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Primary school NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR MAREE...

Our Grade 4 to 7 mid-year exam is now in full swing. Learners are studying and preparing for the different examination papers. The exam period is also a time where many learners engage on social media platforms more often than usual. We ask that you limit and monitor your child's engagement on social media closely to avoid them getting involved with any form of cyberbullying.



STAFFING

A warm welcome to Ms Teagan Lodrich who will be joining the Curro Aurora staff team at the beginning of Term 3. Ms Lodrich will take over from Mrs Melanie Easton, teaching Grade 1ME.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Sibambo who are expecting their first child at the beginning of 2022. Both mum and baby are doing well.



END OF TERM

Kindly note that school closes for the end of Term on Friday, 25 June at 11am. On this day, your child's report for Term 2 will be available on MyHub from 2pm onwards. School re-opens for learners on Tuesday, 20 July 2021.

By invitation, some parents will be requested to meet with their child's teacher/s to discuss their progress for the term on Wednesday, 21 July 2021. These meetings will take place online via MS Teams and an invitation will be sent. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher/s and have not received an invite, then you may email them directly to arrange for a meeting to take place. More information will follow soon.

HOLIDAY AFTERCARE

Holiday Aftercare remains open throughout the 3-week holiday period. An exciting program has been planned to ensure a positive and exciting experience for our learners. Please click on the link below should you wish to enrol your child at our Holiday Aftercare.



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MXrG0HTVGUOpLktqiwUehcD0xf65Ck5JtmAdADr8AGZUMjdUS0ZUVVFEWFIXUjZRNU83SDJZTIBCOC4u>

MINECRAFT INTERNATIONAL BATTLE

When our U12 Minecraft team started playing at the beginning of the year, little did they know that some of them would get the opportunity to represent South Africa in the first ever International Minecraft Build Battle against the United States of America.

On Friday evening, Isabella Little as team captain, Jullian Benbow-Hebbert, Adrian Troskie, and Daniel De Villiers from Curro Aurora (South Africa), accompanied by four learners from Curro Krugersdorp, battled against the Fresno Unified District winners from California (United States of America). The game started a little late because of technical issues – arranging a Minecraft Build Battle from across the world is no easy feat!



The first challenge was to build a fantasy castle. Although team captain, Isabella Little could not participate in building, she kept the team going strong with her constant encouragement and guidance. Curro Aurora won this battle by a score of 0.5 points because of their excellent use of space, teamwork and attention to detail.

The second build topic was a scene from *Harry Potter*. Curro decided on the Weasley's car crashing into the Whopping Willow scene. Within minutes, the viewers knew what the Curro team had in mind. Using "redstone" (building blocks that conduct electricity), they were able to make the roots of the Whopping Willow move. There was smoke rising from the crashed vehicle in which Ron and Harry sat. This was a dominant performance by Curro as they won this battle quite comprehensively.

We are extremely proud of our under 12 team and their excellent performance in this first-ever event. We are certain that we have not seen the last of them yet!



FORA (Friends of Rescued Animals) NPO Registration Number 029-774 (Prefect Charity Drive)

We, as the 2021 prefect group, are planning on surprising this amazing animal shelter (FORA – looking after hundreds of homeless animals at any point in time) with donations on Saturday 28 August 2021. We are aware that our incredible parents are involved in numerous charity projects through-out the year, always opening their hearts (and wallets) for the less fortunate and it is therefore only voluntary.

If, however, it is possible for you to donate anything towards this worthy cause, it will be greatly appreciated. The shelter provides a safe haven for dogs, cats, chickens, sheep and many more animals and their needs are literally endless. They are always in need of the following products, but if you can donate anything else which may assist them in their mammoth task, it will be awesome:

- Animal Food (wet or dry)
- Blankets
- Toys
- Old newspapers
- Black refuse bags
- Cleaning supplies (detergents, brooms, mops, cloths)
- Anything you believe can make the lives of these animals and the wonderful people who care for them better.



If you can assist us in this worthy cause, your donations can be sent to school with immediate effect and until 27 August 2021 after which it will be delivered to FORA. Please take any donations to Mrs Woodcock's class (Jupiter 16) where it will be kept safe.

We hope that you are all as excited as we are!



PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Madison Archer



Madison in Grade 3 took part in the Euro Dance Competition on 27 April. 25 European countries participated. Madison placed 2nd for Acro Dance and 3rd for Ballet in the 7 to 10 years age group. The competition took place in Poland, and she competed online. We are super proud of Madison!



Chloe Sewnarain

Chloe is registered with the music school, Swallow 15, and just passed her piano exams with a distinction. Congratulations Chloe!

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EQUESTRIAN

Please see below the results and pictures attached from the SANESA Qualifier 3 this past weekend out at Maple Ridge. We are super proud of our riders as they kept the Curro Aurora name held high. Qualifiers are now done and SANESA Gauteng West will release the names of the learners who made the regional team.

Megan Ras and Tyson G



- **Megan Ras (GR7)**
- Riding: Tyson G
- 1st Working Hunter 90cm Level 7
- 1st Performance Riding Level 5
- 1st Working Riding Level 5
- 1st Handy Hunter Level 5
- 2nd Equitation Level 4
- 2nd In Hand Level 3
- Unscheduled Dismount 😊 - 90cm Competition Show jumping
- Eliminated - 90cm Accumulator Show jumping
- Eliminated - Dressage Level 3

Alexi and Brilliant Star



- **Alexi Edwards (GR 6)**
- Riding: Brilliant Star
- 2nd 60cm A2 Competition Show jumping
- 3rd 60 Normal Competition Show jumping

GRADE 1 AND 2 CROSS COUNTRY TRIAL RUN

Grade 1 and 2 learners are participating in cross-country runs on a weekly basis as part of our extra-mural offering. Below is the result of the latest trial run. Congratulations to all these learners.

Cross Country Trial Run Results

Grade 1 LDS	Grade 1 LL	Grade 1 CL	Grade 1 ME	Grade 1 KR
1. Miguel	1. Mikael	1. Lethabo	1. Owami	1. Ruan
2. Nkanyezi	2. Molebogeng	2. Eesa	2. Dean	2. Khayaletu
3. Lefika	3. Amahle	3. Zoë	3. Diego	3. Kelsey

Grade 2 SH	Grade 2 BG	Grade 2 SM	Grade 2 RN	Grade 2 NW	Grade 2 MB
1. Sion	1. Emily	1. Serurubele	1. Tendekai	1. Mahlobo	1. Kaelo
2. Hiranya	2. AJ	2. Gabriella	2. Manishka	2. Farah-Logan	2. Riley
3. Morgan	3. Alexia	3. Samuel	3. Daylan	3. Tadisa	3. Maximilian



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CURRO CUP VIRTUAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2021 Curro Cup virtual golf championship will be hosted by Curro Aurora from Thursday, 1 July to Sunday, 19 September 2021. The purpose of this championship is twofold; firstly, to provide an opportunity to our Curro golfers to participate with, and compete against, the boys and girls from the other schools in the Curro family, and secondly to reward the best performing Curro Cup golf teams from both the primary and high school categories with the respective Curro Cup trophies and pins.

If you would like to find out more, please feel free to contact Mrs Melissa Parr, melissa.l01@curro.co.za



CURRO CUP VIRTUAL ATHLETICS'S RESULTS

Congratulations to the following learners who placed amongst the top three athletes in their age category during the Curro Cup Virtual Athletics' Challenge.

Curro Cup Virtual Athletics' Results

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Place	Learner	Event
3	Khotso Motsamai	Boys U10 80m
1	Avuka Mlozini	Boys U10 High Jump
1	Khotso Motsamai	Boys U10 High Jump
1	Khotso Motsamai	Boys U10 Long Jump
2	Zako Mills	Boys U10 Shot Put
1	Kourtney Smit	Girls U10 High Jump
3	Ella-rose van Rooyen	Girls U10 High Jump
1	Madison Irons	Girls U10 Long Jump
2	Ethan Kgosietsile	Boys U11 High Jump
3	Arish Beharie	Boys U11 High Jump
1	Ethan Kgosietsile	Boys U11 Long Jump
2	Verity van Tonder	Girls U11 80m
2	Verity van Tonder	Girls U11 Long Jump
1	Siyabonga Bungu	Boys U12 Long Jump
3	Ethan Mason	Boys U12 Long Jump
3	Alexi Edwards	Girls U12 100m
3	Amylee Dias	Girls U12 Javelin
1	Zaine Niemand	Boys U13 Javelin
1	Tshiamo Motsamai	Boys U13 Long Jump
2	Mikayla Smit	Girls U13 High Jump
3	Mia Stansfield	Girls U13 High Jump

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GRADE 3 PEN LICENCES

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 school-books 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:

Ayela Ruurds	Ayama Mathinsi
Jayush Chetty	Alexander Harty
Jessica Pon	Nathan Major
Jordan Kalunga	Kai Panday
Naleli Malebo	Luke Taute
Kian Bhagwandass	Litha Mdhlozini



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Plan Purposefully
Prepare Prayerfully
Proceed Positively
Pursue Persistently



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Kind regards
Mr C Maree
Head of Primary School