls
B	Caitlyn Olkers	2nd – silver	u.11	girls
B	Ryan Huesmann	3rd – bronze	u.9	boys
B	Drake Dicks	3rd – bronze and board 8 winner	u.11	boys
B	Ethan van Heerden	3rd – bronze	u.13	boys

WP Metro Girls Chess Tournament

On Saturday, 19 October, the WP Metro Girls chess tournament was hosted at Brackenfell High School. Three Curro Durbanville girls entered. After playing five rounds for the full duration of the day, they were placed in the top three at the prize-giving.

The results were as follows:

- Emlyn Wilson silver, 2nd place, u.7
- Trinity van Beeck gold, 1st place, u.13
- Amahle Zenzile silver, 2nd place, u.11.

South African Junior Closed Chess Championships

The event is scheduled for March/April 2020. Only the top 10 players in South Africa will qualify and receive their SA colours upon participation. The following five Curro Durbanville players have qualified for this prestigious event:

Name	Age group	SA ranking	Rating
Hannah van Heerden	u.10	4th	Top 10
Amahle Zenzile	u.12	4th	Top 10 Grand Prix
Caitlyn Olkers	u.12	8th	Top 10 Grand Prix
Reegan palmer	u.14	1st	Top 10
Trinity van Beeck	u.14	10th	Top 10

4.2.6 Biathle

SD Schmidt participated in many biathle events this year and achieved the following results:

- Biathle League 5 on 7 January in Somerset West – 4th overall (u.11 boys)
- Biathle League 2 on 12 January at Fairmont High School – 3rd in the u.13 boys' category. This is a super achievement as he is only ten years old.
- Biathlon League 6 on 19 January at Millerton High School – 4th overall
He represented WP by taking part in the SA Biathlon championships in Port Elizabeth and was placed 17th out of 85 participants.

On 15 and 16 June SD Schmidt and Mea Botha participated in the SA Biathle/Triathle competitions in Durban. They both performed well with SD taking a 9th place out of 28 boys' u.13, and Mea achieving 11th place in the u.13 girls. SD achieved full WP colours in Biathle and Mea received Western Province Development colours for Biathle and Triathle.

4.3 Sports days and tours participated in

During 2019 we participated in a number of sports days and tournaments inter alia. They were:

- The Curro regionals and nationals for rugby, hockey and netball
- Durbell athletics
- MNED athletics
- Aristeia athletics
- Curro Durbanville interhouse swimming gala
- Storzner Cup swimming gala
- A number of friendly swimming galas against Kenridge
- Mini cricket day
- Locnerhof netball day
- Glenwood rugby, hockey and netball tour
- Knysna netball tournament
- Curro Durbanville mini rugby, netball and hockey day
- Worcester rugby and netball day
- Aristeia netball day
- Curro Hermanus rugby, netball and hockey day
- Marie Delpont open chess
- Curro Langebaan interschools with rugby, netball, hockey, swimming and chess
- Brackenfell netball day
- Welgemoed rugby and netball day
- Top schools chess tournament
- Curro Durbanville chess tournament
- CR vd Merwe tennis tournament
- Curro Sun City tennis tournament
- Interhouse athletics day
- Bastion athletics day

5. HIGHLIGHTS: CULTURE

5.1 Eisteddfod: Drama

During the year, 265 learners participated in different drama categories at the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod. Our learners achieved excellent results and we are very proud of them. The following results were achieved: 74 highest honour, 103 honour, 28 honourable mention and 4 merit awards.

The following Grades 1 to 7 learners were nominated as category winners at the Eisteddfod.

CATEGORY	GRADE	WINNER
Poetry: Boys	Grade 2	Matthew Holcombe
Gedigte: Seuns	Grade 2	Anton Nieuwoudt
Handskrif	Grade 3	Zara Krugel
Openbare redevoering	Grade 5	Milla Vorster
Openbare redevoering	Grade 6	Inge Dippenaar

We ended this season with excellent results in the Curro Arts superhero competition.

5.2 Music and choir

Music Tuition

Altogether 281 enthusiastic music learners received tuition in 13 different instruments from 12 music teachers this year. The Music Department currently offers tuition in piano, recorder, violin, clarinet, singing, guitar, keyboard, saxophone, trombone, accordion, marimba, ukulele and drums. Ms Marsanne Malan, who teaches piano and recorder, joined our Music Department at the beginning of the third term.

Music Achievements

During the year our learners achieved the following results 44 highest honour, 64 honour and 21 honourable mention. Fourteen of our learners received 16 trophies and seven learners was invited to perform at the Tygerberg Prestige Concert.

Choirs

We are proud to say that we have two large choirs – the junior choir has 70 members and the senior choir 72! The two choirs participated in the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod and both got a mark of 92%.

Our choirs made history this year when all three ended under the top three choirs in their categories at the Tygerberg Eisteddfod. They were invited to take part in the prestigious final round on 2 August in the Endler hall in Stellenbosch. Curro Durbanville's junior choir won their category with a mark of 93.5%. Our senior choir came third in their section with 91.6%.

All three choirs of Curro Durbanville were category winners at the Cape Town Eisteddfod!

Eight Curro schools with 16 choirs from as far as Mossel Bay participated in our very successful choir festival. The highlight of both evenings was without doubt the mass choir of almost 500 voices, filling the hall with the most incredible sound.

The choirs concluded the year with our "Carols under the Stars" event, a Christmas concert with a picnic under the stars that took place on the new pavilions and rugby field.

5.3 Curro cultural achievers

Curro Arts Superhero

On 26 and 27 April our primary school learners performed exceptionally well during the Western Cape rounds of the Curro Arts Superhero competition. Nationwide over 2 000 learners competed. Only 23 Kryptonite awards (above 95%) were presented of whom 5 learners from Curro Durbanville Primary. The learners are:

- Christoff Dreyer (Grade 4) – Spelling (the only learner to receive 100%)
- Lené Joubert (Grade 4) – Spelling
- Grace Lynch (Grade 4) – Singing
- Cherie Shum (Grade 5) – Piano
- Inge Dippenaar (Grade 6) – Monologue

There were altogether 108 entries from 60 learners. The experienced judges, all professionals in the respective categories, were very impressed with our learners' talents and achievements. Apart from the Kryptonite awards, many of our other participants won Black Ravins (85 – 94%), Silver Surfers (75 – 84%) and Bronze Tigers (65 – 74%).



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| • Antonio Rusconi | Violin solo – Bronze (65% – 74%) |
| • Jenna Theron | Piano solo – Silver (75% – 84%) |
| • Jenna Theron, Casey Berlion | Piano duet – Black Raven (85% – 94%) |
| • Jenna Theron, Casey Berlion, Risa Burger | Piano trio – Black Raven |
| • Joy Holcombe | Piano solo – Black Raven |
| • Amy Perkins | Singing – Black Raven |
| • Joy Holcombe and Itheke Gunter | Singing duet – Black Raven |
| • Mia Kotze | Recorder – Black Raven |
| • Cherie Shum | Piano solo – Kryptonite (95% – 100%) |
| • Grace Lynch | Singing – Kryptonite |

Cherie Shum was selected to perform a piano solo at the Curro Arts Superhero concert.

Peter Kastoor Trophy: Cherié Schum

Jessica de Koker Trophy: Joy Holcombe

Elna Menz Trophy: Inge Dippenaar

Culture Trophy of the Year: Inge Dippenaar



5.4 Public speaking

“Oppie Tong Af” competition

Curro Durbanville's public speakers performed very well this year. A large group of our learners participated in the “Oppie Tong Af” public speaking competition held at Brackenfell Primary from 9 to 11 May. Eighteen learners participated in the persuasive prepared speeches section with excellent results. They brought back four A++ certificates, an A+ certificate, six A certificates, six B+ certificates and one B certificate.



The learners that did us proud are:

Lillian Ashton, Louis Bierman, Vian Krüger, Inge Dippenaar, Mia Stuart, Mea Botha, Tiaan Bierman, Abner Paul, Sean Greyling, Joy Holcombe, Nikita Gimenez, Stella Badenhorst, Zeta Bruintjies, Cherie Shum, Elle Fourie, Milla Vorster, Zoë Davids and Danika Muller.

The learners that brought back the A++ certificates are:

- Milla Vorster
- Inge Dippenaar
- Joy Holcombe
- Nikita Gimenez

Everyone participated in the Tygerberg Eisteddfod competition in August. Milla Vorster and Inge Dippenaar were named the category winners in their respective category sections.

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 during this year's Evenings of Excellence 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: Risa Burger and Hannah van Heerden



Senior rector's trophy: Mia Kotze



6.2 Eskom Expo for Young Scientists

Seven of our Grade 6 learners represented our school at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists earlier this year. This annual event, the largest of the Eskom Expos hosted in the Western Cape, was held at the UCT Sports Centre. This year, 572 learners from both primary and high schools across the Cape, represented their schools at the Cape Town Expo. Our learners were commended for their thorough research and scientific investigations and presentations. Our congratulations go to Mikayla Demmer, Ewan Kruger and Liam Volschenk who achieved bronze medals for their very thought-provoking investigations as well as to Arnand Kok, Alec Brand, Nikolas Frans Ackermann and Shaun Lee Stander for their very innovative investigations.

We are exceptionally proud of these learners who have been working diligently on these projects since the beginning of the year.

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

This year we again obtained great benefits from using ITSI Pro as our digital learning platform. It offers a comprehensive blended e-learning solution with off-line access to all eBooks, an integrated platform to seamlessly share educational resources such as multimedia files, notes and images and self-created content, tools for sharing newsletters, an integrated calendar, templates to create assessments and receive instant feedback, classroom activity monitor, roll-call, flashcards and access to learning and critical thinking tools. Real-time user analytics provide valuable insight into learners' study behaviour and can be accessed by parents, educators and heads.

In Term 1 Mrs Erin Gibson hosted again an informative Device Workshop for Grade 5 learners. Divan Liebenberg, ITSI Support Consultant, has been responsible for all termly training sessions with the staff.

At Curro Durbanville our teachers are provided with ongoing professional development opportunities to ensure that they are equipped to offer the most inspiring and effective learning opportunities and technology for our learners. We have also started to use our Grade Synergy champions as peer coaches in the different grades. In 2019 we have seen improved results in the amount of push content, flashcards and summaries by learners on MiEbooks.

Using technology and incorporating opportunities for the development of skills also does not mean that we exclude traditional teaching approaches such as direct instruction – some areas of the curriculum are best covered using such methods. At Curro Durbanville we frequently reassess our teaching methods to cater for the needs of our learners.

In 2020 Microsoft Office 365 for Education will be our training focus point for our educators. It offers a range of tools including Microsoft Office, Teams, OneNote, OneDrive, Sway, Forms and many more. The Office 365 platform enables collaboration, communication and creative spaces to produce and share learning resources and experiences. Microsoft Teams Assignments and OneNote Class Notebook help educators and learners to manage educational tasks and resources. Having access to these tools ensures that our learners are given the best opportunity to develop digital literacy and skills for the workplace.

6.4 Robotics

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

Dads and Lads Robotics Day

The members of the Grade 6 Robotics Club had a very exciting experience – their first Dads and Lads Robotics Day. At this stage the club consists of boys only. Our boys were extremely excited

to have their dads coming to see and experience what they are doing in the Robotics Lab. The boys demonstrated their programming skills to their dads and the dads enjoyed the opportunity to share the learning environment with their boys.

World Robots Olympiad

This year's event was held at the University of the Western Cape on Saturday, 3 August.

Eleven learners from Curro Durbanville participated at this year's WRO Regionals. Many schools and private Robotics clubs from across the Western Cape participated in the various categories of the competition. Their creativity and communication skills were really put to the test as they often had to make adjustments to their robots and programmes.

It was the first time the Grade 3 learners entered for the WRO. Carlo Gous, Morgan van der Westhuizen and Landseer Collen were entered for the WeDo category. They won gold in this category.

Shaun Stander (Grade 6) and Ewan Kruger (Grade 6) were selected to participate in the Elementary category of the WRO.

Liam l'ons, Nikolas Ackermann, Luke Rigby, Zander Botha, Greg Ritter and Alec Brand (all in Grade 6) were entered for the Explorer category. Greg and Alec won silver and Nikolas, Luke, Liam and Zander won bronze.

SumoBot challenge

Four Curro Durbanville Primary School ROBOTICS teams participated in a friendly SumoBot challenge held by FutureLab on Saturday, 30 November 2019.

Luke Rigby, Luca Marnitz, Diego Medina Dos Santos, Alec Brand, Greg Ritter, Zander Botha, Nikolas Ackermann, Ewan Kruger and Arnand Kok (all in Grade 6) were invited to participate in this year's event.

This event marked the final Robotics challenge for these boys for 2019. We are extremely proud of them and would like to congratulate them for their dedication and commitment to Robotics during 2019.

6.5 Spelling Bee Evenings

English Spelling Bee Competition

Our top five spellers (Grades 4, 5 and 6) were head-to-head completing two rounds of words they had seen before and then three rounds of words they hadn't seen before. At times it became quite intense when two bees had the same score and had to have a "spell-off" to determine the winner. Although nerve-wracking at times, in the end each honeybee had to BEE assertive to BEE a champion!

In the final round the top six spelling bees again were head-to-head spelling words they hadn't seen before until the overall top two spelling bees, Abner Paul and Tashiana Parbhunath, were named.

During May we held a Spelling Bee competition at our school. Our top three players in each grade (Grades 2 to 7) participated in the circuit final. Christof Dreyer achieved first place in the Grade 4 section. He was the only learner who could spell all 80 words perfectly. Lené Joubert came first in the Grade 5 section.



The following learners participated in the circuit final:

Christina Marx (Grade 3), Christof Dreyer (Grade 4), Lené Joubert (Grade 5) and Arnard Kok (Grade 6)

Christina Marx and Christof Dreyer participated in the district competition. Unfortunately Christina dropped out in the last round, but Christof finished first in his grade group. At the provincial competition he was one of the top three learners. Christof qualified for the national competition in October where he finished 13th out of 32 learners.

Abner Paul came 5th in the WCED Spelling Bee competition.

6.6 Study methods

The English speaking Grade 4 learners attended an interactive workshop, presented by the Proactive Education Group, to improve their study skills. Their parents joined in the activities and found it just as informative.

Herman Matthee came to visit the Grade 5 learners of Curro Durbanville and presented a very informative session on study methods. The learners were divided into groups in the mini-hall. He gave them tips and showed them what to do before they start studying as well as during learning sessions. He taught the learners how to summarise their work using mind maps, colour schemes and keywords. The learners' eyes were glued to the screen. It was so quiet in the hall that you could hear a pin drop. In the end the learners were all fired up to use their newly developed skills.

6.7 STEAMD Day Expo

Curro schools from the Western Cape participated in the STEAMD expo. Each school entered their top PBLs for Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Art, Technology and Mathematics. Our language department displayed a variety of creative writing and there were many entries for various categories of the art competitions. Our Robotics teams also participated in the Inter-Curro Robotics competition. Throughout the day the learners enjoyed the Mathematical challenges, Technology and Art activities and Science experiments. Laser cutting, 3-D printing and drone flying competitions also added flavour to the day. Mr South Africa 2019 was also there and he gave a very interesting motivational speech to the learners. The grand finale of the day was a science show presented by a real Science professor from the University of Stellenbosch.



CCMD is paving the way for our curriculum to fulfill the demands of a 21st century education that requires that the different subject areas be integrated. The latest additions to our STEAM-classroom, the 3-D printer and laser cutter, were also on display at the expo.

7. STAFF

7.1 Staff list: 2019

PRIMARY SCHOOL – STAFF LIST 2019			
GRADE	EDUCATOR		
Gr. RA1	Carina Jonker		
Gr. RA2	Lianne Britz		
Gr. RA3	Judith Weideman		
Gr. RE1	Sandy Visser		
Gr. RE2	Liesel Armstrong		
Gr. RE3	Julia Jones	GH	
Gr. RE4	Nadia Zeelie		
Gr. 1A1	Carla Germishuys		
Gr. 1A2	Tes Gijsbers	GH	
Gr. 1E1	Jean Wiese	FH	
Gr. 1E2	Liezl Coetzer		
Gr. 1E3	Annemarie Jeffree		
Gr. 1E4	Annalize Willemse		
Gr. 2A1	Hanlie Meyer		
Gr. 2A2	Lizahn Smith		
Gr. 2A3	Elmarie Wilsch		
Gr. 2E1	Dominique Stander		
Gr. 2E2	Reneva Doman		
Gr. 2E3	Deswin Munz		
Gr. 2E4	Nicole Simpson	GH	
Gr. 3A1	Celeste van Heerden		
Gr. 3A2	Hilda Bosch		
Gr. 3E1	Habré Nortjé		
Gr. 3E2	Chandré Boer		
Gr. 3E3	Keri Theart		
Gr. 3E4	Carrie Theron (Tameron L)	GH	
Gr. 4A1	Liana Krige		
Gr. 4A2	Christine van der Westhuizen		
Gr. 4E1	Tanya de Jesus		
Gr. 4E2	Debbie Wigington		
Gr. 4E3	Beryl Vermaak	GH	
Gr. 4E4	Christel Weigelt-Harvey		
Gr. 5A1	Nadia Ward		
Gr. 5A2	Sonja Krige	GH	
Gr. 5E1	Sharleen Dilley	FH	
Gr. 5E2	Charmaine Rossouw		
Gr. 5E3	Megan Burgess		
Gr. 5E4	Emarcia Marcus		
Gr. 6A1	Deirdré la Grange		
Gr. 6A2	Myburgh Linde		
Gr. 6E1	Michelle Olivier		
Gr. 6E2	Louise Vorster		
Gr. 6E3	Christo Spies	GH	
Gr. 6E4	Louise Clulow		
Gr. 7A1	Paul Schoeman		
Gr. 7A2	Jeanne Potgieter		
Gr. 7E1	Nikita Marais		
Gr. 7E2	Elmarie Coetsee	GH	
Gr. 7E3	Sean Kristal		
Gr. 7E4	Nicole Payne		
PT	Jan Blignaut		
Art	Anouk Rust		
I.T.	Yolandé Victor		
Student	Chad Richter		
Music	Jeanne Maritz	FH	
Music	Lina Hattingh		
Music	Willem Luitingh		
Music	Pieter van Zyl		
Music	Lize Janse van Rensburg		
Music	Marsanne Malan		
Head: Primary school	Olivia van Heerden		
Deputy: PS	Carl Zimmermann		
Secretary	Liani van der Merwe		
Enrolment secretary	Carine Cornelius		
Admin Assistant	Karliën Botes		
Finance	Madelein Cardoso		
Marketer	Colleen Just		
Aftercare	Hanlie Meyer		
Sports Manager (Micro)	Deswin Munz		
Sports Manager (Macro)	Henco Bornmann		
Swimming coach	Warren Deyzel		

7.2 Staff development

STEAM Training

Ms Olivia van Heerden, Mr Christo Spies, Mrs Yolandé Victor and Mrs Sharleen Dilley attended a STEAM training course on emerging classroom technologies and the role it plays in teaching and learning. Technology depends on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – the STEAM subjects. Art and Design (iSTREAMD) are critical components of 21st century products, services, media and communication. Curro is at the forefront in implementing 21st century technology and preparing our learners to lead in The Fourth Industrial Revolution. At the training, educators designed their own 3D models and printed it using a 3D printer. They used the virtual reality goggles which lets you experience space, walk amongst dinosaurs or enter the human body. Additionally they experienced the Xina Box electronic development kit which allows you to stick electronic circuit boards together with sensors that give real-time readings on things like temperature, humidity and UV light levels.

First Aid Course for Educators

It is necessary that enough educators have attained their first aid certificates in order to help our learners as far as possible. Many of our educators attended various first aid courses this year. Some of the aftercare personnel and Mrs Sonja Krige attended an intensive first aid course. The course delivered by Safe Kids, who are accredited by the Resuscitation Council of South Africa, covers amongst others paediatric CPR, anaphylactic shock treatment and asthma management.

Team building

Curro Durbanville Primary presented their very first staff concert. On entering the foyer, a red carpet, Hollywood signs and photos of all the STARS, transported the imagination to Hollywood. Educator Anouk was the creative genius behind all the decor and props.

Our judges, the beautiful “Berylicious” and sparkling “Sharleen Dilly Dally” added some pizzazz and style as they welcomed the audience. Our staff brought their ‘A’ game and produced acts for the parents to enjoy. The acts presented were very diverse in nature and had the audience in stitches. The fun, upbeat tempo of the songs chosen had everyone tapping and singing along as they scanned the stage trying to identify their specific educator – a task made more difficult as some educators were NOT in their usual attire or character. Our music department showed off their talent with a very impressive item titled “The Typewriter”.

The show concluded with a dance that all the staff members took part in. This was followed by a behind-the-scenes video of what our teachers had been getting up to while practicing.

Diversity Workshop

Staff representatives attended a Transformation and Diversity Committee workshop hosted by DOT’s Learning Centre. Several topical issues were discussed, case studies were performed, and many questions were answered. The structures and rules surrounding the election of new committees were also clarified.



Curro Imagine Event

On 12 and 13 April, Mrs Victor had the opportunity to go to the first ever Curro Imagine Event in Rivonia Johannesburg. The main theme of the event was how future technologies will require 3D-learning. Game based learning using Minecraft is one tool you can use for this purpose. Minecraft can be utilised across the curriculum to increase skill and gamify your lesson while covering content.

This event also gave recognition to the amazing work being done by educators, provided skills to implement technology intended to enhance teaching and learning, and inspired us all to keep imagining what is possible when using technology in the classroom going forward.

Staff IT Training

Mrs Victor gave computer training to all the Foundation Phase staff in the first term of 2019. She gave a few pointers in Excell and PowerPoint.

She also gave training to fifteen of our maintenance staff on Thursday afternoons this year. Ms Yolandé Victor (computer educator) is glad to be able to share her knowledge with all of the staff.

Synergy Training

Sharleen Dilley and Emarcia Marcus attended Synergy training sessions at Curro Sitari. During this training the marksheets, reports and calculated columns have been discussed. Staff also had the opportunity to be part of Synergy webinars during this year to make sure that they are updated about the new workflow that has been introduced. On the playbook the Synergy manual available to all staff has been updated.

7.3 Staff functions

Long service awards

Curro Durbanville paid tribute to nine extraordinary staff members who received their long service awards. The primary school staff members are Mrs Sonja Krige, Mrs Nicole Simpson, Mrs Dominique Stander and Mrs Habré Nortjé, as well as Mr Livingstone Madikane who is on the maintenance team. Mrs Liani van der Merwe, our cool-headed primary school secretary, also received her long service award. All these primary school staff members have given ten years of service to Curro! Additionally, the primary school also acknowledged Mrs Julia Jones (Grade R teacher) who is the recipient of her 20-year long service award.



Teachers Appreciation Day

The staff got treated with a lovely meal and a chance to unwind at Bossa. Thank you to Ms Olivia who spoils her staff on Teacher's Day!

End of year staff function

The Curro Durbanville Primary School educators, maintenance and admin staff celebrated the end of a very busy year in Paarl on Friday, 28 November.

A 'braai box' type picnic lunch was thoroughly enjoyed on the lawns of Perdeberg Wine Estate. The celebrations continued into the evening and many everlasting memories were made.

8. CURRICULUM: ACADEMIC

8.1 Different teaching phases

8.1.1 Grade R

Curriculum

It was a year of change for our Grade R phase. Our curriculum has always been very well planned, but has now been fine-tuned where the focus shifted into working with loose parts to encourage creative cognitive thoughts, creativity, problem solving and learning skills through play. The curriculum includes all assessment tasks as set out by CCMD, our Brombacher workbooks, science, a phonological awareness programme and robotics lessons. All areas have been covered and can concretely be executed by all educators. The information has neatly been set out on a termly calendar for our parents.

Reports

The Grade R reports have been revised and set up by CCMD. Term 1 sees an emotional and social report to all parents followed by a parent and educator meeting. In term 2 and 4 in depth assessments on a seven point scale are completed in synergy to give parents a complete overview of how their children are coping scholastically, emotionally, socially and physically. In term 2 and 3 reports are followed up with parent meetings. The term 3 report is a follow-up from term 2 and a report of own choice is used.

Extramural Activities

We are fortunate to be able to also contribute to our children's development by exposing them to many other extramural activities such as tennis, karate, jiu jitsu, music appreciation, soetlief, playball, Cricky rugby and Experi-buddies. Our learners were also for the first time this year introduced to our Brainy Buddies and Game of Throws, which was well attended and enjoyed by all participants.

Visits and Outings

We added numerous exciting extras to our normal curriculum and themes for the week – from exploring a caravan, making a fire and roasting marshmallows to building camp fires, pajama days, and pop corn and movie days. We also had a wonderful reading week with a visit from Johan van Lill and Bazoo. We had the opportunity to visit Butterfly World and travelled on a big bus which was a first for some of our learners. The Grade R learners also had the opportunity to say goodbye to the Curro Durbanville matric learners. We had visits from Mark Haze, an Idols runner-up, and one of our parents, Sonja Herholdt. She danced, sang and taught our learners how not to be bullies.

Events

The year started with a wonderful Fun Fanatics enjoyed by parents and learners where they were introduced to the basic athletics items such as high jump, long jump, hurdles, sprints and shotput. Our very competitive parents showed their talents by sprinting to the end line like Western Province athletes.

Our annual concert, Curro Kids Channel, was a huge success. All the learners had the opportunity to perform on stage. They acted, sang and danced. Our year-end graduation evening was a real royal affair where all learners were rewarded for their hard work and dedication. Our little princes and princesses were knighted and applauded for their achievements.

8.1.2 Foundation Phase

Our Grade 1s participated in a fun-filled Cubs and Coaches early in the first term. Cubs and Coaches are all about introducing the Grade 1s to the various sports offered by Curro Durbanville. 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.

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 to 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.

Our Grade 1 classes started a basic introduction to speaking isiXhosa through the use of a software programme called Abuti.

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 a number of 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 (Grades 2 and 3), IT clubs (Grades 1 and 2) and Art club (Grade 2). We also introduced the Loving Maths Club to our Grade 3 learners for the first time.

8.1.3 Intersen Phase

It is with pride that we can reflect on the past year and gaze at our learners in wonderment, seeing how they have grown in confidence, maturity and skill. It has been a year of learning and growth, but a highly successful one.

Our Grade 4 learners embraced the new challenges of the Intersen Phase with ease and can be exceptionally proud of their achievements this year.

Our Grades 5 to 7 learners continue to enjoy and adapt to the technological challenges that this very technological world presents and master these skills with ease.

21st century learning, in the form of Project Based Learning (PBL) continued to form an integral part of our curriculum and yielded results of which we are very proud.

We were very excited to have been selected to host this year's SteamD Day for the Western Cape Curro Schools. A number of our learners from every grade exhibited their PBL projects at SteamD Day, while others entered the Robotics and Mathematics Challenges or just enjoyed the activities set up at the Science and Art tables. The day was most enjoyable with learners making new friends, and learning from the exhibits set up by other Curro Schools.

The CCMD has continued to monitor and improve 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 Term 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's curriculum, with Grades 5 to 7 learners having two to four day sleepovers.

Robotics from Grades 4 to 6 and the "Real Life for Kids Programme" which forms part of the Grade 5 Life Orientation Curriculum, has continued to add value to our curriculum.

We continue to extend and enrich our curriculum by providing learners with the opportunity to join the Living Maths Club as well as the Art Club, participate in Science expo's, Eisteddfods, public speaking competitions, various olympiads and competitions to name but a few. The Study Skill courses, which were presented to both the Grade 4 and Grade 5 learners, proved very valuable in laying the foundation for academic success.

In addition, we continued to offer an extra didactical support programme to learners who need a little extra academic support.

Our learners have done exceptionally well, in spite of a very busy academic schedule.

We would like to thank our very dedicated 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 in order to equip our learners for the challenges of the 21st century. We would like to thank our learners for their hard work and commitment towards their academics this year.

We shall continue to strive for the very best and are excited to embrace the challenges that lie ahead in the newyear!

Grade 7

Eversdal Primary School invited us to a quiz on Wednesday, 15 May. Three Grade 7 teams of five learners each participated. Amidst a busy term, these fifteen learners were eager to participate to test their general knowledge. A total of six schools and seventeen teams participated in the quiz which included seventy questions about a variety of interesting topics. Each group was given thirty seconds to answer and learners were allowed to make use of tablets to consult the Internet. Even though our teams didn't make the top three, it was an enriching experience for each learner that participated for the first time. They all made our school proud.

VocabAfrica

The main aim of the VocabAfrica Quiz is to improve the vocabulary of learners by means of quarterly online tests. The Grade 7 learners participated in the quiz in term 1 and were rewarded for their performances. Troy Dolinschek, Caitlyn du Plessis and Bhaumik Patidar received a R100 book voucher from Bargain Books for attaining a score of more than 80%.

Grade 7 Social

The Grade 7 learners were treated to an evening of food, fun and laughter at the end of the third term. The evening was themed "Game on" and the committee of Grade 7 parents put in a lot of effort to ensure that the mini-hall was transformed into an arena for fun and dancing. The learners thoroughly enjoyed the DJ, photo booth, lucky draws and of course the variety of food. We would like to thank every parent who helped to ensure that all our Grade 7s enjoyed an evening they will not soon forget.

8.2 Programmes

8.2.1 Computer Club

Computer Club was started for the Grade 2 and Grade 1 learners. Term 1 and 4 was club for Grade 2 learners, and term 2 and 3 for the Grade 1s. In the club we focused on logging in with your own username, as well as on using files, folders and the MS Word program.

8.2.2 Robotics Club

We are very excited about our Robotics Club that has grown tremendously over the past three years. Robotics is offered as an optional extracurricular option from Grade 2 to Grade 6. The highlight of the Robotics competitions was the WRO Western Cape that was held at the University of the Western Cape. Eleven learners from Curro Durbanville participated in this competition. The learners had the experience of designing and building their own robots before programming each robot to perform specific tasks.

8.2.3 Art club

Grades 2 and 3

In the Grades 2 and 3 art clubs, drawing and painting are not only a great pastime, but incredibly important for brain development. It has been proven that by creating visual art, one improves the memory and coordination and it correlates with higher academic performance. Because we work on specific themes each term, the learners' language and comprehension skills also improve. Each learning programme is first carefully discussed and ideas are listened to before we start. Learners are given the opportunity to be exposed to different mediums and techniques and are taught how to use them. They also have the opportunity to express themselves and relax a little. They discover a world full of wonders!

Grades 4 to 6

Creativity is the ability to think outside the proverbial box, to string two unrelated ideas together in a new way. Solutions to major problems and breakthroughs of all kinds are linked to creativity. **The ability to be creative is vital to the success of our children and the well-being of our world.**

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

Art Club is available to all learners. We cover as many areas of art as possible with a variety of projects and techniques. Learners get national and international exposure with the yearly Art Super Hero Competition and Tygerberg Eisteddfod.

8.2.4 Bodies and Buddies

Boddies and Buddies were held on Tuesdays for our Afrikaans speaking friends and on Thursdays for the English speaking learners. It worked very well this year. We usually had four stations. Coaches Dries, Chad and Henco led three of the stations and the educator whose class it was led the other station. Each station was explained to the learners. The stations covered different outcomes and classes rotated to the various stations. The stations differed every week to keep it interesting and fun for the learners. Stations did not only consist of our "normal" eye-hand coordination and ball skills but we also incorporated core and body strength exercises making use of various equipment. Bodies and Buddies were enjoyed by all. Unfortunately it had to be cancelled on rainy days. Space in the mini-hall is too limited to use it for the purpose.

8.2.5 Brainy Buddies

Brainy Buddies is a Grade R Club. It helps to develop the learners in different areas and covers exciting themes. Learners get the opportunity to grow in areas such as science, mathematics, language, music and art. General knowledge is gained in a fun and creative way, which will serve the learners well throughout their life.

8.2.6 Game of Throws

Our Grade R learners had the opportunity to learn certain skills through our brand new sports development programme, "Game of Throws". We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our little sports stars when they arrived for their first lesson. Hand/eye and hand/foot coordination, reflexes, using the different kinds of equipment, playing to the rules of the games, social interacting with their peers and developmental skills were introduced. These activities were fun and interactive.

8.2.7 Real Life for Kids

Curro Durbanville's Grade 5 learners can display their design and creative skills through a unique programme called Real Life for Kids at our school. This programme is an integral part of the Life Skills curriculum in Grade 5 where our learners create and simulate real life events. Real Life for Kids allows them to open bank accounts, earn a salary and interest, purchase land, build a home, own a business, etc. – a snapshot of what awaits them in real life.

8.3 Meetings

The following meetings were held regularly to ensure that planning is done effectively and that the activities we offer adds value:

- 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)
- Management team meetings: Every Tuesday afternoon
- Committee meetings: As needed for activity planning
- Merc meetings: Once per term
(Management Employee Representative Committee)
- Health and safety meetings: Twice per term

8.4 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 and the fourth term's papers were set by the schools.

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

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

9. LEARNERS: INDIVIDUAL

9.1 Learner support

Class and subject educators offer extra lessons where revision or concrete application in learning areas such as mathematics and the languages are concerned.

The selection of learners who have to receive extra lessons takes place according to certain criteria. These lessons are free of charge.

9.2 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.

9.3 Therapists

We are privileged to have very professional therapists in the following areas:

- Educational psychologists
- Occupational therapists
- Speech and language therapists
- Remedial therapists

The therapists work in their private capacity and Curro does not benefit financially from them. They 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.

Sanet Verster and Bianca Vermaak have decided to expand their practices in the Kenridge area, with the result that they will no longer accept new Curro Durbanville clients. They will still continue to serve their existing clients at our school.

We are privileged to welcome Ms Georgia Setzer, a qualified educational psychologist, to our school. Ms Setzer moved in 2018 from Woodhill College in Pretoria to Durbanville.

10. CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

10.1 Curro Parent Committee – 2019

2019 marked a year of change for the Curro Durbanville Primary Parent Advisory Committee. A new PAC was elected in the first quarter of the year, led by the very competent Yvonne Viljoen. The new PAC is a great mix of new and old members, ensuring that the learnings from the previous PAC were carried through to the very enthusiastic and motivated new committee.

The first year of tenure for the new PAC has been busy and successful with plenty of projects being completed.

1. Benches: The PAC would like to thank Charl Jacobs for arranging the wonderful new school benches adorning the front of the school. He financed the benches worth R60000.
2. Chess board: The PAC also funded the synthetic grass area where our large chess set is used (R14 658). Funds from MySchool card.
3. Printer for the Music Department: The department was in dire need of a printer and scanner. The PAC donated a new printer/scanner to the Music Department, saving many trips back and forth as the staff previously had to walk all the way to Reception to get something printed.
4. Bingo Evening: After a very successful few years, the Bingo stalwarts Sarah and Leon Crause hung up their Bingo boots and handed over the organising of the Bingo evening to the PAC. A Bingo evening on a smaller scale was started. Many lessons were learnt in the process and will be put to good use when the PAC organises next year's Bingo evening.
5. Swimming pool sound system upgrade: The PAC funded the purchase and installation of a much-needed sound system for the swimming pool (9000). Funds came from MySchool card.
6. Secretary Day celebration: Our esteemed secretaries and receptionists are the heartbeat of the school. On behalf of all the parents, the PAC showed their appreciation for our secretaries by spoiling them with some special treats on Secretary's Day.
7. Grade 7 farewell gift: It has now become a tradition for PAC to donate the farewell gifts of the Grade 7s who are leaving the primary school at the end of the year.

8. Girls' bathroom project: One of the PAC's most exciting projects has been the beautification of the girls' bathrooms. This project was the responsibility of the very competent Angie Frankel. The PAC arranged to put up beautiful vinyl stickers with bright colours and uplifting slogans on all the bathroom doors.

9. Boys' bathroom project: The beautification of the boys' bathrooms also commenced during the fourth term.

10. Teachers Day celebration: We feel that Curro Durbanville has the best educators in the country! The PAC showed their appreciation for our wonderful educators by spoiling them on Teachers Day with some snacks and a small gift on behalf of all the parents at our school.

11. Wheelie Bin project: Just because it's called dustbins, doesn't mean they can't look good. The PAC sponsored a "facelift" for all the wheelie bins on campus. Each wheelie bin got a good scrub and a fancy new sticker on the front of the bin.

12. GEM Awards: The PAC decided to start a new tradition of publicly acknowledging the hard work and commitment of the individuals and teams at Curro who make up the support/ground staff. We encourage Curro educators, learners and parents to nominate someone they feel has "gone the extra mile" for a GEM certificate and small gift of appreciation.

13. Christmas Market: Another new tradition established by the PAC is the Curro Durbanville Christmas Market. The Christmas market is an evening market where a variety of vendors will offer their exciting ware for sale.

The first year of tenure was a huge success for the new PAC. We have a great, competent team of parents on the PAC that works together like a well-oiled machine and we would like to once again thank the dedicated class representatives for their hard work and support throughout the year who play such a vital role within the parent community.

Lastly, on behalf of all the parents and learners at Curro, the PAC would like to thank the leadership team at Curro Durbanville for their continued support and outstanding leadership. We are privileged to work with such a great team.

Thank you

2019 PAC Members

Yvonne Viljoen	Chairperson
Tertia Albertyn (resigned) Karen Bester (New)	Vice Chair
Candie Maasdorp	Secretary
Angie van Heerden	Treasurer
Christy Haefele	Member
Christine Brand	Member
Angie Fraenkel	Member



10.2 Parent meetings

Foundation Phase

A minimum of four parent meetings was held this year. Parents were invited to meet the class educator at the beginning of the first term. At the end of term 1, 2 and 3, formal meetings were held with the parents of all the learners in the Foundation Phase. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the learners' academic performances as well as their social and emotional development. In some cases, parent meetings were scheduled over and above these quarterly

meetings in order to discuss any issues or concerns that may have arisen during the course of the year.

Intersen Phase

Our quarterly parent meetings continued to be well-supported by the majority of parents. We kicked off the first term with the “Meet and Greet meeting” where parents were first introduced to the subject educators of the grade and then to the register class educator who explained the class dynamics, various systems, etc. in detail. At this meeting parents voted for a class representative who represented the class at various school meetings and assisted with the coordination of certain school projects.

At the end of term 1 and the beginning of terms 2 and 3, parents were given the opportunity to schedule meetings with the register educator and various subject educators to discuss the progress of their children in the preceding term leading up to the test or examination series.

These meetings created a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect with the various educators through whom their children are taught every day, as well as to find out how they can assist and support if necessary.

Bridging meetings were held with Grade 3 parents to familiarise themselves with the dynamics in the Intersen Phase, and a Tablet meeting with Grade 4 parents on how the technological process and device, that will become an integral part of the learners’ school career in Grade 5, work. Both these meetings proved highly successful and help to put parents at ease regarding the educational challenges that lie ahead in the year to come.

We encourage parents to attend these meetings as the benefits are invaluable.

10.3 Curro Communikè

This year the Curro Communikè had eight issues – two issues per term. Each issue was distributed to parents in both English and Afrikaans and 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, Cups and Coaches, our staff concert, eisteddfod- 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.

11. FACILITIES

A lot of upgrading took place on Curro Durbanville's campus:

- Tennis court and parking area floodlights
- Underground water harvesting system on our rugby field
- Cricket nets are upgraded and include lighting
- Building of our new indoor cricket and sports facility is in full swing
- Lighting on parking area and rugby field was installed
- Lighting at some tennis courts
- Bracking walls our in four grade R classes
- Small pavilion at back tennis court

Pavilion

We are very excited about the completed pavilion which is a wonderful addition to our campus facilities. The pavilion was also equipped with an excellent sound system that was procured for the amount of R200 000. The sound covers the whole sports area. Curro will make good use of the R5.5 million spectator facilities. We are very grateful to Curro Holdings for this wonderful addition.

Prospective facilities: Cricket

The construction of a cricket facility is well on its way. It will consist of, among other things, indoor cricket nets, sports offices, an entertainment area, kiosk to sell refreshments and more. Indeed something to look forward to.

Intercom system

Curro invested in an additional intercom system at the Music Department to facilitate their task.

Tennis and netball courts

Two tennis and netball courts will be redone during the upcoming holidays.

Signage

Several signboards were installed especially at the front gate and the Music Department.

Our clothing store, "The Lounge" has been moved to make it more convenient for our parents.

Coffee@Curro cafeteria was beautifully upgraded by Feedem.

12. AFTERCARE

Our proficient and passionate aftercare-staff strives daily to meet our policy of providing a 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 year our aftercare facility was home to more than 300 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.

Since March, the holiday care is already run by Sherpa Kids, a privately contracted company. Sherpa Kids is highly regarded and our learners and parents have experienced their work very positively this year.

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

13. MARKETING

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

Enrolments, Open Days, Activations

During 2019, our primary school held three consecutive open days in February. Each day was aimed at different target markets and Grade entry points in the primary school. On 26 February a special open day was held for the parents of the Rosen Castle Grade R learners with a view to allowing these families easy entry into Curro Durbanville's Grade 1 stream. On 27 February the Curro Castle Durbanville's Group 5 parents attended an open day at the primary school. The day was arranged to assist the parents of our own campus nursery school make an informed decision regarding their child's continuing educational path (roll-over) at Curro Durbanville. On 28 February an open day was held for the general public. This day was promoted widely in our community including an extensive flyer distribution and digital marketing campaign, printed advert in the Tygerburger, promotion in feeder nursery schools and on other outdoor media platforms.

The open days resulted in many school tours taking place on campus over the three days and important enrolment decisions being made by families both inside (Curro Castle Durbanville and RosenCastle) and outside of Curro (the general public who was invited).

For the remainder of 2019 our primary school adopted an “Everyday is an open day” policy with new families and investors being taken on school tours often during a normal school “working” day. This marketing tactic proved to be a great selling point in 2019, as stakeholders could experience a first-hand “real” day in the life of a Curro Durbanville learner by seeing our classroom activities like Robotics and Real Life for Kids, etc. in action.

In February 2019 the arrival of a new mini-bus meant that a new bus route could be opened and marketed to the Malmesbury region. A marketing campaign in this region, both in print and digital, yielded positive results and enrolments with more that hopefully will follow in 2020.

In May 2019 we held a small activation campaign at Cobble Walk shopping centre. This brand awareness and enrolment campaign was well received by the public. Many people stopped to talk to our educators about Curro Durbanville. Smaller children participated in the many interactive activities on offer such as face-painting, colouring in, etc. Our older learners contributed in the form of a few live musical performances in the courtyard of the mall – which further showed the talent and calibre of Curro Durbanville learners.

In October we held a special Estate Agent event where all the local real estate agents were invited for a “meet-and-greet”. They also had the opportunity to take a tour of the Curro Durbanville campus. It is important that the estate agents know what we have to offer, for people with children moving into the area wants to know about the schools that are available. It is also important that they take note that we accept learners from all areas and have an extensive bus service available to take them to school and back.

Our enrolment and lead chasing processes were further streamlined during 2019, with marketing statistics and leads being reported to our Head Office on a weekly basis. Curro Durbanville’s own school tour committee took many families on campus tours throughout the year, which yielded positive results in our enrolment targets. Our planned marketing and external communication activities, together with the overall brand thrust coming from our Head Office campaigns (for example, a joint #Learners2Leaders digital hashtag shared by all the Curro schools across South Africa), helped to reinforce the Curro Durbanville brand as a premium brand, further strengthening our school’s positioning in the Durbanville area.

Brand Management

During 2019 most of the internal school events carried correctly branded Curro Durbanville marketing material – with brilliant icons and excellently designed event posts, flyers, posters and memos for each project. It has positively impacted our school’s profile as we have become known for a professional appearance – digitally (online) on all our communication channels as well as in the print media. This was achieved by channelling all artwork requirements (flyers, posters, factsheets, presentations, etc.) through Curro’s centralised design lab via the school marketer. More than 150 design briefs were channelled to the Curro design lab in 2019. This is an indication of the sheer magnitude of the large number of events, activities and initiatives emanating from the school. Working through these official channels during 2019 has once again kept our school in line with Curro Holding’s corporate identity policy.

Social Media (Facebook and Instagram)

We currently have 7 439 likes on our Facebook page and posted almost 650 articles this year. Our reach per post averages around 2 500 – 5 352, with significant spikes achieved from time to time. The new pavilion post and high school build posts spiked 8 900 – 15 650 views each). Curro Durbanville’s Facebook page is primarily used as a content marketing tool for all our followers, including our surrounding community members, alumni, 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 learner's 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 at 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 2019, Curro Durbanville's Instagram page has grown its following to 1 484 followers (compared to 600 followers in 2018). 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, as our learners can share their stories and achievements with their outside peers.

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 learner's achievements and campus activities were regularly sent through to publications like AWSUM School News, Tygerburger, Northern News and Die Burger for their publishing consideration. More than 75 articles and deep captions were sent to these publications the past year. It is important to note that the resulting editorial coverage achieved is not paid for and is selected by the newspaper's news editor on merits of newsworthiness. 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.

14. DIVERSITY

At Curro Durbanville we remain committed to creating an environment that is fair, non-discriminatory and promotes equality across the board, whether it 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 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 2019 in achieving our goals and maintaining equality across the board and our goal for 2020 is to maintain this consistency and approve upon the excellent work that has already taken place.

15. A FEW FIRSTS FOR CURRO DURBANVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2019

15.1 Curriculum

Dads and Lads Robotics Day

The members of the Grade 6 Robotics Club had a very exciting experience – their first Dads and Lads Robotics Day. At this stage the club consists of boys only. Our boys were extremely excited to have their dads coming to see and experience what they are doing in the Robotics

Lab. The boys demonstrated their programming skills to their dads and the dads enjoyed the opportunity to share the learning environment with their boys.

Top 10 Academic Achievers

The primary school management team decided to make an addition to academic achievements. The top 10 academic achievers in Grades 5 to 7 received academic bars. At the end of a term, it will be re-awarded or expire.

15.2 Sports

This year a new pavilion was built as well as an indoor cricket facility, and floodlights were erected next to the rugby field and tennis/netball court. Next year this field will be used much more effectively.

The u.8 and u.9 rugby, netball and hockey sports day was a big highlight with an estimated 2000 learners and parents visiting our school on the day.

We also introduced evening athletics for the Foundation Phase learners. Unfortunately due to load shedding the lights could not be fully utilised and appreciated.

Curro Durbanville Chess Tournament

On 23 and 24 August Curro Durbanville hosted its own chess tournament in the CR van der Merwe hall. A surprising 184 entries were received from various schools in the Western Cape. Friday afternoon's rounds started at 15:30 and ended 21:00. During free time, players entertained themselves by playing with the big outdoor chess set. They also treated themselves by visiting the vendors selling chip sticks, ice coffee, paid a visit to Coffee@Curro to enjoy a hot meal or bought chess merchandise at the chess tuck shop. On Saturday rounds were played from 08:30 onwards after being inspired by a motivational message from Anzel Laubscher, an international Women's Master and the current Western Cape Women's champion. The arbiters had two busy days to make final decisions. We were fortunate to have an international arbiter, Mr Gunther van den Bergh, as our chief arbiter. Ms Lynette Prent, the WP Youth manager, voluntarily captured the scores. The prize-giving started at 19:00 and all players received certificates of participation. The top 10 players and the top girl in each division were awarded with medals. The top three players from each division proudly achieved cash prizes and floating trophies.

Our beautiful photos have been captured by Christine Brand, a PAC member and parent. Mr Alberts from Creative Chess Equipment had chess merchandise on sale for our participants. A big thank you to our sponsors, Puppy Love Daycare, Phangela Security, Joubert and Perkins families as well as weekends away and beauty vouchers @ Lizna Nell. The parent committee members are extremely proud of this successful event and already looking forward to planning the 2020 tournament!

16. STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mrs Sonja Krige has been chosen as the General Manager of the Cape Town Primary Schools' netball teams. We are very proud of you!
- Mr Jean Potgieter has been chosen as WP u.13's cricket manager.
- Mr Henco Bornmann has been chosen as the WP u.15 A's cricket coach for the fifth consecutive year!

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