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NEWSLETTER

An Open Letter to the Matrics of 2020

We know this year has not been easy and that there is much excitement over the end of your schooling career. We know that we are a little more easily frustrated this time of year and can be more difficult to please. We also know that you are feeling edgy as you become filled with anticipation over the fast-approaching final examinations, but we want you to know something. We want you to know that as we embrace the blur of awards ceremonies, assemblies and valedictory that we are feeling bittersweet.

We look at you and realise that you aren't the same children that we welcomed into our classrooms in Grade 8. You're a couple of centimetres taller. You have a different haircut. Your style has changed as you have grown into yourself a tad more. We think of what you have learned. You are reading at a higher level and you can speak with a confidence you didn't possess last year. You are not the same learners we met; you're different, and this simultaneously breaks our hearts and comforts us.

You see, we are looking forward to the end of this term as much as any of you. We have dreamed about our alone time and have wished time away. We are proud of the job we have done when we realise what you all have become, but we also can't help but wonder if we did enough. Could we have done more? Did we prepare you for the road ahead? Did we give it our all?

And mostly, we did. We had cloudy moments where our vision was blurred with stress, but we always cared. **Always**. And we hope you always felt that. We hope you always knew we cared; more than you learned how to write a thesis statement and more than you know how to complete an equation. Of course, we hope that we prepared you for what's ahead and made your transition into next year easier, but we could live with not being the best essay marker or the coolest lesson presenter.

We hope, more than anything, that we were the teachers who prepared your heart. We hope that we were the teachers who helped you handle rejection with grace. We want to be the teachers who were firm but kind. We hope that we were the role models you needed.

It is going to be difficult to say goodbye to you. It's an adjustment to go from welcoming your faces at our classroom door each morning to wondering how you are doing years later. It's difficult to go from being your safe place to someone you may only see on occasion.

We know that we are just your teachers, but we have spent five days a week together for the last year(s) and change is never easy. We hope you'll remember us. We hope our discipline made you stronger. We hope our kindness made you feel safe. We hope our classrooms were a place where you learned many things and made many friends; we hope it was a place that you genuinely liked to be.

While we are a little sad to welcome a whole new group next year instead of continuing to know you more, we will think about you succeeding wherever you are. We will think of how you have grown and how you will continue to do so. And we will not only think of how much you have learned, but also how much you have taught us.

All the best for the final stretch!

Lots of love

The Curro Durbanville teachers

ACADEMICS

ELEVATE Study Workshop

Curro Durbanville's Grade 8 and Grade 10 learners attended an Elevate Education Study Skills Workshop. Best practice study skills were covered in this valuable workshop, which included topics like: establishing a study routine, working smartly, note taking, conceptual learning skills, dynamic reading, time management, memory and mnemonic techniques and many other study skills to suit individual learning styles. It was wonderful to see how our learners engaged with this valuable workshop, and we believe that many are being upskilled in key study method fundamentals which will assist them in their future academic success.

Thank you to the Elevate SA team for their input and contribution which we know will assist our learners in achieving even better results during the last stretch of this year.

'Practically' social distancing

The Grade 12 Life Sciences learners completed their IEB Practical Assessment Task on Wednesday,16 September. They each had their own individual station set up with various equipment for their practical investigation. As their first 'official' IEB examination for the subject, they had to fill in their proper examination numbers on their answer booklet and adhere to strict examination protocol. We wish the Grade 12 Life Sciences learners the best of luck in their preparation for the final IEB examinations coming up in October.

Top 10 Term 3

Congratulations to the following learners who were the top achievers in their grade for Term 3. We are extremely proud of your achievements and know that you worked exceptionally hard during this exam term. Well done!

GRADE 8

1	Colby Styles	91.63%
2	Antonio Rusconi	89.84%
3	Mia Kotze	89.68%
4	Ithike Gunter	89.13%
5	Michael la Grange	88.44%
6	Ryan Fehrenbacher	87.27%
7	Bhaumik Patidar	87.05%
8	Maria Inggs	86.54%
9	Mila Crous	86.09%
10	Zach Kunz	85.66%

GRADE 9

1	Inühn Fourie	89.03%
2	Megan Naude	88.71%
3	Shaunique Kannemeyer	86.65%
4	Amber-Leigh Nel	86.26%
5	Sebastian van der Wolf	85.03%
6	Christof Venter	84.83%
7	Quintin-Carl Hattingh	84.41%
8	Jenna Eagar	82.36%
9	Joshua Beckley	82.34%
9	Christiaan Kriegler	82.34%
10	Danielle Joshua	82.08%

GRADE 10

1	Jenna Rigby	91.56%
2	Dashayin Gilbert	86.56%
3	Albert Diedericks	86.35%
4	Erin Carter	84.60%
5	Angelica Deel-Smith	83.37%
6	Rohan Barnard	82.40%
7	Tayla Esau	81.74%
8	Rian Maartens	81.53%
9	Donato Lourenco	80.56%
10	Karli Kuhn	80.17%

GRADE 11

1	Emma Beckley	91.83%
2	Joshua Cupido	90.99%
3	Tiffany Gietzmann	89.72%
4	Leeanne Gietzmann	87.87%
5	Kahill Dhevcharran	83.21%
6	Anneri de Villiers	82.54%
7	Nina Hipkin	82.38%
8	Alexander Rall	82.02%
9	Emma Biskupsky	80.84%
10	Peter Visagie	80.41%

GRADE 12

	TERM 1	**%**
1	Jamie Willcox	85.17%
2	Elona Fikani	85.01%
3	Kyle Janse van Rensburg	84.71%
4	Marco Erlank	84.68%
5	Siyabonga Nhlapo	83.59%
6	Erin Cuff	83.55%
7	Carlia Greyling	83.24%
8	Bhavika Patidar	82.17%
9	Juan-Luc Muller	81.94%
10	Isabella Keeves	81.87%

Awards Evening 2020

In order to adhere to Covid-19 protocol, our Awards Evening will be live-streamed for everyone to enjoy. Please use the following link to view the event on Thursday, 8 October:

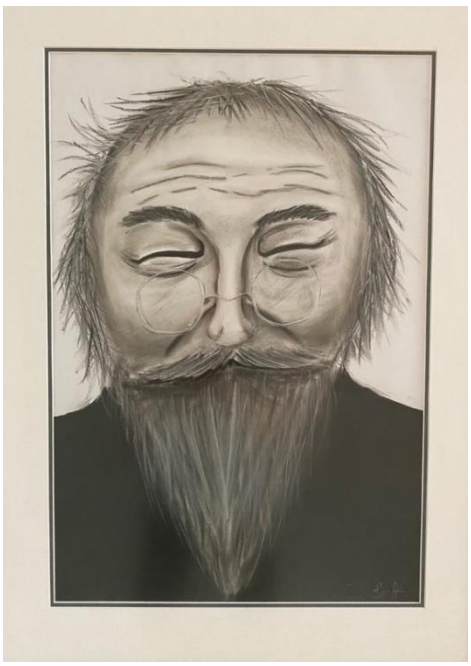
https://vimeo.com/460060489/5683ca69e4

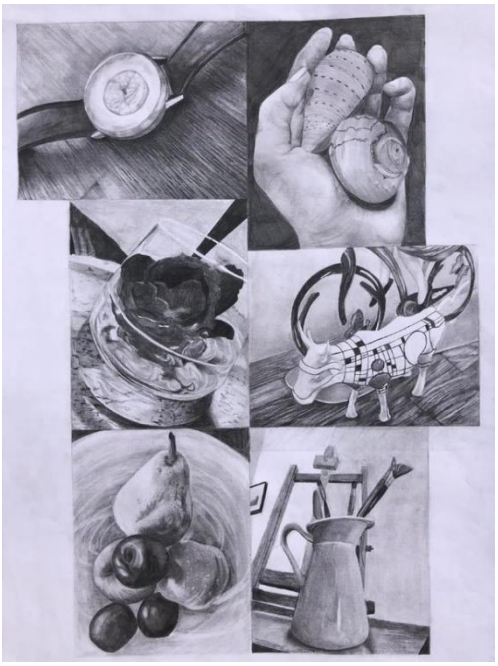
CULTURE

Curro Create CAS Results

Owing to Covid-19 and lockdown the Curro Arts Superhero festival was adapted to an online festival. Learners were given the opportunity to record their performances and submit their entries on an online platform. The decision to continue the festival online gave learners a creative outlet during this time of uncertainty. We are proud of our learners' achievements and we look forward to what next year's CAS Festival will deliver.

CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Act It!*		**Learners could choose from various performance categories including Public Speaking. *Act It* was adjudicated by André Terblanché**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Kate Wilkinson	8	Poetry	Silver Surfer
Méca Ladielis	8	Monologue	Silver Surfer
Mia Kotze	8	Monologue	Black Raven
Shayne Joseph	10	Monologue	Silver Surfer
Juan-Luc Muller	12	Monologue	Black Raven
Joshua Beckley	9	Public Speaking	Silver Surfer
Emma Beckley	11	Public Speaking	Black Raven
Megan Naude	10	Public Speaking	Black Raven
Leah Tshotwana	9	Public Speaking	Bronze Tiger





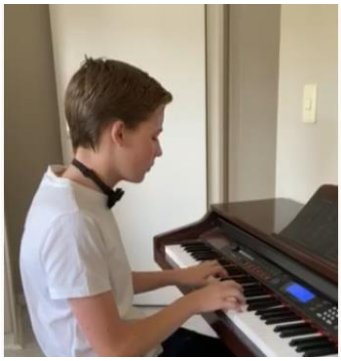
CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Make It*!		**Learners created artworks in various mediums and submitted it to be adjudicated by South African artist, Lientjie Wessels.**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Isabella Keeves	12	Drawing	Black Raven
Danielle van Staden	12	Drawing	Black Raven
Liam Kloppers	9	Painting	Silver Surfer
Anja Fourie	10	Painting	Silver Surfer
Amirah Sattar	10	Painting	Bronze Tiger
Camryn Robson	10	Drawing	Black Raven
Leigh van Deventer	8	Painting	Silver Surfer
Amber-Leigh Nel	9	Drawing	Black Raven
Keyna Gibbs	9	Drawing	Bronze Tiger
Megan Naude	9	Collage	Black Raven
Geeta Lourens	9	Painting	Bronze Tiger
Zana Neethling	8	Painting	Bronze Tiger

CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Move It*!		**This category was adjudicated by Trudy Fredericks**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Méca Ladielis	8	Hip-hop solo	Silver Surfer

Kryptonite Winners

CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Play It*!		**The following learners filmed themselves singing/playing various instruments and submitted the recording to be adjudicated by South African artists Melissa Van der Spuy *(Play It*) and Sarah Theron (*Sing It*).**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Antonio Rusconi	8	Violin Solo	Black Raven
Albert Diedericks	10	Piano solo	Black Raven
Tayla Esau	10	Keyboard solo	Black Raven
Tayla Esau	10	Piano solo	Black Raven
Julia Theron	9	Piano solo	Black Raven
Joy Holcombe	8	Piano solo	Black Raven
Maria Inggs	8	Piano solo	Black Raven
Matthew Witbooy	9	Piano solo	Silver Surfer
Christof Venter	9	Cello solo	Kryptonite
Christof Venter	9	Piano solo	Kryptonite
Zara Healey	11	Ukulele solo	Silver Surfer
Quintin-Carl Hattingh	9	Piano solo	Black Raven
Ithike Gunter	8	Guitar solo	Silver Surfer
Damon Lambert	8	Electronic Drums solo	Silver Surfer
Leila Allie-Reid	8	Keyboard solo	Black Raven
Colby Styles	8	Piano solo	Black Raven
Mia Kotze	8	Soprano Recorder solo	Silver Surfer

CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Read It*!		**This category was adjudicated by Devonecia Swartz**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Chido Tambara	11	Prepared Reading	Bronze Tiger
Jenna Rigby	10	Prepared Reading	Silver Surfer



CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Tweet It*!		**In this category learners could choose from various categories, ranging from shooting a music video to creating a short film. It was adjudicated by South African actors, Neil Sandilands and Barbara Loots**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Siyabonga Nhlapo	12	Vlogging	Black Raven
Megan Naude	9	Short film	Kryptonite
Ben Elliott	12	Music Video	Participation Award

CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Sing It*!		**The following learners filmed themselves singing/playing various instruments and submitted the recordings to be adjudicated by South African artists, Melissa Van der Spuy (Play it), Sarah Theron and Kyle Seconna (*Sing It*)**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Julia Theron	9	Solo	Kryptonite
Megan Gabrielse	11	Solo	Silver Surfer
Megan Gabrielse	11	Solo	Silver Surfer
Jared Isaacs	8	Solo	Black Raven
Yonela Tshaka	12	Solo	Participation
Danelle Joshua	12	Solo	Participation
Mia Dippenaar	9	Solo	Kryptonite
Mia Dippenaar	9	Solo	Kryptonite
Sanah Healey and Zara Healey	9 and 11	Duet	Silver Surfer
Sanah Healey	9	Solo	Kryptonite
Sanah Healey	9	Solo	Kryptonite
Quintin-Carl Hattingh and Gheran Hattingh	9 and 12	Duet	Black Raven
Ithike Gunter	8	Solo	Black Raven
Zanté Palmer	9	Solo	Black Raven

Zanté Palmer and Reegan Palmer (Primary school)	7 and 9	Duet	Black Raven
Julia Kotzé	9	Solo	Bronze Tiger
Zakhe Siya Ndlamla	9	Solo	Participation
Gheran Hattingh	12	Solo	Black Raven

CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Shoot It*!		**The learners could choose from various categories, such as nature, architecture, movement, landscape and many more. These artworks were then submitted to be adjudicated by South African photographer, Robert Hamblin**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Lauren Van der Westhuizen	10	Nature	Black Raven
Maria Inggs	8	Nature	Black Raven
Leigh van Deventer	8	Portrait	Kryptonite
Sebastian Van Der Wolf	9	Landscape	Kryptonite
Sebastian Van Der Wolf	9	Architecture	Kryptonite
Sebastian Van Der Wolf	9	Action	Kryptonite
Ithike Gunter	8	Digitally Manipulated	Kryptonite
Jarred Hamer	9	Nature	Kryptonite
Jarred Hamer	9	Landscape	Kryptonite
Megan Naude	9	Digitally Manipulated	Black Raven
Christof Venter	9	Nature	Bronze Tiger

CAS 2020 Entry Sheet - *Write It*!		**For the *Write It* category learners could choose one of the following: Poem, Short story, Song (music and/or lyrics), Beat poem, Monologue, One-act play, Graphic narrative. This category was adjudicated by Philip Rademeyer**	
Learner's name	**Grade**	**Category**	**Award**
Megan Gabrielse	11	Poetry	Silver Surfer
Chido Tambara	11	Short Story	Bronze Tiger
Themi Kompela	9	Poetry	Silver Surfer
Leah Tshotwana	9	Poetry	Bronze Tiger
Amirah Sattar	10	Short Story	Bronze Tiger
Hannah Twigg	11	Poetry	Silver Surfer
Mia Kotze	8	Kort Verhaal	Black Raven
Erica Cronje	9	Short Story	Black Raven
Sanah Healey	9	Poetry	Bronze Tiger
Ithike Gunter	8	Short Story	Black Raven
Jenna Rigby	10	Short Story	Black Raven
Zana Neethling	8	Short Story	Silver Surfer
Ben Elliot	12	Short Story	Silver Surfer
Tayla Esau	10	Poetry	Black Raven

GENERAL

The World Knowledge Olympiad

The World Knowledge Olympiad is once again accepting entries as of 1 August. The Olympiad will take place on 8 October 2020 and has adjusted its testing to an online platform. Entries are R25 and prizes are awarded to the top three achievers. If you are interested in broadening your knowledge and having a little fun, please contact Mr Nel (jason.n@curro.co.za).

Visit http://worldknowledgeolympiad.co.za/ to access previous WKO Quiz papers.

Those who returned their response slips to me in the Term 1 will automatically be added to the entries list.

Learner Council 2021

Congratulations to the following learners who were elected to be on the Learner Council of 2021. We know you will serve as an inspiration and bring new ideas to our school.

Grade 9
Megan Naude
Quintin-Carl Hattingh

Grade 10
Angelica Deel-Smith
Ethan de Wet
Tayla Esau
Dashayin Gilbert

Grade 11
Emma Beckley
Cara Du Plessis
Uzair Esack
Zara Healey
Liam Jacobs
Joshua Lombard
Rhea Naidoo
Iyabazi Rojie
Christopher Swart
Chido Tambara
Peter Visagie
Holly Wigington

Matric Dance

Although the Grade 12s have missed out on many traditions, we knew they could not miss out on their Matric Dance. We hope they had a wonderful evening and that this special event allowed them to let off some steam before their final examinations.

SPORT

Curro Durbanville Annual Golf Day

We are grateful that we could hold our annual Golf Day on Friday, 18 September, at the Durbanville Golf Club. It was a fun event, although on a smaller scale and different format when compared to previous years owing to strict COVID-19 protocols which needed to be adhered to. We would like to extend a special word of thanks to everyone who was involved in all the arrangements – our Parent Advisory Committee, sponsors, our support staff, teachers, management team and learners.

Tennis News

The 1st term was a busy one for tennis. The learners were able to participate in their trial tournaments and were selected to different teams. Even though the interprovincial tournament did not take place owing to the pandemic, Western Cape tennis still decided to award them with their colours.

The following players received Western Cape Disa A colours:

1. Sagen Hugo
2. Celina Joseph
3. Mia Kotze
4. Sienna Syndercombe
5. Kyler Hugo
6. Marno Carstens
7. Nerine van der Walt

The following players received Cape Town A-team colours:

1. Marno Carstens
2. Sagen Hugo
3. Mia Kotze
4. Sienna Syndercombe
5. Cassidy Cupido

Peeto van der Walt received Cape Town B-team colours and played against the Cavaliers earlier this year.

The following players were selected to take part in the Growthpoint Junior Nationals held in Bloemfontein from 29 October to 2November. Players are only invited according to their TSA ranking. It is, therefore, an excellent achievement. Congratulations to:

1. Louis Bierman
2. Mia Kotze
3. Erin Loubscher
4. Celina Joseph
5. Kyler Hugo

Mia Kotze came second in the Cape Town mini tournament in the u/16 age group.
Celina Joseph won the Boland mini tournament in the u/16 age group.

Cape Town Premier Hockey League
The following learners were selected to participate in the Cape Town Premier Hockey League in October.

U14 Girls
Mia Kotze
Maria Inggs
Sienna Graser

U14 Boys
Joshua Mettler
Henco Lourens

U16 Boys
Alex Crause
Kieran Samuels
Jesse Müller

U18 Girls
Skyla Barnes
Alicia De Lange
Hannah Steenkamp
Sydney Muller

U18 Boys
Jaryd Morcom
Liam Glasby
Kenoe Christiaans

CPL
CAPE TOWN
PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE

STAFF MATTERS

Staff Birthdays

The following staff members celebrated their birthdays in September. We wish them a happy birthday and hope their socially-distanced birthdays were very memorable!

IMPORTANT DATES: TERM 4

October

8 Grade 12 Primary School farewell assembly
9 Grade 12 Valedictory
12 Grade 11 Cross-over day
Grade 11 Blouberg outing

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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