Primary school
NEWSLETTER
CURRO Aurora

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FROM MR MAREE'S DESK…

We recently moved to Level 2 of lockdown BUT the move to Level 2 has not changed any of the school protocols or regulations as published in the original GBE Gazette. For now, schools will continue with **50% capacity** until an updated Gazette from the DBE is received. Curro Schools will continue to comply with all regulations to ensure the safety of staff and learners. As indicted previously we will monitor school attendance to ensure the 50% capacity is respected. Should we reach the point where full 50% occupancy is reached all parents will have to comply with the original alternating attendance arrangement. **Please note that online hybrid teaching will continue while lock down is in place.**

Grouping arrangement for next week is as follows:

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A

SWITCH BOARD

If you are experiencing a problem reaching our school switchboard line, please use the alternate numbers below:

Admin Reception Josie	082 233 7500
Finance Angela	067 356 2969
Admissions Pauline	067 356 2969
Castle Office Rowena	067 396 1583
Primary School Office Anneline	067 396 3713
High School Office Cindy	067 396 1572

CLASS PHOTOS 2020

Due to the pandemic, we will only be taking individual photos for 2020. These individual photos will be grouped accordingly per class in the 2020 Curro Aurora Yearbook. We ask that you send your child to school on the following dates to ensure their photo is taken. Only the name and surname of individual learners, not their photo, will appear in the yearbook should they not be present at school. The dates for the photo shoot are as follows;

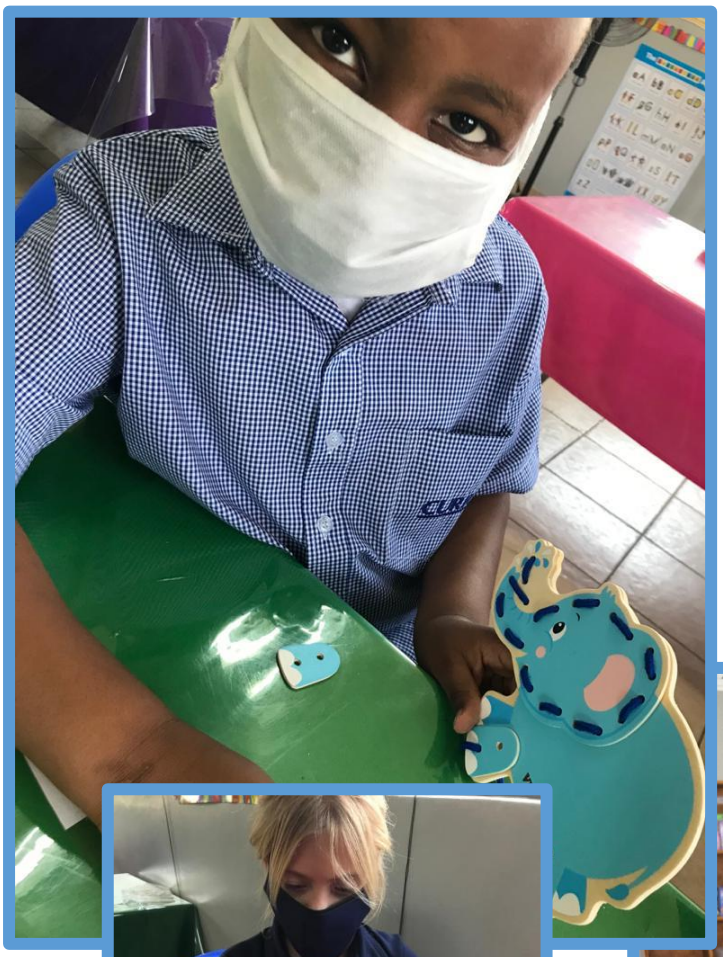
Monday, 14 September 2020: Group B Learners
Tuesday, 15 September 2020: Group A Learners
Wednesday, 16 September 2020: Staff and absentees from the previous two days

e-SPORT

We are extremely proud and excited to announce that, not only will our second league of Minecraft start on Thursday, eSport is now an official Curro sport code and will also be an event in the 2021 Curro Cup! We will be introducing new eSports for our learners to participate in later this year. **Esports** (also known as **electronic sports**, **e-sports**, or **eSports**) is a form of sport competition using video games. Esports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players, individually or as teams.

AFTERCARE SEWING

Aftercare learners enjoy the new and exciting activities that we introduced in the afternoons. Who said that sewing is easy? The development of fine motor skills is instrumental to good hand and eye coordination.



GRADE 4 TO 7 CYCLE TEST ARRANGEMENTS (DROP OFF AND COLLECTION)

Only use the Puttick Road entrance between 10:00am and 11:00am when dropping off and/ or collecting your child. Sanitization and screening will occur here.

- Learners only need to attend school for the slot that they write their Cycle Test in. The slots are **8.30am to 10.30am** and **11:00am to 1:00pm. Please see detailed schedule below.**

DATE	TEST	Session 1 8:30am to 10:30am	Session 2 11:00am to 01:00pm
Friday 4 September	**Economic and Management Science (Grade 7 only)**	Group B & Online Learners	Group A
Monday 7 September	**History and Geography (Grade 4 to 7)**	Group A & Online Learners	Group B
Tuesday 8 September	**English (Grade 4 to 7)**	Group B & Online Learners	Group A
Wednesday 9 September	**Natural Science (Grade 4 to 7)**	Group A & Online Learners	Group B
Thursday 10 September	**Afrikaans and isiZulu (Grade 4 to 7)**	Group B & Online Learners	Group A
Friday 11 September	**Mathematics (Grade 4 to 7)**	Group A & Online Learners	Group B

- Learners writing in Session 1, 8:30am – 10:30am will be taken to the Puttick Gate for collection at 10:30am. Drop off for Session 1 will be continue as normal.

- Learners writing in Session 2 must be dropped off at the Puttick Gate between 10:00am and 10.45 am. Learners will be screened upon arrival.

- Learners writing in session 2 must proceed to the following areas:
  - Grade 4 learners: Venus Playground
  - Grade 5 and 6 learners: Primary School quad outside of the Primary School Office
  - Grade 7 learners: On the pavilion in front of the Milky Way Tuck Shop

- Learners being dropped off early or collected late (before or after their Cycle Test) will be looked after in the Cosmic Hall where they can prepare for the next day's Cycle Test. Please inform your child's tutor teacher of this arrangement.

- Learners not collected at 1pm, will be supervised in the Cosmic hall. Here they can prepare for the following day's Cycle Test.

- Should your child be collected from the Cosmic Hall, please contact either Anneline or Santie from the Primary School Office:
  Anneline: 087 087 0355
  Santie: 067 396 3713

AFTERCARE – A home away from home!

Kindly remember that our Aftercare is still operational, and you are welcome to enroll your child at any time. We have strict measures in place to ensure safety for all learners and staff. Our lunches are nutritious and pre-packed. Please contact our Aftercare manager, Ms. Danielle Opperman should you have any queries. She can be contacted on 0661959836 or danielle.o1@curro.co.za

CHESS- Mr Martin

Congratulations to all the learners who participated in the Inter Curro Chess tournament. The top achievers at Curro Aurora were Michael Camara IN Grade 3 who was placed 6th in the U10 age group and Jac Hodge who was placed 5th in the U14 age group. Both of our leaners placed in the top 10 in the Inter-Curro online chess tournament that took place on the 22 August 2020.

AGE GROUP	Under 14		
1st place	Reegan Palmer Curro Online	6th place	Claire Le Roux Curro Hazeldean
2nd place	Lucky Onwusaka Curro Nelspruit	7th place	Jaden Fielies Curro Langebaan
3rd place	Matthew Opperman Curro Langebaan	8th place	Ruhan Somai Curro Century City
4th place	Daniel Rhode Curro Durbanville	9th place	Devahn Fourie Curro Krugersdorp
5th place	Jac Hodge Curro Aurora	10th place	Arnaav Singh Curro Grantleigh

AGE GROUP	Under 10		
1st place	Emlyn Wilson Curro Durbanville	6th place	Michael Camara Curro Aurora
2nd place	Sarah-Claire Opperman Curro Hazeldean	7th place	Francois Scholtz Curro Hermanus
3rd place	Noah Lindemann Curro Hermanus	8th place	Caylen Kleynhans Curro Langebaan
4th place	Hayden Potas Grantleigh	9th place	Ndumiso Mabuza Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel
5th place	Mischke Schoeman Curro Langebaan	10th place	Zac Human Curro Brackenfell

DEBIT ORDER

Curro has embarked on a debit order drive making it convenient and hassle free. Should you wish to move to a debit order payment method, please refer to the below flyer for more information.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Curro Aurora offers safe school transportation to our families in the mornings & afternoons while adhering to strict Covid-19 protocols. Transport facility is offered to learners from Grade 3 - 12.

* Sanitising upon entering the vehicle
* Social distancing measures in place
* Wearing of masks are compulsory

SPRING DAY CELEBRATION

To celebrate the arrival of Spring 2020, we organized a Takkie run on Tuesday, 1 September (Group B) and Wednesday 2 September 2020 (Group A). Each class will be given a chance to participate and complete a set running course. These days will be staggered to ensure social distancing and safety for all. If possible, we ask you to donate a pair of pre-loved takkies (or shoes) that will be donated. You are welcome to donate adult shoes too. Hot Cares 91.9 will be distributing the donated shoes. Kindly note that a drop-off cage has already been set up outside the Cosmic Hall.

DEVICE SPECIFICATION 2021 (Grade 4 to 7 learners)

We look forward to continuing our journey using devices at school for our Grade 4 to 7 learners for 2021 to make **teaching and learning** more meaningful, engaging and fun. Please see below the device specification required when purchasing a device.

Device Specifications

Choose the right device for learning
Curro Aurora is expanding in a new direction, towards the future, by using e-learning devices in the classrooms from Grade 4. To enable high-quality learning, a Windows 10 device is needed. Windows 10 is the chosen platform for Curro.

Requirements/Specifications

Minimum device specifications for academic use (learners):
- CPU: Intel i3 10th Gen
- RAM: 8 GB DDR4
- Hard drive: 256 GB solid-state drive (SSD)
- Windows 10 professional

Maximum device specifications (equivalent to a teacher's laptop):
- CPU: Intel i5 10th Gen
- RAM: 8 GB/16 GB DDR4
- Hard drive: 256 GB solid-state drive (SSD)
- Windows 10 professional

Recommended specifications for VR/Robotics/Design:
- CPU: Intel i5/i7 10th Gen
- RAM: 16 GB DDR4
- Primary hard drive: 512 GB solid-state drive (SSD)
- Secondary hard drive: 1 TB serial advanced technology attachment (SATA) drive
- GPU: NVIDIA GeForce – GTX 1660 Ti
- Windows 10 professional

Examples: Asus TUF Gaming F15 or F17
Follow the link to view: https://www.asus.com/za/Product-Compare/?products=cx9bi3orfb1vfzjr,n137uk4468w3l226&b=2

You can buy any device brand that suits you; with the required specifications as above. Kindly note that there are two different specifications – academics and gaming.

#Learners2Leaders

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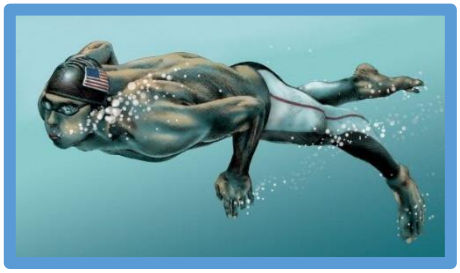
GRADE 3 PEN LICENCES- Ms Julia Correia

We would like to congratulate the following learners for acquiring their pen licenses. The learners have earned their pen licenses due to continuous effort in applying the correct spacing, letter formation, overall neatness and seldom making errors. By earning their pen license these learners are now allowed to complete all their schoolwork in pen.

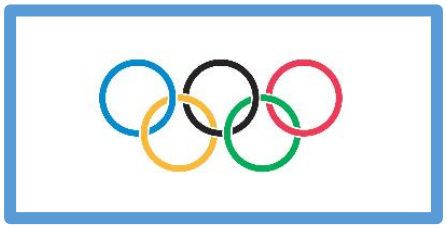
SPORTS TRIVIA- Melissa Parr

We will be asking 5 sports-themed questions each week. The answers will be revealed in next week's newsletter.



This week's theme is **swimming:**

1. Which swimmer was the first man to break the 60 second barrier for the 100m Freestyle in 1922, won five Olympic gold medals and went on to become a famous Hollywood movie star, notably for his role as Tarzan?
2. Which South African swimmer won both the Women's 100m and 200m breaststroke events at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta?
3. Who were the 4 South African swimmers that broke the World Record and won the Gold Medal in the Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay event at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens?
4. Who was the most successful swimmer at the 1972 Olympics in Munich?
5. Who beat world record holder Michael Phelps to win the Men's 200m Butterfly at the 2012 Olympic Games in London?



Good luck and no googling!

Sport's Quote of the Week

Consider the quote from Michael Phelps (USA). Phelps is a former competitive swimmer and the most successful and most decorated Olympian of all time, with a total of 28 medals. He also holds the all-time record of winning 23 Olympic gold medals.

"When I feel tired, I just think about how great I will feel once I finally reach my goal."

CULTURE- Mr Dane Gabin

Heritage Day: Jerusalema Dance

Heritage Day is a South African public holiday celebrated on 24 September, here at Curro Aurora Primary School, we will celebrate on 23 September 2020. On this day, South Africans are encouraged to celebrate their culture and the diversity of their beliefs and traditions, in the wider context of a nation that belongs to all its people. Along with dressing in our traditional attire, the staff and learners at Curro Aurora Primary School will be performing the Jerusalema Dance to be filmed as our tribute to our diverse South African heritage.

#Straight2Camera

Congratulations to the learners that have entered the #S2C monologue competition, we are excited to hear all the wonderful results that our star actors have received. Adjudicators are working on and grading your entries as we speak.

Primary School Talent Showcase

Curro Aurora Primary School's Culture department is definitely not slowing down. We are currently working on a pre-recorded virtual talent showcase, shining light on some of our musicians, dancers, vocalist, poets and so much more. More information will be released soon.

Yours in education

Mr. Christiaan Maree
Head of Primary School