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Message from the office

Wow, it is hard to believe that the first four weeks of school, for 2021 is over, and we are almost halfway into Term 1. Even though we had a rollercoaster beginning to the year, with a good start, followed by a week of remote learning and then back to school again, we are happy to say that we have 98% of our learners back at school, with the other 2% making use of the hybrid offering.

Our learners are vibrant in the classrooms, active on the sport fields, participating in our value-add programmes and care cause initiatives. Teachers and learners have adapted quite well to the new normal and is settling into the new year.

Extramurals

Our extramural programme is up and running with great participation from our learners. We are excited to add tennis and swimming to the schools' sport offering, from next week, as well as welcoming back our extra service providers.

Amid all the various offerings, parents can rest assured that all protocols around safe participation are being met.

PE swimming will resume, where focus will be on water safety and learn-to-swim (especially in the Foundation Phase). Class teachers will communicate all details to their parents via email and the class reps.

To eliminate the number of learners in the bathrooms when they get dress for sport, we will allow our Grades 4 to 7 learners to come to school in their sport clothes, on the days they participate in sport.



Pickup and drop-off

Please assist us with swift drop and go in the mornings to avoid the build-up of traffic. We want to urge parents to please drive through to the end of the drop-off zones so that cars can flow and ask that parents do not double park in the flow lane.

Kindly ensure that learners are dropped off at school on time, for the start of the day. The register starts at 07:45 - 07:55, with the first lessons starting at 07:55. Learners who arrive late, feel anxious and this is not a great way for them to start their day.

We ask that parents please follow the same procedures, as in the mornings, for the afternoon pickup, especially on Fridays, when all grades in the Primary School leave at 13:00.



Care cause

Curro Sitari Cares
Our fuzzy friends need our help!

Let's make a difference and help animals in need.
Please support this project and bring donations to your register teacher at school.

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We have already received enormous support regarding our Term 1 care cause thus far. As part of the initiative, each class has received a fuzzy friend from the welfare, which they will foster for the term. The aim is to raise food, blankets and toys for their pet pal. As a result, our donations have increased immensely over the last week.

Learners still have until Friday, 26 February to participate in the Curro Sitari Companion Competition.

Due to an overwhelming number of requests, we have included a new category to the competition. If you think your pet is just the cutest, no matter what they do, then send us a picture instead of a video. The cutest pet picture is now a category in the companion competition. Upload a picture of your pet, along with completed entry form, and stand a chance to win.

Complete the [Entry form](#) to enter.

(Please use Curro learner credentials to upload video)



Foundation Phase IT and Robotics

Our Foundation Phase learners have weekly IT and Robotics lessons with Mrs Krynauw, where they learn various IT and coding skills, whilst using their own creativity and critical thinking to complete tasks.

This week, the Grade 3s have been busy working on Pivot Animator. With Pivot Animator, they are creating and coding animations, building figures and objects and will soon load their own backgrounds to the animations.

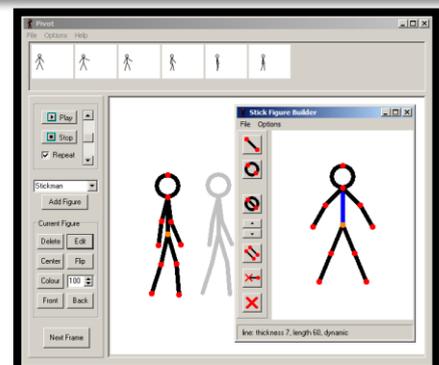


Click on the following links, to see their creations in action:

[pivot animator 1](#)

[pivot animator 2](#)

[pivot animator 3](#)



Robotics

This week, the Grade 1s learned about Bartholomeus Dias, who sailed around the Southern Point of Africa, in 1488. They then designed their own boats with powerful sails. We have some master builders and great imaginations here at Curro Sitari!



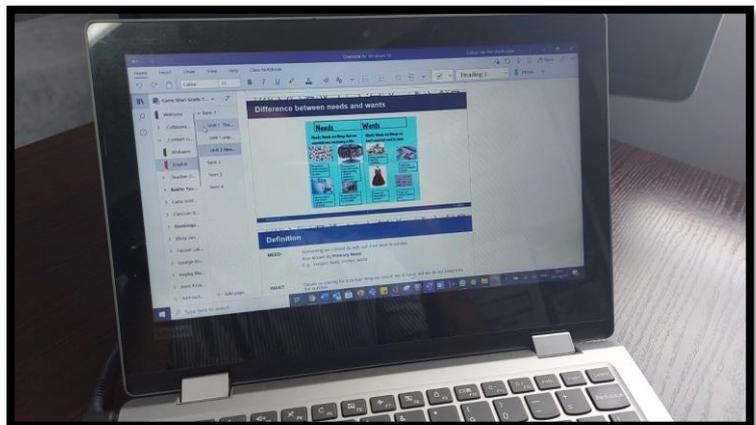
Click on the following link to see one of our Grade 1 learners explaining how he built his boat.



[Robotics](#)

Intermediate Phase

Focus on Microsoft One Note



Our Grades 4 to 7 learners (and teachers) started using Class Notebook as an educational tool to promote teaching and learning.

Teachers can upload PowerPoint presentations, content related videos, worksheets etc.

Learners complete their work and assignments on their notebook and the teacher can mark and comment on the learners' work.

Most subjects make use of Class Notebook, but we keep a healthy balance between written work and work done on the devices.

Click on the following links to see how our learners experience Class Notebook and how Mr Stone engages with them, through Notebook.

- [Class Notebook 1](#)
- [Class Notebook 2](#)

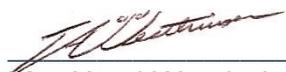
Valentine's Day picnic

Our learners celebrated Valentine's Day today, in their red and white outfits.



We hope that all our families have a wonderful and safe **Valentine's Day** weekend.

Kind Regards


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