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Primary school **NEWSLETTER**

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MESSAGE FROM MR MAREE...

We all know the importance of being on time to school, to work, or to appointments. I have noticed several learners continuing to be late arriving at school in the mornings. **Learners must be in class by 7:45am.** Please note that at 8am the Puttick Gate will be closed, and the Taurus Gate beam will be lowered. This will cause a further delay in getting your child to class on time.

Taurus Gate will be the only gate available for drop of after 8am, Monday to Friday. Arriving at school 10 minutes late causes a disruption to the entire class, not just the teacher who has already started teaching the lesson. If a learner arrives 10 minutes late each day, think about how much instructional time is lost throughout the school year.



Here are a few tips to help establish a more efficient daily routine.

Wake Up Earlier

Set the alarm for not only yourself but for your children at least 15 minutes earlier than you would wake up. If you find that you need a little more time for your morning routine, add an additional 5 minutes to your alarm.



Layout Clothes the Night Before

What to wear seems to be one of the most time-consuming tasks in the morning. Have your child pick out his or her clothes, including socks and shoes, the night before.

Pack Backpacks and Lunchboxes the Night Before

Each evening after homework is completed and checked, have your child put everything back in the backpack. Getting a head start on lunches is easy. After dinner, have your child help pack his or her lunchbox. This could be as easy as putting fruits and vegetables in sealed containers and preparing water bottles for tomorrow's lunch. In the morning, you will just need to make the sandwiches as your child brushes his or her teeth.

Create a “Last Stop” Area

The ideal place for your last stop area is near the door you leave from each morning whether it is your garage door or front door. This is where you will place your keys, backpacks, or musical instruments each evening. It is a good idea to have a spot for other seasonal items such as jackets, sweaters or umbrellas.

Pack the Car

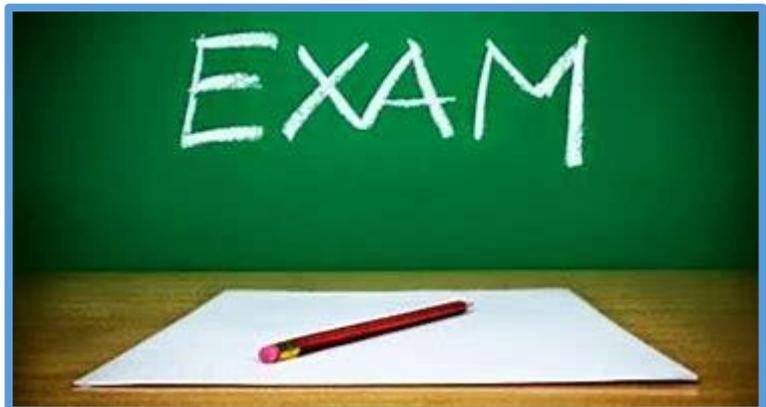
Once you have finished putting the final touches to your child’s lunch, it is time to pack the car. Since everything you have to pack is in the last stop area, you will not be running around the house looking for the items. Being organized and having your child arrive at school on time helps reduce classroom interruptions and distractions allowing teachers to focus on teaching lessons to all students. Try making doctor or dentist appointments after school so that your child does not miss a minute of learning.



GRADE 4 TO 7 JUNE 2021 EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

Kindly note the following points for the upcoming June Examinations:

- Term 2 examinations are not set by your child’s subject teachers. The examinations are set by the Curro Curriculum Management Department (CCMD). Term 4 examinations are set by Curro Aurora teachers.
- Examination demarcations will be emailed to parents and guardians two weeks before the examination begins.
- Grade 7 examinations will begin on Tuesday, 8 June and end on Friday, 18 June.
- Monday, 7 June 2021 will be a study for Grade 7. They may remain at home to study or come to school to study in their tutor classes.
- Grade 4 to 6 examinations will begin on Thursday, 10 June and will end on Friday, 18 June.
- Grade 4 to 6 learners will follow the normal, academic timetable for Monday, 7 June and Tuesday, 8 June.
- Wednesday, 9 June will be a study day for Grade 4 to 6 learners. They may remain at home to study or come to school to study in their tutor classes.



- The examination session will begin at 8:00am and end at 10:00am for all grades. Learners must be seated and ready to begin their examination at 7:45am.
- Learners who prefer to study from home may be collected at 10:00am from either Puttick or Taurus Gates. Should learners want to remain at school to study, the school day will end at 1:45pm.
- Grade 7 learners will write their examinations in the Cosmic Hall and Grade 4 to 6 learners will write their examinations in their classrooms.
- The normal, academic timetable will resume from Monday, 21 June for all learners.

Monday, 7 June	Grade 7 study day Grade 4 to 6 follow the academic timetable
Tuesday, 8 June	Technology Exam (Grade 7 only) Grade 4 to 6 follow the academic timetable
Wednesday, 9 June	Economic and Management Sciences Exam (Grade 7 only) Grade 4 to 6 study day
Thursday, 10 June	English Exam (Grade 4 to 7)
Friday, 11 June	Geography Exam (Grade 4 to 7)
Monday, 14 June	History Exam (Grade 4 to 7)
Tuesday, 15 June	Afrikaans/isiZulu Exam (Grade 4 to 7)
Wednesday, 16 June	Public holiday
Thursday, 17 June	Mathematics Exam (Grade 4 to 7)
Friday, 18 June	Natural Sciences Exam (Grade 4 to 7)
Monday, 21 June	Grade 4 to 7 academic timetable resumes

GRADE 3 PEN LICENCES

What is a pen licence and how do you earn one?

In Grade 3, learners work very hard throughout the year to earn their pen licences. It is every Grade 3 learner's goal to earn their pen licence before going to Grade 4. Once they have earned their pen licence, they can complete all their work in their schoolbooks with blue pen. **They earn their pen licence by:** Writing neatly, using the correct spacing while writing, using a ruler to underline, and producing overall neat work.



GRADE 3 PEN LICENCES

Congratulations to the following learners:

Liam Harvey
Kudakwashe Jinya
Alexia Moonsamy
Onalerona Mahlangu
Ntombenhle Dube
Torri Crocker
Tyler Moxon

Nicola Mc Millan
Janke Leitchi
Zoe Naidoo
Muyamuri Zharare
Reeayden Kristen
Orifha Tsatsawane
Zoe Niemand



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ADJUSTED RISK MITIGATION - COVID19

We have been fortunate indeed that updates, such as this, have not been necessary for some time. However, as winter approaches, we find ourselves back in the position of having to exercise vigilance and caution once more.

Curro's priority remains the safeguarding of the lives and health of its learners and staff while ensuring that effective learning continues and that all learners can prepare for and write mid-year exams.

The SA COVID-19 Modelling Consortium, referenced by the Department of Health, indicates that some districts in the country are fast approaching a resurgence threshold. The Department of Health has noted a 46% increase in new cases from 8593 in the week 26 Apr to 2 May to 12 531 from 2 to 9 May.

Schools, outside of Curro, are reporting infection outbreaks (e.g. St Johns College, Krugersdorp High, Afrikaans Hoër Seunsskool etc.) to the extent that many schools have taken urgent steps to prevent further infections by cancelling sport fixtures and adjusting their protocols. Reports received confirmed the cancellation of contact sport training and matches in areas where infections are currently increasing.

It is important to emphasize that there is no cause for alarm in Curro schools, but we *have* recorded an increased frequency of new case reports in our communities.

However, recognizing our collective responsibility in terms of our duty of care as custodians of our school communities, *we are to adopt a pre-emptive approach* to an anticipated full resurgence of COVID-19 in SA ("the 3rd wave"). We are aware of the national situation and we are managing our health and safety processes accordingly.

With this in mind the decision was taken to implement the following precautionary measures at Curro Aurora:

1. All excursions, outings, teambuilding events and camps will be postponed until further notice.
2. A return to **non-contact** sport **practices/training** sessions **only** under strict adherence to protocols e.g. tennis, golf etc. It must be recognised that participation in **contact sports** (rugby, netball, soccer, hockey, cheerleading) present higher risk. **All contact sport training** for the period **17 May to 22 May** will be cancelled. An informed decision whether to resume training sessions after 22 May will be taken on Friday 21 May.
3. All **interschool fixtures/matches for contact sport** scheduled for the period **17 to 29 May** will be cancelled. An informed decision whether to resume matches will be taken on Friday 28 May.
4. **Non-contact** cultural activities will continue for now.
5. **Online** assemblies and meetings will continue.
6. We will continue to implement strict daily sanitisation and deep-cleaning routines of all venues (fogging and sanitising).

There is, at this point in time, no need to close schools or interrupt learning. However, the situation remains fluid and the amendment of our academic protocols will be considered if there is a need.

It must be noted that these measures are short-term interventions intended to protect the health and well-being within the context of the rising number of infections in SA. We wish to avoid numbers of learners falling ill and not being able to write mid-year exams.

Thank you for your support in this regard.

JC Engelbrecht – Executive Head

ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN WEEK 4 (Empowering yourself and others)

We all need to look out for one another. If we see someone doing something wrong, it is our duty to stand up and do something about it. Our actions and words have power; we should use these to do good. Learners should be encouraged to empower others, not to break them down. This week is all about empowerment and become anti-bullying superheroes.



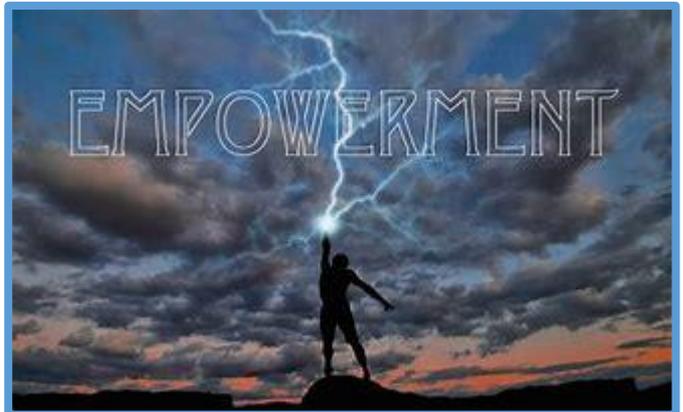
As mentioned, bullying takes place in various ways through:

- name-calling;
- making fun;
- spreading rumours;
- emotional abuse;
- physical abuse;
- rejection, and
- cyberbullying.

Common areas where bullying takes place:

- staircases;
- hallways;
- cafeterias;
- classrooms;
- playgrounds;
- bathrooms;
- school buses, and
- online.

Many celebrities are anti-bullying activists and have been bullied themselves, e.g. Demi Lovato, Chris Rock, Lady Zamar and Taylor Swift (all featured in the social media posts). Learners might relate to these celebrities so discussing their problems with bullying and how they overcame them might help learners to feel empowered.



Demi Lovato is a well-known American singer and songwriter. During her childhood she was a target for bullies because she was overweight and had no friends. The biggest torture she experienced was when her bullies had a petition going around school to inspire her to kill herself. She has lived through the worst and she now helps others stand up to bullying through numerous campaigns.

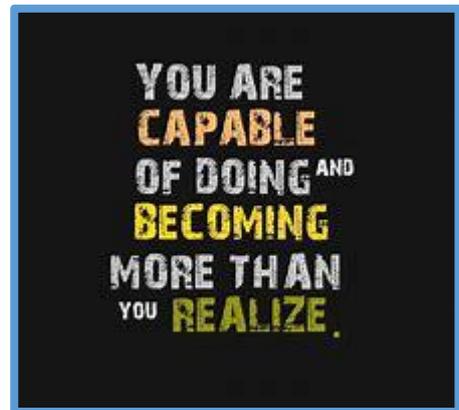
Chris Rock went to an all-white school when he was young, making him the target of bullying each day. At the BET awards, he thanked all the boys who used to bully him for giving him the drive to become who he is today.

Lady Zamar has been the target of cyberbullies because of her wardrobe choices and acne. She recently stood up against the bullying and said people need to stop commenting on what she wears. She reminded people that what she wears at home is none of their business.

Taylor Swift has made it very clear that she is against bullying. When she was still in school a group of ‘popular’ girls decided that they no longer wanted to be friends with her because she was not pretty enough. The twist to her story? The mean girls showed up at her concert in full support, wearing her T-shirts and even asking for autographs.

Possible points/questions for discussion

- What celebrities do you look up to? Do you think they have been bullied?
- Do you want to be an anti-bullying superhero?
- Who do you want to stand up for?
- You have the power to empower. You can use your words and actions for good and inspire others to be part of the change too.
- Quotes by superheroes to empower learners:
 - ‘It’s not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me.’ – Batman
 - ‘Heroes are made by the path they choose not the powers they are graced with.’ – Iron Man
 - ‘You’re much stronger than you think you are. Trust me.’ – Spider-Man
 - ‘There is a superhero in all of us, we just need the courage to put on the cape.’ – Superman
 - ‘With great power comes great responsibility.’ – Stan Lee (the father of superheroes)



KEVIN PARROT



Kevin is racing in a karting category called F200. He is now an “old-timer” in his fourth year in the series and is the reigning champion. Kevin is now respected as a formidable and respected competitor. He is looked up to by the younger competitors, but Kevin is quite modest about his achievements. At his last race, a

semi-professional team was making a video of the races and interviewed Kevin afterwards. Although he was taken completely by surprise by the questions asked, he gave a mature and professional performance. Well done, Kevin!



EQUESTRIAN

We had FOUR riders from Curro Aurora Primary School and Castle last weekend at the SANESA qualifier 2. Our team is growing quite nicely this year. After this weekend we had a great jump in the school standings, we are lying 2nd behind all the home schoolers in the 2 to 6 rider categories. Megan Ras had a phenomenal SANESA qualifier, she and her pony could not do anything wrong, they quadrupled our points in this qualifier to give us a great boost to try and win the school trophy this year again.



Alexi Edwards and Brilliant Star



Caitlin
Cunningham
and Belle of
the Ball

Sanesa Gauteng West Qualifier 2
8 - 9 May 2021



Madison Caine and
Sealord



Megan Ras
and Tyson G

SANESA Gauteng West Qualifier
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LUCCA LAZARUS

Lucca has been selected for the SuperSport United Football Club Gauteng Development League Under 13 Team for the 2nd year running, this is another huge achievement as he is a year behind the rest of his team and only turns 13 later in the year.

The Team's Achievements so far:

- SuperSport United FC VS Kaizer Chiefs: 2 – 0 WIN
- SuperSport United FC VS Wits: 14 – 1 WIN
- SuperSport United FC VS Orlando Pirates: 5 – 2 WIN

SuperSport United Football Club are currently top of their Under 13 Log. Congratulations Lucca!



U13 1st TEAMS 2021

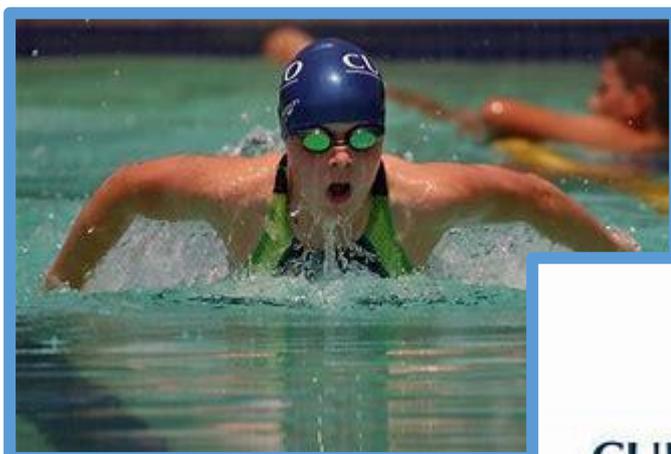
Congratulations to the following learners who were selected to represent our 1st Teams for Netball, Soccer and Rugby:

NETBALL 1 ST TEAM	SOCCER 1 ST TEAM	RUGBY 1 ST TEAM
Keira Turner	Lucca Lazarus	Gregory Crompton
Nokwanda Buthelezi	Tshiamo Motsamai	Ethan Carrol
Camryn Schiebe	Moeketse Malebo	Billy du Plessiss
Mikayla Smit	Miles Greeves	Ethan Smit
Thidinaleyi Phupheli	Lwazi Makuva	Dylan Butler
Emma Britz	Vuyisa Scheepers	Morgan Bennett
Casey Twidale	Manav Jungbahadur	Luc Neuman
Usphile Tshabalala	Zaine Niemand	Radley Irons
	Bokamoso Khanye	Zaine Niemand
	Aphiwe Mpanza	Busisa Mabaso
	Connor Vander Linde	Shayaan Akoojee
	Daniel Phiri	Carter Thereon
	Emihle Tafane	Tsiamu Motsamai
	Liam Barry	Zack de Kock
	Kayaan Pillay	Daniel Buckle
	Christian Thompson	Daniel Assad
	Darshen Moodley	
	Nsika Ndlovu	
	Sohaal Sarudinia	
	Lesego Hlophe	
	Thabela Tshitshavhana	
	Muma Bukunkwe	

CURRO CUP 2021 SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following U13 swimmers who placed amongst the Top 3 in the Curro Cup Virtual Swimming Event for 2021.

Zaine Niemand	U/13	100 m Freestyle	Silver
Mikayla Smit	U/13	100m Backstroke	Bronze
Dylan Budler	U/13	100m Breaststroke	Bronze
Zaine Niemand	U/13	100m Breaststroke	Silver
Zaine Niemand	U/13	100m Butterfly	Silver
Mikayla Smit	U/13	100m Freestyle	Silver
Zaine Niemand	U/13	25m Backstroke	Silver
Casey Twidale	U/13	25m Breaststroke	Bronze
Dylan Budler	U/13	25m Breaststroke	Bronze
Zaine Niemand	U/13	25m Breaststroke	Silver
Mickayla Smit	U/13	25M Butterfly	Gold
Zaine Niemand	U/13	25m Butterfly	Silver
Dylan Budler	U/13	50m Breaststroke	Bronze
Zaine Niemand	U/13	50m Breaststroke	Gold
Zaine Niemand	U/13	50m Butterfly	Bronze
Mikayla Smit	U/13	50m Butterfly	Silver
Mikayla Smit	U/13	50m Freestyle	Bronze
Zaine Niemand	U/13	50m Freestyle	Bronze



CURRO CHESS ONLINE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT



**CURRO
CHESS**
Online League Tournament

Date: Saturday, 29 May 2021
Times: 09:30 – 13:00 (primary schools)
14:00 – 17:30 (high schools)
Online platform: Lichess.org

No entry fee!

For more information, please contact your
head of sport or chess organiser.



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TERM 2 2021 TENNIS FIXTURES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kindly note that fixtures, dates, and venues may change or added at times. This will be communicated.

11	Age group	Opponents/Hosts/Event	Venue
Curro Tennis			
Sat 22/05	U12 and U13	Inter Curro Tennis League (Green Ball)	Curro Serengeti
Sat 05/06	U9 and U11	Inter Curro Tennis League (Green Ball)	Curro Serengeti
Sat 12/06	Grade 1 and 2	PS Red Ball Tournament	Curro Aurora

MATCH RESULTS OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS

NETBALL	SOCCER
Netball vs Randpark Primary U10 A 11 - 0 U10 B 7 - 0 U11 A 3 - 0 U11 B 5 - 1 U12A 14 - 2 U12B 4 - 0 U13A 20 - 3 U13B 5 - 0 Netball vs The Kings school Robin hills U10A 6 - 3 U11A 4 - 0 U12A 21 - 0 U13A 25 - 0	Soccer vs The Kings school Robin hills U10 A 3 - 0 U10 B 4 - 0 U12A 6 - 3 U14A 5 - 1 Soccer vs Knights Preparatory school U10A 3 - 0 U11A 4 - 2 U12A 5 - 1 U13A 14 - 1

MS FORMS USED TO GAIN PERMISSION

Fixture details and permission from parents will be communicated via email and the MS Forms link going forward. We ask that parents and guardians check their e-mails on a regular basis to ensure that your child can participate in the fixture they have been selected for.

CURRO ART SUPERHEROES

Congratulations to all the Grade 4 to 7 learners that successfully entered and submitted their CAS Performance Category videos for adjudication. The adjudication process started on 12 May 2021 and we will share feedback as soon as we get notice. Crossing fingers for a large number of Kryptonite winners.



#STRAIGHT2CAMERA

Good luck to all the #Straight2Camera participants who are currently working on their monologue videos. Videos are due to Mr Gabin on the 26 July 2021.

ATKV

Good luck to our ATKV participants who have submitted their video entries – adjudication is currently taking place and we will share feedback as soon as we get notice.

Kind regards
Mr C Maree
Head of Primary School

