

Primary school NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS MOODLEY'S DESK...

#BluePride, is often attached to the Curro Aurora name, appearing on most of our social media pages and branding, but what exactly does this mean to our school and learners?

#BluePride at Curro Aurora means building a sense of community, team spirit and most of all instilling a sense of belonging in our learners, staff, parents and guardians. It reflects a school that is caring, nurturing and driven by excellence in all areas of scholastic development.

At Curro Aurora we base our views and sense of pride on 5 key principles. These principles guide us in ensuring that we are constantly striving towards excellence in all areas and we would like for every learner, staff member, parent and guardian to feel the immense pride of belonging to the Curro Aurora Family!

A pivotal principle of BluePride is **RESPECT!** Respect for our fellow learners, colleagues, parents, teachers, cleaning staff, groundsman, security and visitors. This week in assembly I focused on this, encouraging our learners to show respect by greeting, talking kindly and knowing that everyone has a right to be treated in a just and fair manner, whether it be on the sports field, performing on stage or in the classroom - our respect for others must be evident in the manner in which we carry ourselves.

Pride is also reflected in the way in which we present ourselves. We are proud of our uniform and the name it carries and therefore should, at all times, be dressed correctly. Our uniform represents our school's identity and reflects our sense of belonging. We belong to a school family that accepts, motivates and supports the aspirations and dreams of our learners. We encourage our learners to wear their uniform with pride, both in and outside the school grounds.

Striving for excellence and always doing our best in whatever situation we find ourselves in, is synonymous with BluePride. We must never forget that every event we enter, every speech we present, every examination we write, every competition we partake in - excellence should be our driving force.

Curro Aurora looks forward to continuing to grow and nurture a sense of BluePride with you and your children in the year ahead!



Important Information for your Calendar:



Monday, 24th January
Curro CAS entries open

Thursday, 27th January

- Athletics meeting at Curro Aurora

Take Note that extra murals from Grade 3 to 7 will be cancelled on this day due to all staff being on duty at this event.

- The first team cricket match will continue as usual with Mr Wernich.

Friday, 28th January

Alice the Musical

Auditions for the main characters for Grade 6, in the Cosmic Hall from 13:00 to 14:00 during the singing lesson.

Tuesday, 1 February

NumberSense Workshop for Grade 4 and new Grade 5 and 6 Parents/Guardians in the Cosmic Hall from 18:00 to 19:00

Chairman's Awards – Grade 4 to 7

What is the Chairman's Awards?

Chairman's Awards is an exciting personal challenge for learners at Curro Aurora, from Grades 4 to 7. It is a balanced, non-competitive programme of voluntary, leisure and school time activities which encourages:

- Personal discovery and growth
- Perseverance
- Service to the community
- Responsibility
- Self-confidence
- Independence and self-motivation

Learners who are interested in challenging themselves can get their entry and more information from Mrs Woodcock in Jupiter 16.



NumberSense Workshop for Grade 4 parents and new Grade 5 - 6 parents – Tuesday 1 February 2022

The purpose of the **NumberSense Workshop** is to assist parents in understanding how the NumberSense Mathematics Programme (Series of workbooks) has been developed, in order to provide learners with daily independent practice, alongside foundational mathematical skills and concepts.

We do the workshop at the beginning of the Grade 4 year, as in the Foundation Phase, learning mathematics was largely activity based – children learning through play.

In the Intermediate Phase we shift from “free play” to more “focused play” through investigation. Before you can support your child with mathematics you need to understand the way that they are learning in the mathematics classroom. We encourage all of our Grade 4, new parents and guardians at Curro Aurora to attend this information sharing workshop.

Invitation
Number Sense Workshop

Date: Tuesday, 1 February 2022
Time: 18:00 – 19:00
Venue: Cosmic Hall

Kindly note that only the Puttick Road entrance will be open for this workshop.

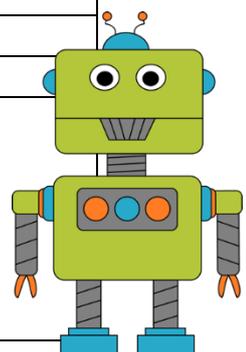
Please arrive 15 minutes before the start to be sanitised and screened.

COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Both parents may attend.

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Robotics Timetable 2022

Grade	Category										
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday						
Grade 1	Builders	14:00 - 15:00									
Grade 2	Builders		14:00 - 15:00								
Grade 3	WeDo			14:00 - 15:00	14:00 - 15:00						
Grade 4, 5	Explorer	14:00 - 15:00									
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Grade 6, 7	Elementary		14:00 - 16:00								
<p>Please take note that registrations for 2022 close 25 January 2022</p> <p>Please return registrations to the following teachers:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Builders</th> <th>WeDo</th> <th>Regular</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mr Astle Jupiter</td> <td>Ms Correia Mercury</td> <td>Ms Marques Jupiter</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						Builders	WeDo	Regular	Mr Astle Jupiter	Ms Correia Mercury	Ms Marques Jupiter
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SPORTING NEWS...

Interhouse Athletics

We were blessed with a bright, balmy day to host our Interhouse Athletics last week Friday. While the Intermediate Phase learners engaged in field and track events, the Foundation Phase learners ran their little hearts out in the sprint events.

The day was a great success and fun was had by all!

Interhouse Athletics Results:

First place: Apollo 233 points

Second place: Discovery 166 points

Third place: Challenger 163 points

Fourth place: Atlantis 162 points

Spirit Cup: Atlantis

Victor Ladurom: Ethan Kgosietsile

Victrix Ladurom: Kristen Woodcock



WELL DONE!

OTHER NEWS...

Prefect Leadership Camp

Team building is a collective term for various types of activities used to enhance social relations and define roles within teams, often involving collaborative tasks.

Our 2022 Prefects went to Achterbergh Oasis on Monday, 11 January for a teambuilding day, where they would learn to collectively work together as a team - building and solidifying relationships and team spirit.

The welcoming facilitators guided our learners through every task with patience and care, while informing them about leadership lessons and explaining the importance and role of leadership.

The Prefects participated in a variety of interactive activities, such as building a pyramid and following instructions with their eyes blindfolded. Through these tasks they learnt that together, as a team they could conquer any challenge.

We were exceptionally proud of the leadership they all reflected and look forward to working collaboratively with our Prefect group in the year ahead!

We look forward to a collaborative team this year!



Safety and Security on the campus:

Kindly note the following measures that have been and are currently in place, to keep your child safe at school during collection times:



- After school, learners are accompanied by their teachers to both Taurus and Puttick Gates.
- Should parents, guardians and transport companies not arrive on time, learners are brought to the Primary School to telephone parents and guardians to notify them that they are waiting to be collected.
- For learners that wait for older siblings and extra murals, there is a supervised waiting area outside the Primary School Office.
- Should learners who attend an extra mural that is completed at 4:00pm not be collected, they will be taken to Aftercare which is the next supervised area of the school. Parents and guardians will be billed for this service.
- At NO time will a learner be left alone at the Taurus or Puttick Gates, hence the school must be informed of your child's collection, should arrangements change.
- Should there be an emergency, please contact your child's tutor teacher or Ms Anneline Naidoo in the Primary School Office on 087 087 0355
- Should your child be collected by an uber, let your child's tutor teacher know with a screen shot of the uber driver's details. Alternatively, the details sent to your child's phone will also suffice.
- Your support and understanding in ensuring that your child is collected timeously is imperative.



Morning drop-off – Puttick Gate

In order to assist with traffic flow and avoid congestion – please may we ask for your cooperation in the following regard:

- Please avoid getting out the car and walking your child to the sanitising station.
- Teachers are on duty to assist your child with their bags and walking them to the sanitising station to ensure ongoing clearing of parking bays
- Please avoid parking across parking bays, as this leads to inadequate parking bay space for the next parent
- Please ensure that your child has their Communication Book (Comm Book) ready, before exiting the vehicle

**Yours in education,
Trusha Moodley
(Acting Head of Primary School)**



*Kindness is free
sprinkle that stuff
everywhere.*

You may be interested in...

CONTACT YOUR COACH TODAY!

We are back in office

All school and private tennis lessons will start on 17 January 2022.



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Curro Tennis - Contact your coach

Curro Tennis' private tennis lessons will kick-off from Monday, 17 January. Current and prospective players can contact their coaches by emailing info@currotennis.co.za or by clicking on this link: [Enquiries/Sign-up](#).

JOIN THE CONVERSATION



A webinar answering commonly asked questions, step-by-step instructions on how to sign up and get started, and an opportunity to meet our Curro Tennis director, Jared Temlett.

Date: 24 January 2022 | Time: 19:00
Join us using the link in the caption.

Curro Tennis Parent Webinar

Join Curro Tennis director, Jared Temlett, for an insightful talk where he will answer commonly asked questions and guide prospective players and their parents on the step-by-step instructions on how to sign up and get started.

Date: Monday, 24 January at 19:00

If you would like us to send you a Microsoft Teams Invitation, kindly send us your email address via direct message OR you can join us using this link: [Curro Tennis Parents Information Webinar](#).

MTB Festival Event:

Introducing our new C2R MTB Festivals. These festivals have been enhanced to accommodate a broader range of riders. To this effect, the event concept will include an inter-school series for toddlers, the Out of the Blocks Cup League, as well as a short track racing series for primary & high school riders. This new league will have a touch of everything but will certainly continue to include family participation.

The focus of our C2R MTB Festivals remains family orientated, with both fun rides in a safe environment and opportunities to compete, from toddlers to parents!





Registration and online entries will go live on **Monday 24 January 2022**. Visit www.cycle2ride.co.za/events for more information on how to register and enter for the events.

Race schedules and costs will be listed per event on the booking site.

Face painting, boerewors rolls, lots of fun and cycling action galore can be expected at our C2R MTB Festivals.

Late entries on the day will be allowed but due to COVID protocols, access on the day will be limited.

For more information contact us at mtbfestivals@cycle2ride.co.za

E-SPORTS CHALLENGE!

A COMPETITION LIKE NONE OTHER

Grade 4 to 12 learners – design an eSports trophy (or more than one) for any of these categories:
Minecraft | DOTA 2 | CS:GO | eSports overall

Entries close on Friday, 18 March 2022 at 17:00

Enquiries: magdeleen.d@curro.co.za | bertus.l@curro.co.za



The best trophies will be 3D printed and used as the official trophies for the **league winners**. Link for entry form available on the **Curro Sport FB page**.

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CASTLE NEWS:

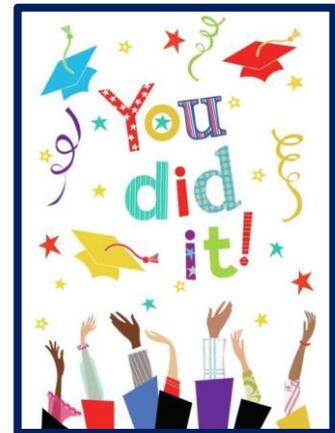


The Castle children have settled in with their new teachers and the playground is filled with giggles and games. For the first week of school, one parent was able to walk into the campus to drop their little one off at class, however, since Monday our youngsters have been confidently walking into school with a staff member by their side. Our children love the independence of carrying in their school boxes and enjoying a space of their own. Well done to the Castle staff for assisting the learners to settle in so quickly and creating a safe environment for them to explore their curiosity.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

Curro Aurora once again celebrated excellent matric results maintaining the high standards for which it is known. The 2021 academic year presented more than its fair share of challenges, but our learners, teachers and parents were amazing. Matric results are the product of hard work and dedication, not only in matric or even high school, but all the way from primary school and we need to acknowledge and thank our colleagues for their contributions.



The support and dedication of the learners, staff and parents have directed a Bachelors' Degree pass rate of 96% and an increased ratio of distinctions per candidate, enabling our matriculants to gain places at universities of their choice.

Our students had the opportunity at Curro Aurora to grow and develop into well respected, confident, and delightful young adults, ready to face the challenges of the wider world.



Sabrina-Gabriel Freeman

We are exceedingly proud of Sabrina Freeman and Siphesihle Mahlangu who achieved seven distinctions each.



Siphesihle Mahlangu

Alika Hillebrand and Eriqwe Myburgh each boast six distinctions. Sizenalo Bidla, Eugene Cilliers, Rebecca du Pont, Mia Giacomelli, Sonali Moodliar and Megan Winterbach earned five distinctions each.



Alika Hillebrand achieved an Afrikaans FAL mark in the top 1% of candidates per subject, Siphesihle Mahlangu and Bronwyn Wright in Life Orientation and Sabrina Freeman in both English HL and Life Orientation.



A successful school fosters broader dimensions of learning critical to students' overall success. I would like to congratulate our matriculants and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. I look forward to the changes and growth you will bring about in our great country as you become the leaders of the future.

#BluePride!

Have you downloaded the **MyHub** mobile app?

The mobile app allows you to:

- Receive notifications when an email or SMS is sent to your mobile number or email address
- View all communication related to your child/ren based on the profile you provide
- View up-to-date statements
- Make school fees payments online quickly and easily
- View calendar events scheduled for your child/ren
- Access the Grit uniform shop

Available on Google Play and the Apple App Store.

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MyHub: School communication platform

Curro has an easy-to-use, self-help mobile app where parents receive all school communication and information, academic reports, purchase school uniform and keep track of school fees.

HOW TO

Step 1: Download the Curro MyHub app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your smartphone.

Step 2: Log in with the details you received from MyHub via email after your child's enrolment was confirmed and completed.

Request login details

- Use the 'Recover MyHub login details' function on the app.
- Please use the account holder's details you provided on the application form. The login details will be resent to the account holder's email address.

OR

- Go to the online webpage for MyHub - <https://myhub.curro.co.za/>
- Click on REQUEST/FORGOT LOGIN DETAILS
- Enter the ID or passport number that the account holder or parent supplied when registering the learner. The email address linked to that ID number will receive an email within an hour. Follow the link in the email to receive login details.

Adding more than one parent to MyHub

- If you require **more than one parent** or **more than one family code**, or if your child has **transferred** to a new school, please contact MyHub support for assistance.
- Please take note that each MyHub profile requires its own unique email address. Be sure to have an email address for each person who requires login details.

Help

For further assistance, please contact our MyHub support team at myhub@curro.co.za or on 087 285 1699.

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