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Dear Parents, Guardians & Learners



The United Nations suggests that climate change is more than just a passing phase and more than the defining issue of our time: climate change is also a defining moment in history. COVID may have distracted our focus, but weather patterns are still changing and will threaten food production, and sea levels are still rising and could cause catastrophic flooding across the globe.

Saying that countries must take drastic action to avoid a future with irreversible damage to major ecosystems and planetary climate puts the problem outside personal ownership and responsibility for dealing with it.

As members of the Curro Aurora family, we can and should do our bit in protecting (and restoring) our planet. There are many things we can do every day to help reduce greenhouse gases and reduce our carbon footprint to make a less harmful impact on the environment. The fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more and more apparent every day. Taking care of the Earth is not just a responsibility, it is a necessity.

PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU

<p>BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS</p>	<p> reduce REUSE recycle</p> <p>Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.</p>	<p>choose sustainable</p> <p>seafood</p> <p>Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.</p>	<p> PLANT A TREE</p> <p>Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.</p>
<p> EDUCATE</p> <p>When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">CONSERVE WATER</p> <p>The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.</p>	<p> -SHOP- WISELY</p> <p>Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.</p>	<p> Don't send chemicals into our waterways.</p> <p>Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.</p>
<p> Volunteer!</p> <p>Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!</p>	<p> Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA</p> <p>Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p style="text-align: right;">oceanservice.noaa.gov</p>	

You can help reduce pollution just by putting that soda can in the recycling bin. It makes a difference.

Paper, glass and plastic too. Remember to take reusable bags to the grocery store, and avoid using disposable plates, spoons, cups and napkins. These disposable products create huge amounts of waste. Buy products that are made of recycled materials. It all makes a difference.

And the best news of all: there is an amazing recycling centre right here at school, please make use of it. This serves a dual purpose: it helps reduce waste AND it teaches our kids a most valuable lesson about caring for our planet.

Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed, too.

Conserve water. The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean. Don't send chemicals into our waterways. Choose non-toxic chemicals in the home and office.

EARTH HOUR

Be a Nature Hero for Earth Hour this year.



To get started, mark the date in your calendar. It is **8.30 pm on 27 March**.

Sign up (https://www.wwf.org.za/earth_hour/) and WWF will email you exciting tools so you and your friends and followers can take part in the first-ever virtual spotlight Earth Hour event on 27 March.

Recycling Plant

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to extend the use of our recycling plant to our Curro Aurora families.



Kindly only use the Puttick Road entrance to the recycling plant.

We only accept paper, plastic, glass and cans!

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NB: PUNCTUALITY

Staying in Johannesburg is synonymous with dealing with non-working traffic lights and congestion on the roads. Please compensate for this by leaving home a few minutes earlier.



TEMPERATURE SCREENING AND
RECORDING IS FROM **06:45** TO **07:45**
SCHOOL STARTS AT **07:45** WITH TUTOR
LESSON



(Teachers who are on duty to do screening in the mornings also need to be in class by 7:45.)

ONLINE and On-CAMPUS LEARNERS NEED TO BE IN TUTOR CLASS BY **07:45** PLEASE – LEARNERS WHO ARE **LATE** FOR TUTOR CLASS WILL BE MARKED AS **ABSENT** AND WILL BE RECORDED AS SUCH ON END-OF-TERM REPORTS.

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**ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE** (subject to change)

Grade 10,11 and 12 (FET Phase):

To limit numbers on campus and ensure that more bigger venues are available for teaching, we will continue with reduced capacity measures in **Grades 10 and 11**:

- **Grade 10** learners are to be at school for face-to-face teaching on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9 and continue with online hybrid learning on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and rotate with Grade 11 learners. This will limit the number of bodies on campus for each day.
- **Grade 11** learners are to be at school for face-to-face teaching on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and continue with online hybrid learning on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9. This will limit the number of bodies on campus for each day.

Grade 8 and 9 (Senior Phase):

- For all learners to be taught by their teachers at school, we will be following a normal two-week cycle whereby each class is split into two groups, **Group A and B**.
Schedule from Monday 8 March:
 - Group A will have face-to-face classes on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and online classes on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9.
 - Group B will have face-to face classes on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9 and online classes on days 2; 4; 6; 8; 10.

CULTURE

CURRO CAS 2021



Curro CAS is well underway, and we are excited to see the creativity of our learners and staff come to life.

Please note a change in date: All SUBMISSION entries (Post It! Write It! Shoot It! Code It! And Film It!) must be submitted to Mrs Snyders via MS Teams or by using WeTransfer by **9 April 2021**.

All PERFORMANCE entries (Act It! Sing It! Play It! Move It! Read It! Make It!) will be recorded at school in allocated slots in the week of the **3rd – 7th of May 2021**.

Please make sure that each entrant books and confirms a personal session with one of the teachers involved to rehearse and finalise their entries.

Category	Teacher	Time available
Act It! Read It! Sing It! Move It! Play It! Write It! Film It!	Mrs S. Snyders	Mondays: 14:30 – 15:30 Tuesdays: 14:30 – 15:30 Fridays: 14:30 – 15:30
Act It! Post It! Shoot It! Act It! And Sing It!	Miss H. Dawson	Wednesdays: 14:00 – 15:00 Thursdays: 15:00 – 16:00
Make It! Shoot It!	Mr J. Viljoen	Wednesdays: 14:00 – 15:00
Write It!	Mrs K. Gallon (Creative Writing Course)	Thursdays: 14:40 – 15:30
All Public Speaking	English Teacher: Mrs K. Gallon Ms S. Weber Mrs M. Dlamini Mr C. Houquebie Ms R. Habib Mrs SJ. Olivier	Please arrange personal sessions with your English teacher to refine and rehearse the public speaking speeches

CREATIVE WRITING



Don't miss this opportunity! Mrs Gallon has started the Creative Writing Course.

Sessions will be on Thursdays from 14:40 – 15:30.

Do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gallon if you have any queries.

PHYSICAL THEATRE

On Monday, 15 March, Ryan Dittmann from ZikkaZimba Productions assisted the Grade 12 Dramatic Arts learners to explore their Physical Theatre productions in a socially distanced manner.

It was invigorating to get moving and to use the entire body to communicate, particularly now that we cannot use facial expressions to convey emotional cues.



SPORT

Mr Adrian Ferreira

GOLF:

Kim Turgut is congratulated on making the semi-finals of the match play at the KwaZulu-Natal Championship that recently took place at Victoria Country Club!

EQUESTRIAN:

Rae-kyndra Ragoobee competed at the Erreplus President's Cup 2021, that took place at Maple Ridge on Sunday, 14 March. This event is regarded as the most prestigious graded national event on the SA Showjumping annual calendar. She competed with her horse, Capital Crusader, in the Junior (under 18) 90cm Championship class.

Rae-kyndra is congratulated on securing 5th place amongst 24 top equestrian riders!

VIRTUAL CURRO CUP: ATHLETICS (FIELD EVENTS)

Curro is hosting a virtual athletics event. The field events (long jump, high jump, discus, javelin and shot put) have started and will continue next week.

The age groups are u/14, u/15, u/16 ,u/17 and u/19. All athletes and learners are encouraged to participate.



Learners who are participating in other sports on the allocated days must first do the field events before joining their practices.

The dates and times are:

**Wednesday, 24 March: 13:45 to 15:30 &
Thursday, 25 March: 14:45 to 16:30**

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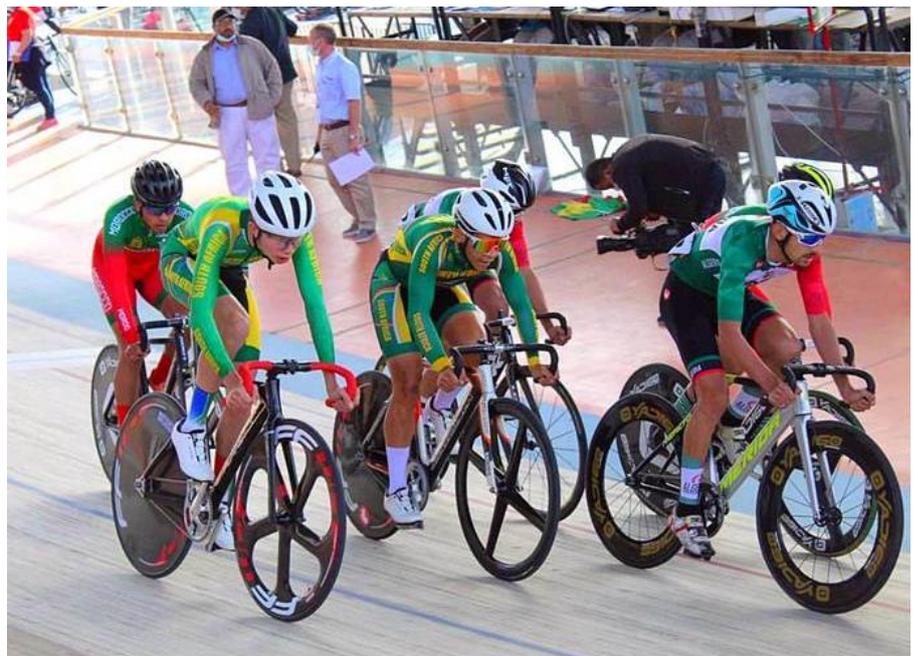
Joshua Dike represented the junior endurance team as part of the South African Cycling Team that competed at the African Track Championships in Egypt from Wednesday, 10 to Saturday, 13 March.

Joshua and the team achieved the following places:



- Junior Men Team Pursuit (4 per team race over 16 laps: 4km): Gold
- Junior Men The Madison (2 per team race over 80 laps: 20km. The team gain positional points on every 10th lap): Gold
- Junior Men Points Race (individual event over 80 laps: 20km. The rider gains positional points on every 10th lap): Bronze
- Junior Individual Pursuit (individual solo race against the clock over 12 laps: 3km): 5th
- Junior Elimination Race (individual race in which the rider placed last on every second lap gets eliminated): 8th
- Junior Omnium (Individual event with points accrued from the scratch, the tempo, the elimination and the points races: 5th
- Junior Scratch Race (Individual race over 30 laps: 7,5 km): 8th

Joshua is congratulated on a phenomenal performance throughout the championships!



EXTRA-MURAL SPORTS PROGRAMME:

Based on the current guidelines some sports are allowed skills-based training with no sharing of equipment. Other sports can only do fitness and conditioning.



This is a great opportunity for learners to participate and we look forward to these sessions! No matches are allowed at this stage.

Mr Hourquebie and Ms Webb's fitness and conditioning sessions will continue and learners that participate in Athletics must attend.

Note the following arrangements and protocols to be adhered to:

- *Learners must attend sport sessions in the Curro PE kit. They are allowed to change after school.*
- *Learners who not at school on the day of a session, due to platooning, are allowed to attend practice.*
- *Learners must submit the Covid-19 declaration form to the relevant sport teacher before they can participate.*
- *Learners to meet at the allocated bag area 10 minutes before the scheduled start.*
- *Learners must be collected immediately after their activity is finished.*
- *School bags must be taken with learners to the allocated area and placed within the allocated bag zone.*
- *Bags must be placed 1,5 metres apart.*
- *No child will be allowed back into class to collect their belongings as classrooms get fogged in the afternoons.*
- *Each teacher will have the following: Sanitiser bottle, signage on safety guidelines, screening forms and thermometer.*
- *All learners attending must be screened by the allocated teacher.*
- *A social distance of 1,5 metres must always be applied.*
- *Specific safety protocols will be applied at the respective codes.*
- *Learners must bring their own water bottles. No sharing of water bottles will be allowed. Masks must be worn to the screening station. Once screened, masks can be removed while doing exercises with the permission of the teacher, provided that the 1,5 metre social distancing is applied.*

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME

- This programme is subject to change depending on changing sport protocols

Sport	Teacher in charge	Days and Times	Practice/ Fitness & Conditioning
Fitness and Conditioning:	Ms N Webb & Mr C Hourquebie	Monday & Thursday: 14:45-15:30	Fitness & Conditioning
Cheerleading:	Mr S Krause	Monday, Thursday & Friday: 15:00-16:30	Fitness & Conditioning
Boys' & Girls' Hockey:	Mrs N van Biljon	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Practice No sharing of equipment
Netball:	Ms I Strydom	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Fitness & Conditioning
Rugby:	Mr W Hammond	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Fitness & Conditioning
Street Dance	Ms M Chou	Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Practice
Swimming	Mrs W Longwitz	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Practice
Boys' and Girls' Tennis:	Mr A Neethling & Mrs J Tobin	Monday & Wednesday: 15:00-16:00	Practice No sharing of equipment

WEARING A MASK TO SCHOOL

Mrs SJ Olivier



A mask **MUST** be worn at all times. Remember that your cloth mask must have a minimum of two layers. You may not re-use a single use mask. Always wear your mask correctly! The mask must cover your nose and your mouth and fit snugly over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.

Before you put your mask on, wash or sanitise your hands properly.

Remember that you must wear your mask when you arrive at the school gate to have your temperature checked and recorded. Avoid touching your mask while you are wearing it. Wash your mask after every use.

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We wish you and your loved ones continued health – please keep safe.



Yours in education,
Dion Kotze
Head of High School

Upcycle, recycle or shop

Donate items to our furry friends and their loving humans.



JUST ONE THING 365

What to donate:

- New or used collar and/or leash
- New or used blanket and/or bedding or cushions
- Something for our furry friend's human:
a bag of sweets, non-perishable food items, used clothing, toys and stationery in good condition

What to do:

- Hand in your (washed and cleaned) items to Cindy in a clearly-marked bag.

IT'S COOL TO BE KIND

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Understanding *Cyberbullying*

Is someone making you feel embarrassed, uncomfortable or asking you inappropriate questions when you are online or using other technology? You have been targeted by a cyberbully.

What is cyberbullying?

- The sending of threatening or intimidating messages
- The posting of negative, hurtful or harmful information or pictures of someone else
- The sharing of private information designed to humiliate someone else

How are cyberbullies different from other bullies?

They hide behind technology because they don't have the courage to make statements honestly; they believe they are not accountable for the pain and cruelty they inflict on their victims.

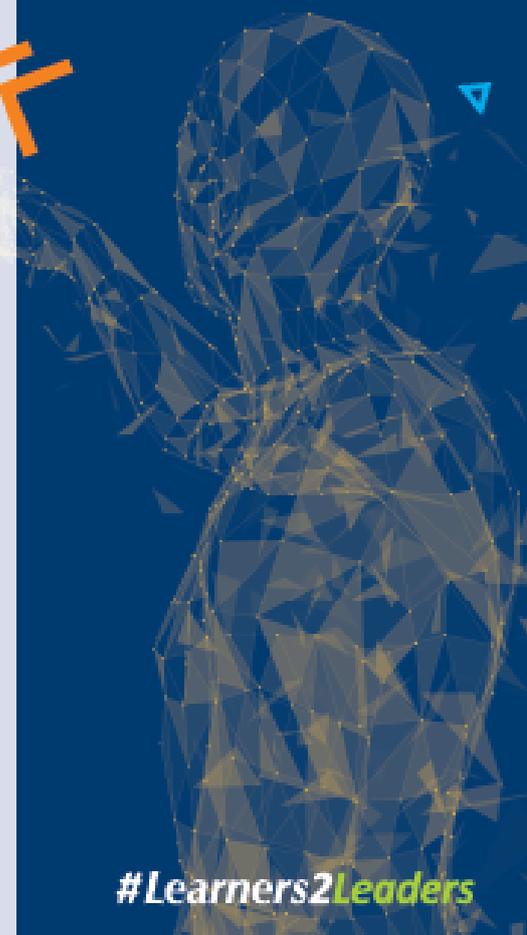
How serious is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is very serious as one might feel that it will never end, because the bully is right there, in the privacy of your own home, where there is little or no escape; this leads to negative feelings, such as anxiety, shame, pain and anger.

Take action!

You must seek help by reporting them or the bullying will never stop; remember, they think they are untouchable – but they are not.

Don't be guilty of cyberbullying yourself!



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