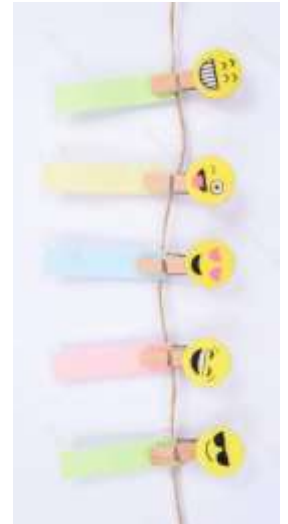


In the news this week

- Making Hay!
- Inter house developments
- 100 Club runs on a Saturday
- Name change update
- Notice Period
- Care Cause
- Upcoming events



The last two weeks at school have been frenetic! Our matric learners are deep into their final examinations, whilst the rest of the High School and Intermediate Phase have had their heads buried in the books for their upcoming exam series. Despite this, the school has continued with a number of different activities going on at the three schools, from blood donations, tennis matches, cappuccino mornings, book bus sales, the Primary and High Schools' art exhibition, interhouse athletics and finally the 100 Club run this past Saturday.

In every instance, the turnout was fantastic. After nineteen months of being cooped up in our homes, it almost felt normal again. While meandering around the parents during these events, I was struck by one particular comment received from one of our moms. She told me that the art exhibition was the first time she been invited on campus for 18 months. A sad statistic indeed.

On a more positive note, we have been able to restart our extramural fixtures, and have some more coming up this week and next. Our interhouse swimming galas have also taken place, during school, in the past week.

Whilst on the subject of interhouse, in 2022 we will be introducing a 3rd house team at the school. Having three sport houses will allow us to spread the bets a little better and in doing so, will allow for a more competitive environment. There are some logistical challenges, such as the house name, the colour and then, most importantly, the allocation of learners into these houses. A large number of learners will find themselves leaving their old house and moving to a new one, which will take some getting used to by both learners and parents, alike. However, we are convinced that after the first few interhouse events, all allegiances will be forgotten, and we will shout with passion for our new sports house.

Along with this introduction, we plan to also introduce an interhouse annual cup and will include aspects such as house involvement in sport, in culture and academic events. These will be tallied over the course of the year and announced at our final assembly each year.

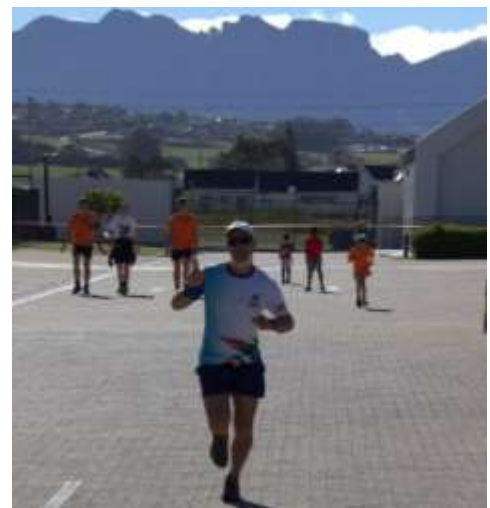
100 CLUB SATURDAY EVENT



As an avid supporter of the 100 Club running initiative, I was thrilled with the turnout on Saturday, 30 October. Over 200 people arrived to take on the challenge. There was a festive atmosphere with music, face-painting and even an ice-lolly watering point on the route. All in all, one loop of the field was measured at 2.2km, with most runners averaging at least 4 laps of the route. Great fun was had by all! I would like to thank all the staff who helped put together this fabulous morning. Follow the link for the behind-the-scenes video:

[100 club family fun run](#)

Look out for a night race version of the event early next year.



CARE CAUSE TERM 4

A word from our care cause coordinator, Mrs Rautenbach.

We are excited to partner with Huis Esperanza in Strand, for the third consecutive year, by blessing their elderly with basic needs. During this fourth term Care Cause, we are driven to collect as many items as possible to fill care parcels for these ladies and gentlemen. See the table below for information on which items your child's grade is collecting. Closing date for this worthy cause is Monday, 29 November 2021.

Please support us in this final drive for the year. It truly makes the world's difference to them during the festive season.

Group 1- small baby powder	Grade 1 - bar of soap	Grade 7 - soft sweets
Group 2- small baby powder	Grade 2 - pocket tissues	Grade 8 - tin food
Group 3 - toothpaste	Grade 3 - hand cream	Grade 9 - pasta
Group 4- toothpaste	Grade 4 - hand cream	Grade 10 - rice
Group 5 - tea / coffee	Grade 5 - face cloth	Grade 11 - sugar
Grade R - soft sweets	Grade 6 - face cloth	Grade 12 - soft sweets



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NOTICE PERIOD

A reminder to all parents that a 3-month (one term) notice is required for all parents who give notice at the school. Please ensure you inform the school of your intentions in good time to ensure the terms and conditions are honoured.

New Name

The name change for the school continues and remains a work in progress. We have met with the signage team and the new branding of the school will take place early in the New Year.

Our digital branding is largely complete, with our email signatures and the like, to be changed shortly. We also recently announced that we will be discontinuing the Castle brand name and having the Castle fall under the Curro Somerset West, Sitari Estate brand. It will then be referred to as the Preschool. We are also going to be closing our Castle Facebook page and will be migrating all preschool posts over to a single, whole school page. We encourage all parents to like and share this page, so that they are informed of the goings on at the school.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Monday	8			
Tuesday	9	08:00-12:30	C: Sensory Day (Groups 1 and 2)	individual classes
Wednesday	10	08:00-12:30	C: Sensory Day (Group 3)	individual classes
		14:30	PS: Under 7 to under 9 mini cricket matches vs Generations	Generations School
		14:30	PS: Under 11 to under 13 mini cricket matches vs Curro Brackenfell	Curro Somerset West
			HS: Visual Arts IEB practical exhibition	High School art room
Thursday	11	08:00-12:30	C: Sensory Day (Group 4)	individual classes
		13:00-14:00	PS: Under 7 and under 8 internal mini matches	Sports fields
		08:00	WS: Support staff breakfast	School hall
Friday	12	08:00-12:30	C: Sensory Day (Group 5)	individual classes
		07:45-12:30	PS: Grade R career day	Grade R class
			PS: Extramurals end (Grades 4 to 7)	
Saturday	13			
Sunday	14			
Monday	15	08:00-12:15	PS: Grades 4 to 7 examinations begin	In class
			C: Christmas Outreach begins	
Tuesday	16	10:15-12:15	PS: Grades 3 and 6 Literacy Diagnostic tests	In class
Wednesday	17	18:00	PS: Foundation Phase orators	School hall
Thursday	18	10:15-12:15	PS: Grades 3 and 6 Mathematics Diagnostic tests	In class
		14:30	PS: Under 7 to under 9 mini cricket matches vs Bridge House	Curro Somerset West
Friday	19			
Saturday	20			
Sunday	21			

Enjoy the weekend!



Graeme Waite
Executive Headmaster