

# NEWSLETTER



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## ' CONCERT IN THE DARK'



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD'S DESK...

### **Thank you to the Curro Community**

As we draw closer towards the end of term 2, I would like to begin by thanking our wonderful students for an excellent term. I have been constantly impressed when visiting lessons to see focussed students working with energy and creativity and making the most of the many opportunities offered to them. Visitors likewise, including, Lead SA and 32 philosophy teachers from Finland, were delighted to meet such well-mannered and interesting young people who clearly enjoy their studies and have great plans for their futures. It is also pleasing to see the huge number of Dojo points awarded for good work, effort and contribution to the community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents, for your considerable support throughout this term. It has been good to meet many of you at our recent events and parents evenings and it has been a great term in many ways. Many wonderful students, staff and events have created some magical memories for us all.



We must apologize for the change in traffic flow, and ask that whilst the high school is being built we treat each other with respect and allow traffic to be calm and caring.

### **Assessment and Examinations**

The Curro assessment system has been implemented for 4 years and with it the inevitable tests and examinations. It is very pleasing to note that having just completed a set of examinations both Grade 7 and Grade 8 are on track to succeed well and some students are even recording personal best scores. It is very important that each student has a clear and regular revision programme, by completing all homework and by doing a little revision each week as well as devoting parts of their holiday to revision time.

### **Performing Arts**

Theatre and Drama students have been rehearsing and preparing for Grease next term. Congratulations to all who took part in the Eisteddfod's this term, we received some wonderful results. Music students were also busy with the junior and senior choirs together with preparing and performing in their music exams. Watching the 'Concert in the Dark' was a privilege and was quite simply, a night to remember!

### **Sport**

There have been many wonderful sporting events this past term across a great range of sports and the highest number of students ever taking part in sporting activities. We have been delighted

to welcome a number of external coaches to the school including those from the WP Rugby Academy and Hamilton's Rugby Club with whom the school has great partnership. Our partnership with Hellenic Football club has yet to include their coaches and training techniques, but hopefully all will be arranged.

We will finish the term with two excellent Curro National sport days – one for high school at Curro Grantleigh KZN and one for the primary school in Curro Langebaan. Great competition on both days is expected, with some superb individual and team performances, by both competitors and those cheering them on from the sidelines. Congratulations to Sima and Zoe, we wish you well.

### **Interact Induction**

Then we had our Interact Induction where once again students were honoured for their achievements and contribution to the community throughout the year. It was a time of celebration and I am really grateful to all the parents who came along to support their sons and daughters and make the evening a truly Curro event.

### **Concerns**

We have become concerned this past term with the poor attendance of some of our students, so we will be making a real focus on attendance next term. The importance of good attendance cannot be over-emphasized, it makes the difference between a student achieving their potential or not. We want all our students to reach 95% attendance and will be in contact with you if attendance dips below this level. Partnership with parents is as important on this issue as we rely on you to ensure that your son or daughter comes to school unless they are really too ill to attend. I will address this at the start of term.

Please make sure that your son or daughter has the correct uniform for returning to school on 19 July. All students will be in full winter uniform from the first day back, including the blazer (for high school), and I would ask you to check the website to make sure that any items of uniform you purchase from Grit over the holiday are consistent with the uniform requirements. Opening times of the Grit Lounge can also be found on the website.

<http://www.curro.co.za/western-cape/curro-century-city/school-uniform/>

### **Staff Leavers**

We have a number of staff leaving this term, some of whom are going overseas and some on maternity leave. It is with sadness that the school bid farewell to Mr. Kyle Bibby, as he and his wife take up work in Sweden. Mr. Bibby is a wonderful teacher and sympathetic coach, who spend many hours listening and assisting his students. Ms. Esterhuizen and Mrs. Pilkington will also be on maternity leave till the end of the year. We wish them all the best for the birth of their little ones, and look forward to their return. The staff replacements have already been interviewed and start work on our return. Other leavers include teacher assistant Miss Roxanne Dolan who is going to concentrate on her marriage preparations. We wish Roxanne happiness as she moves on with her new family life.

In the meantime, have a restful and enjoyable winter break, and thank you again for your contribution this year to making Curro Century City a school we can all take pride in.

**SEAN FRIEDENTHAL**

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## DANCE-A-THON WINNERS: PENGUIN CLASS

The Penguin class won the overall raffle draw competition for the Dance-a-thon event. This entitled them to an afternoon of fun with Utah Spur coming to celebrate their victory. In addition, Beckley's Bakes also provided the class with a 2-tier alien cake.



### Grade 3: Life Cycles

The Grade Threes have been learning about Life cycles this term. Zakarieya Cassiem in Grade 3 MF saved frog eggs from a neglected, rain-filled helmet just off campus last month. Intaka Island agreed to have some of the tadpoles released in their canal while Miss Ferreira's class adopted the rest. We have been watching them grow and prepare for their metamorphosis. Some tadpoles began to develop tiny back legs over the long weekend and everyone is excited to see them all transform into frogs!



Ashton Park apartment for rent: R14 250 per month.  
Beautiful, north-east facing, 2 bedroomed, 2 bathroom apartment.  
Available to rent at Ashton Park from 1st August 2016.

Situated on the first floor with large, partly covered porch overlooking Curro school fields.



Ideal for family with children at Curro school or school staff members. 2 parking bays, communal swimming pool and braai area, play facilities, 24-hr security. No pets.



Contact: Eugenio Panieri at [eugeniopanieri@icloud.com](mailto:eugeniopanieri@icloud.com) or call 083-5562708 or 021-6850291

### **miEbook Bytes - eLearning 101**

#### **What qualifies as eLearning?**

eLearning is simply electronic learning. It typically involves the use of a computer, tablet or smartphone to deliver instructional material.

#### **How does eLearning differ from traditional learning?**

Unlike traditional learning, eLearning content is enhanced by technological resources and is always at the student's fingertips. All data related to the book, as well as note taking, sketch making and highlighting data is automatically saved on the school's server and also in the cloud.

#### **What is an ePub?**

ePub is a standard, free and open file format with the extension .epub, which can be downloaded and read on devices like smartphones, tablets, computers or eReaders.

#### **Can eLearning only work when you are constantly connected and online?**

The vast majority of eLearning solutions require constant connectivity. However, when using ITSI's miEbooks app you do NOT need Internet at home to access the eBooks. The learner will open each eBook once while at the school, to register it for offline use. The only time the learner will need to connect to the Wi-Fi system at school is when the teacher has added additional resources to the eBook and for backup purposes.

## CULTURE

### Interact Chartering Ceremony

The Blouberg Rotary club and Rotary District 9350 governor attended the chartering of Curro Century City's Interact club. The club which inducted 27 members into it on Wednesday night is to be led by Interact president Gareth Dahl. The Interact club which is a division of Rotary International is set to serve the community with fundraisers and projects.



### Music Staff

The music staff pictured below, during a rehearsal for concert in the dark. Not only the pupils' talents were on display this week but also the music staff, rehearsing together to bring entertainment to all.



### District North Top Schools Final

After a challenging and highly competitive month of the Provincial Chess League, our U9 chess team made us proud by taking us to the District North Top Schools Finals. We congratulate Tyler Le Roux, Kieran Barrows, Triston Benjamin, Kelhan Benjamin, Adam Jones and Tyler Syster for representing us well and putting us on the map as the first ever Curro Century City chess team to make it to the District North Top Schools Playoffs which took place on 16 June 2006 at Ravensmead High School. Tyler Syster and Adam Jones successfully drew in the 5<sup>th</sup> round. It was a humbling experience and great opportunity for our boys to learn and grow in the sport. We greatly appreciate the sportsmanship the boys displayed. We appreciate every parent or guardian that took their time out to support and encourage our boys on this journey.



We thank Tyler Le Roux's grandmother for taking time out to make these lovely treats for our team as a good luck charm.

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**Netball**

The male and female staff had a competitive netball match on Wednesday afternoon supported by many pupils. It was an intense match up but the female staff just managed to sneak a late shot which led to a final score of 9-8.



**CURRO NATIONALS**

We would like to extend positive vibes and good luck wishes to CHLOE MAXWELL, JORDAN HEAUGH, SIMAMKELE KWESABA AND ZOE JORDAN-NEL for the upcoming Curro National week coming up these holidays. Chloe and Jordan will be participating in the U13 netball and rugby tournaments respectively. Simamkele and Zoe will be partaking in the U14 rugby and netball tournaments in Durban. All the best to the 4 of them and we are certain that the Curro Century City flag will once again, be flown high and with pride.



**Chloe Maxwell and Jordan Heugh**

**Zoe Jordan - Nel**

Absent:  
Simamkele  
Kwesaba

## Horse Riding: Shannon Crous Results

28 February 2016 White House Stables  
80cm Derby Shannon Crous placed 2<sup>nd</sup>

### SANESA CORE LEAGUE QUALIFIER 2:12 to 13 March 2016

WORKING RIDING Shannon Crous placed 3<sup>rd</sup>  
JUMPING 80cm Two Phase Shannon Crous placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
JUMPING 80cm Competition Shannon Crous placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
WORKING HUNTER 70cm Shannon Crous placed 1<sup>st</sup>



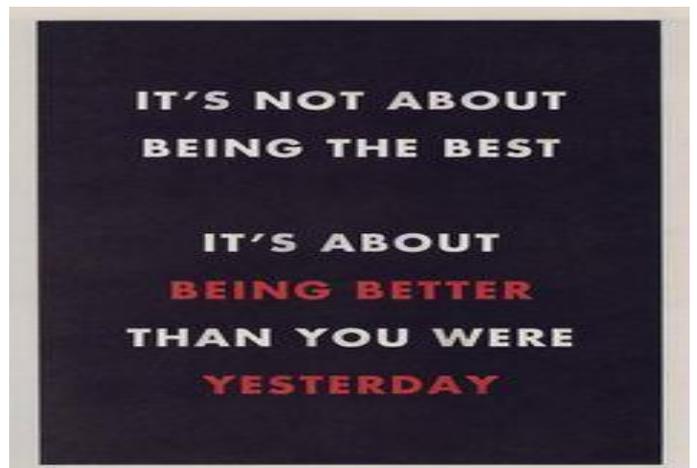
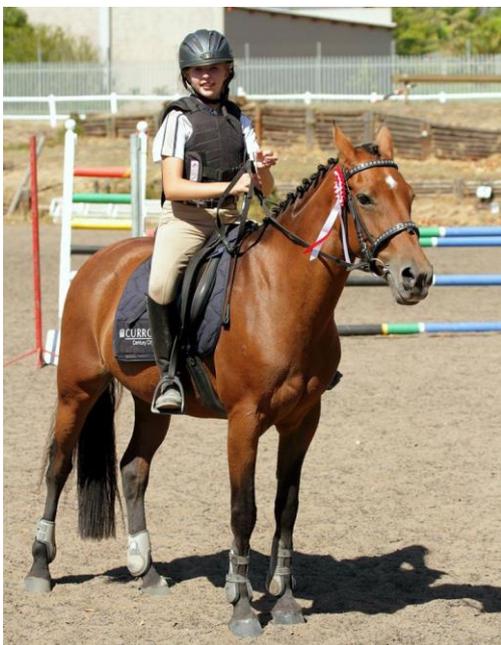
1 May 2016 Europa  
80cm Speed and Precision Shannon Crous placed 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Pony club Inter-branch Mounted Games 16 June 2016

Table View Pony Club Children's team placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
Shannon Crous was one of the four rider team.

### SANESA CORE LEAGUE QUALIFIER 3: 17 to 19 June 2016

Show Jumping Two phase 80cm Shannon Crous placed 1st  
Show Jumping 80cm Competition Shannon Crous placed 1st  
Working Riding Shannon Crous placed 1st  
Working Hunter 70cm Shannon Crous placed 1st



# RUGBY CLINIC

**OPTION 1: Monday 11 July to Wednesday 13 July 2016**

**U7, U8, U9, U10 = 9AM – 12:00**

**U11 - U14 = 13:00 – 15:30**

**OPTION 2: Thursday 14 July & Friday 15 July**

**U7, U8, U9, U10: 9AM – 11AM**

**U11 – U14: 12:00 – 14:00**

**OPTION 3: Attend the whole week**

**at Curro Century City.**

**COST OF COURSE: OPTION 1: R500**

**OPTION 2: R350**

**OPTION 3: R750**

***SPACE IS LIMITED BUT FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME !!***

We have arranged for WP and Hamilton's 1<sup>st</sup> XV players and Coaches and an IRB Level 2 coach to run the sessions with balls drills, tackling (where appropriate) and general rugby skills practice for ages 10 – 15 years old.

This will be a fun few days for all the players and an opportunity to increase the player's skills.

The program will be completely structured and designed by professional rugby union coaches. There will be a component of the course that involves contact and whilst all efforts will be made to ensure the safety of the participants, the risks of injury involved are similar to the risks arising from participation in the sport of Rugby Union. We will have a Level 2 medic as well as Century City Medical on call.

Participants should wear training gear to the clinic including a mouth guard and any other protective equipment. Wet weather clothing should be worn if the weather conditions require. In the event of heavy rain we will have an indoor classroom session.

Please note that children without a mouth guard will NOT be permitted to participate where there is a risk of contact and/or injury.

Registrations may be emailed to Coach Kyle or Mr Holman. Space is limited! Payment details will be forwarded once registration email has been received from you. In your registration email PLEASE which OPTION you have selected.

Coach Kyle: [kyle.l@curro.co.za](mailto:kyle.l@curro.co.za) or Mr Holman: [craig.h@curro.co.za](mailto:craig.h@curro.co.za)

Players are required to bring their own:

- ❖ Mouth guard
- ❖ Water Bottle
- ❖ Wear suitable clothing for rugby skills/drills
- ❖ Hat

# **SOCCER CLINIC**

**OPTION 1: Monday 11 July to Wednesday 13 July 2016**  
U7, U8, U9, U10 = 13:00 -15:30  
U11 - U14 = 09:00 – 12:00  
COST: R500

**OPTION 2: Thursday 14 July & Friday 15 July 2016**  
U7, U8, U9, U10: 12:00 -14:00  
U11, U12, U13, U14: 09:00 – 11:00  
COST: R350

**OPTION 3: ATTEND ALL WEEK**  
COST: R750

at Curro Century City.

**COST OF COURSE: R500.00/player**

***SPACE IS LIMITED BUT FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME !!***

This will be a fun few days for all the players and an opportunity to increase the player's skills.

The program will be completely structured and designed by our coaches. There will be a component of the course that involves skills work and drills, match simulations and individual work. We will have a Level 2 medic as well as Century City Medical on call.

Participants should wear training gear to the clinic including shin guards and boots. If you do not have boots, takkies is more than adequate.

Please note that children without shin guards will NOT be permitted to participate where there is a risk of injury.

Registrations may be emailed to Coach Kyle – [kyle.l@curro.co.za](mailto:kyle.l@curro.co.za) or Mr Holman [craig.h@curro.co.za](mailto:craig.h@curro.co.za) Space is limited and payment details will be forwarded once registration email has been received from you. **In your email please state which SPORT and which OPTION you have chosen, PLEASE!**

Players are required to bring their own:

- ❖ Shin guards, boots (takkies optional)
- ❖ Water Bottle
- ❖ Wear suitable clothing for soccer skills/drills
- ❖ Hat
- ❖ Sunscreen

**CRAIG HOLMAN**

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## AFTERCARE



### REGISTRATION CLOSED ON 20 JUNE 2016 FOR HOLIDAY CLUB

For those who are attending we have put together a little Holiday Club guide, (things to bring and ways to dress on different days for the activities and themes).

| 2016 JUNE - JULY HOLIDAY CLUB CASTLE THEME GUIDE  |   |                                     |                                      |   |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 27 JUNE - 1 JULY  |   |                                     |                                      |   |
|   | 27-Jun<br><b>KEYORE</b>                     | 28-Jun<br><b>LION KING</b>          | 29-Jun<br><b>FROZEN</b>              | 30-Jun<br><b>Finding Nemo</b>                                 |
|   |   | Dress up as a Disney character      | Bring a Disney toy for Show and Tell | 01-Jul<br><b>MICKEY MOUSE</b>                                 |
|   |   |                                     |                                      |   |
| 4 - 8 JULY 2015   |   |                                     |                                      |   |
| 04-Jul<br><b>WINTER WONDERLAND</b>  | 05-Jul<br><b>Frosty the Snowman</b>         | 06-Jul<br><b>SNOWFLAKES</b>         | 07-Jul<br><i>RAINBOW RAVE</i>        | 08-Jul<br><b>BANANAS IN PAJAMAS</b>                           |
| Wear winter clothing items for Discussion and Show and Tell   |   |                                     |                                      | Come dressed in pajamas but bring a change of play clothes    |
| 11 - 18 JULY 2015   |   |                                     |                                      |   |
| 11-Jul<br><b>Hier kom die Bokke SOUTH AFRICA</b>  | 12-Jul<br><b>STARS &amp; STRIPES U.S.A.</b> | 13-Jul<br><i>Bol l y wood india</i> | 14-Jul<br><b>CHINA ADVENTURE</b>     | 15-Jul<br><b>ALA BAMBA ITALY</b>                              |
|   |   |                                     |                                      | 18-Jul<br><b>HER MAJEST Y THE QUEEN U.K. - UNITED KINGDOM</b> |
| Come dressed either in the national dress of the country, if not wear the colours of the country's flag. If you have any souvenirs (i.e. coins, postcards, money, flags, ornaments, shirts) of the particular country, bring for show and tell. |   |                                     |                                      |   |

The Primary School Holiday Club has activities requiring input, in the first week only. Our colour-run on Thursday 30 June, 2016 will be a **first** for Holiday Club and promises to be oodles of fun!

| 2016 JUNE - JULY HOLIDAY CLUB PRIMARY THEME GUIDE |  |                                      |   |                                     |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 27 JUNE - 1 JULY                                  |  |                                      |   |                                     |
| 27-Jun<br><b>SAVE THE RHINO</b>                   | 28-Jun<br><b>HOT WHEELZ</b>                        | 29-Jun<br><b>STARS &amp; STRIPES</b> | 30-Jun<br><b>COLOUR RUN FUN</b>                                       | 01-Jul<br><b>PORTUGUESE BISNEEZ</b> |
|   | Bring Bicycles, Skateboards, Roller Blades, wheels |                                      | Old clothes which you don't mind covered in colour - run powder paint |                                     |

Holiday Club begins **Monday 27 June, 2016**. Doors open at 7:00 and close promptly at 17:30. Unfortunately we do not accept walk-ins, or those who have not registered.

**See you there, and let the fun begin!**

CHERIE IRISH