

Newsletter

Executive Head's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Writing at the height of the Cold War and all its pervasive fears about nuclear holocaust, C.S. Lewis captured this sense of serenity when he wrote:

“If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes, find us doing sensible and human things — praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (any microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.”

Following his lead, we are using this opportunity to celebrate, be grateful and remain relentlessly positive in the midst of many fears and uncertainty in our beloved country.

Our first term of 2020 has come to an end and typically, during this time, I like to reflect on all the joys and successes we shared these past 3 months:

- Our #RivoniaRaptors splashed into

the new year with an unforgettable Inter-House swimming gala

- We had an overwhelming turnout at our 2020 Parent Cocktail evening
- Our National men's hockey player, Mr Owen Mvimbi, launched the first pre-season hockey clinic
- We participated in the Curro Cup athletics event and rose to the occasion with commendable results
- Parents battled it out on the netball and soccer fields in the first Parent vs Child sport event for the year
- We celebrated Valentine's Day with a glorious masquerade ball for the high school and our Outreach club collected R3000 with Valentine's Day spoils for the learners
- High school parents got to attend a workshop on our approach to leadership development
- We celebrated our school's 4th birthday with the reminder that each of us are important pieces of the Curro Rivonia puzzle and topped it off with cupcake decorating

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- Parents, learners and staff then spent an entire Saturday decorating and beautifying our Campus and the results were nothing short of breathtaking and heartwarming!
- Our learners completed their first rounds of term exams and we are proud of their hard work and resilience!

In addition to our celebrations, we also have exciting developments to look forward to in the coming term.:

- Our brand new sporting grounds next to Lilliesleaf are in the final stages of construction
- We can anticipate interesting happenings on campus with Book Week, the Enviro Club, Outreach Club and WESSA

Our team is already prepared with handfuls of activities and new learning experiences for our learners and I am eager to see these activities unfold in the coming term.

The Curro Rivonia team is also in the midst of a bitter-sweet celebration: Mr Anthony Zhou, our Acting Head of Mathematics will be parting ways with our family on Monday, 31 March.

We have had the privilege of working with Mr Zhou since 2017 and though we will miss him dearly, we wish him every success at his new school closer to home.

Parents/Guardians, while we are celebrating happy memories and victories I want to take a beat and highlight the amazing team of teachers in our school.

With less than a day's notice of school closures, our teachers have rallied and delivered a whole new level of excellence in teaching.

Instead of gathering in groups - panicking, they gathered to collaborate.

Instead of planning an extended holiday, they planned out-of-the-box approaches to delivering the curriculum.

Instead of remaining at home, they found ingenious ways of expanding the classroom walls with the use of technology.

Instead of finding excuses, they found solutions.

Instead of leaving their colleagues to their own devices, they became the embodiment of teamwork.

The results: comprehensive, easily accessible and holistic Distance Learning Materials for each Grade and subject, put together within 3 days, while finalising academic reports, deep-cleaning their classrooms and equipment and preparing their administrative tasks.

I can but applaud this magnificent team of teachers and I hope that their story inspires all of us to embrace the positive possibilities in spite of being confronted with negativities outside our control.

May you have a safe, productive and special time of rest. We look forward to welcoming you back on campus in Term 2.

Warm regards,

Brian O'Neil

Executive Head

Curro Rivonia





A fond farewell: Mr Anthony Zhou



On Monday, 31 March we will be saying our final goodbyes to our colleague and teacher, Mr Anthony Zhou.

Mr Zhou has been part of the Curro Rivonia family since 2017 and stepped into the role of Mathematics teacher.

He has since had such a positive impact on our mathematics programmes in the Primary and High School, that he has served as the acting head of Mathematics since 2019.

Mr Zhou has found employment closer to his home and we wish him all the success and prosperity his new adventure can offer.

We will miss you, Sir!

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
What you need to know

Sources:
www.livescience.com | www.osha.gov
www.pandemic.internationalsoas.com
This post is for educational purposes only and not a substitute for professional medical advice.

Symptoms

- High fever
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches
- Diarrhoea

4. Keep your distance from visibly sick people
5. Stay at home if you feel unwell
6. Do not share food or drinks
7. Wash/Wipe down frequently-used items

How does a virus like COVID-19 spread?
Through sneeze and cough droplets – most often when touching an object contaminated with these droplets and then touching your face.

Easiest ways to prevent a virus from spreading:

1. Wash your hands often (sing 'Happy Birthday' twice while you do)
2. Use hand sanitisers with a 60%+ alcohol content
3. Cover your sneezes and coughs

There is no reason to panic. If you **stay informed** and take the necessary **precautions**, you can keep yourself and others safe.



Curro Cup Athletics



Parents vs Child sport



Inter-Curro Gala winners



Hockey clinic



Our first high school Gala



Inter-House Gala



DIY
Day!



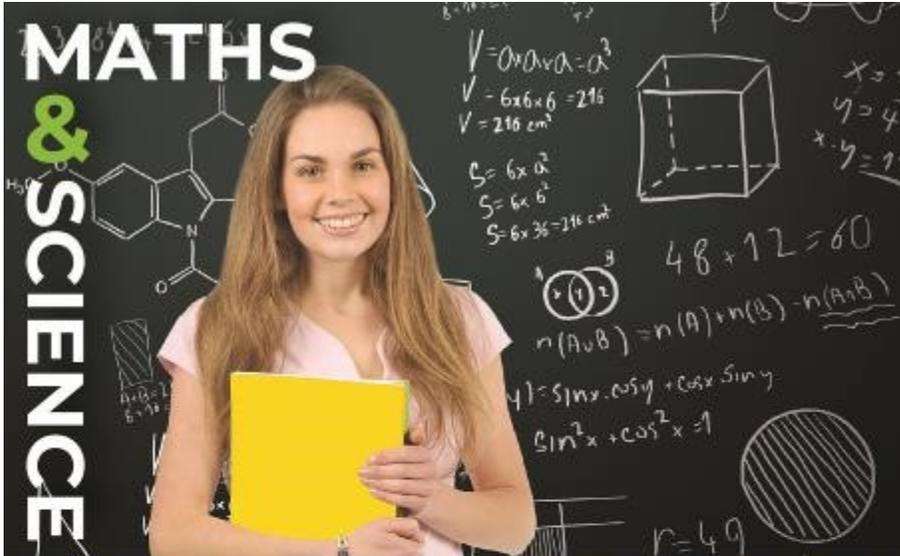
School Birthday and
Parent Cocktail Evening



Valentine's
Day



From the PTA



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Newsletter Classifieds

The 2020 PTA is launching the Classifieds section of the Newsletters. The first Issue of Classifieds will run on Thursday, 27 February.

Any person who is interested in advertising in our Castle and Primary/High School Newsletter can do so by following this process:

1) Send a request to Mrs Natasja Kruger

(natasja.kruger@gmail.com) with the preferred sizing of your ad.

2) Specify the Newsletter/s you want your ad to run in (Primary/High School newsletters are issued every two weeks and Castle Newsletters are issued once a month. These Newsletters have a collective reach of more than 1000 people. They are also pinned up on our notice boards in the school).

3) Confirm the number of issues in which you want your ad to run.

4) Make the relevant payment into the school's bank account with the reference "YOUR NAME-PTA NEWS".

5) Send the proof of payment as well as your artwork through to Mrs Kruger no later than 3 days before the next issue.

6) Mrs Kruger will forward you a copy of the Newsletter once it has been sent out.

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