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# NEWSletter

**CURRO**  
Castle  
Durbanville

Dear Castle Parents and Guardians

## Time to reflect on what makes our Curro Castle Durbanville stand out!

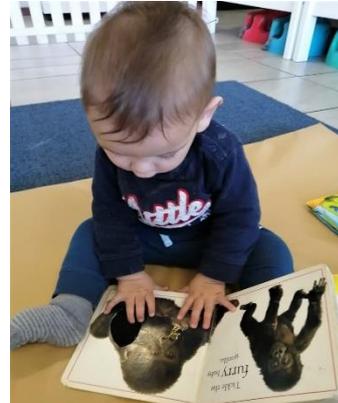
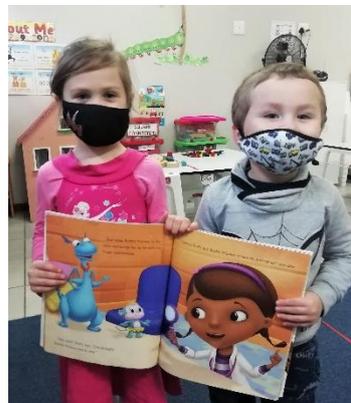
### Our values

Curro is the Latin word that means 'I Run' and is interpreted as follows: allowing learners to learn at his/her own pace and according to his/her aptitude, attitude and talents.

We aim to create a child friendly environment, that encourages creative thinking, along with Christian principals, that focus on honesty, integrity, acceptance of authorities, working together as a team, compassion and caring, responsibility, patience, courage, respect, friendliness, commitment towards the learners, parents and community; being accessible; being at peace with oneself and others.

Through modelled good behavior we try an instill positive discipline that is the core to our daily routine of ensuring we offer our learners not only a loving family feel environment, but one that is deep-set with manners and respect for each other. We are Curro!

## FOR THE LOVE OF READING!



We want our children to discover a love for reading, storytelling and imagination. What better way to introduce this by spending time with your child reading them a story and spending quality time with them.

### The importance of early reading with your little ones

- help your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills
- learn to value books and stories
- spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity
- help your child's brain, social skills and communication skills develop
- help your child learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'
- help your child understand change and new or frightening events, and the strong emotions that can go along with them.
- most importantly, it is time to share a moment and create a memory with your child

Just by looking at books with your child, you can be a great storyteller and a good model for using language and books. Your child will learn by watching you hold a book the right way and seeing how you move through the book by gently turning the pages. So, grab a good book and enjoy some quality time with your most treasured possession.

We will be celebrating Book Week in the 4<sup>th</sup> term, 5 – 9 October. We invite parents to read a story to the class, one parent on a day and all the necessary SOP will be followed. We finish up the week with a dress up day on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> October, theme.....favourite story book character.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF SENSORY PLAY



### What is sensory play and why is it important?

Sensory play is, quite simply, any activity that stimulates the senses. This includes the five main senses of touch, smell, sight, taste, and sound, as well as the two not-as-frequently-mentioned senses: vestibular (sense of balance) and proprioceptive (sense of where each body part is in relation to the rest). Sensory activities facilitate exploration and naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate and explore.

### Sensory activities and play ideas

1. Make use of house-hold items as sensory items
2. Allow your child to create with playdough and slim, making a mess is allowed
3. Create sensory bottles with an empty 2L clear bottle, fill it with water, food colouring, glitter and other interesting items that will float and sink
4. Create a sensory board/bin together, try arranging by colour

## Operations

### Playground shading

We are happy to report that the shading for the upstairs and downstairs play areas are in the final stages of approval and will be installed soon. We will need to restrict playtime on the playground for installation of the ground supports for the structure. Parents will be notified of the confirmed dates for the work to start.

We look forward to a sun shaded play area for the Summer days.

## Health and safety

Thank you to our Castle families who have worked along side our Castle team to ensure the health and safety of our learners and staff.

We can say with confidence that the morning scanning is working exceptionally well, children are monitored during the day, and parents have assisted with keeping unwell children at home.

Our President has moved our country to a Level 1 status; however, we want to make it clear, that this is focused on the economy and not of the level of health and safety procedures. We remain vigilant on the high standard of Covid-19 PPE procedures already in place.

Social distancing and playground rotations are working well, with our learners continuing their day with little to no distraction due to the new routine.

## Celebrating our team

I am a strong believer in giving praise and celebrating our team where it is due. I would like to highlight the continued work, dedication and excellent service delivery to the following team members: Adri Henricks, Monika Moroka, Nurse Leanie Bezuidenhout, Crystal Paulsen, Franciske Krige. Ladies you have outdone yourself with your class etiquette, work ethic, hard work, curriculum delivery and dedication to making our Castle the wonderful environment it is, thank you.



*You are appreciated!*

## Heritage Day Festivities:

Everyday is a day to celebrate friends, family and colleagues for the unique qualities. Heritage Day was a day of honoring all that makes each person exactly who they are, celebrating their traditions and heritage.



## Term 4 – 2020

Date:	Month:	Event:
23	September	Last day of term 3
24	September	Heritage Day
25	September	Castle Holiday – School Closed
28	September	First day of 4 <sup>th</sup> Term
05	October	Teacher's Day
05 – 09	October	Book Week
26 – 27	October	Class photographs
28	October	Mo-vement Entries
21	November	Decorating Classes – Christmas – 09h00 – 12h00
23	November	Castle Awards G2 & 3 (TBC)
24	November	Castle Awards G1 & 4 (TBC)
25	November	Castle Awards G5 (TBC)
30	November	Class Party – Santa's Grotto
14 – 18	December	Holiday Care week
16	December	Closed – Public Holiday – Day of Reconciliation
18	December	Last day of the 2020 Academic Year – Term 4 closes – 12h00
06	January	Term 1 – 2021 – School Opens

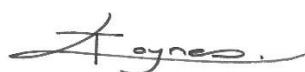
## Curro Cycle 2Ride

Have a look at our exciting new extra mural offering for our Group 5 learners starting Term 4, 2020.

All the information is attached on this My Hub correspondence.

Stay safe, stay positive.

Yours sincerely



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HEAD OF CASTLE