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CASTLE NEWSletter

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School Holidays

Our first 2020 school holidays are fast approaching and we have started the holiday care planning. Our theme for holiday care this term is Teddy Bear, Holiday Care. Curro Castle Aurora is open for the holidays to assist working parents at no extra cost.

Holidays are well-deserved time to rest and rejuvenate for the next term, where learning expectations are increased, and their days are busier. We all live such busy lives and it is important to take time and relax.

Holiday care at the Castle has a more relaxed approach so that the children who attend are not exhausted for the start of the second term. It is also vital for the teaching staff to have some time out, so therefore we work on a roster for each holiday.

Please take the following into consideration when booking for holiday care.

- The group 3 and 4 children will be joined together (Children will also sleep)
- The Group 5 and Grade R children will be joined together.
- Holiday Care runs on Skeleton staff – your child's main caregiver may not be on duty.
- We do our very best to keep the daily routine similar to the curriculum term
- No curriculum content will be covered during Holiday Care
- Lunch will be provided for group 3 to 5 children and full day Grade R children.

This year we are also incorporating a holiday care booking card. On a regular basis we have children arriving to holiday care who have not been catered for. This has a ripple effect on the catering, staffing and activities.

An interesting read. . .



Why Children Need School Holidays

Schools are closing all around the country for the long winter holidays this week and I'm sure many parents are gritting their teeth and bracing themselves for the increased chaos awaiting them when they get home from work and the inevitable nagging chorus of "We're bored! What can we do?" Admittedly school holidays don't necessarily hold the same appeal for working parents as it does for their children, but school holidays are vitally important!

As a teacher I only really ever started to feel well-rested and relaxed toward the end of a long school holiday. What's more, I always felt so incredibly motivated for the next term. So eager to get back to school and give it my all. In fact, I think ALL adults would benefit from longer breaks away from work.

Here are some of the reasons that your kids need a break:

- **Kids are already over-scheduled.** *With ever increasing workloads we run the risk of them becoming completely **burnt-out** and simply **switching off** to the lesson being taught.*
- *Children hardly ever get **time for free, child-initiated play**. The kind of play where you can get completely engrossed in what you're doing and it doesn't matter if you spend hours at a time doing it – school holidays provide the perfect opportunity for this kind of play.*
- **Boredom can be a good thing.** *Boredom is often the precursor of creativity. It teaches children to occupy themselves and not to constantly rely on others for entertainment.*
- *School holidays provide an **opportunity for children to learn things not taught in school**. Kids are constantly learning and need more than just an academic education. They get to really explore, experience and socialise during the school holidays. They might have the time to learn a new skill, like a new language or how to play a musical instrument or even how to knit!*
- **School holidays provide time for family holidays** and no doubt about it: Family holidays = memories. *Your children won't remember the day you got a raise or the day you hit all your sales targets or got promoted, but they will remember the day you helped them land a big fish or taught them to ride a bike or pitch a tent. The world is getting smaller and many modern families now have **relatives who live far away or overseas** – long school holidays provides enough time to make a visit to these relatives worthwhile.*

<https://www.childpsych.co.za/education/children-school-holidays/>

Term One Castle Calendar	
Shavathon (Sprayed hair)	Wednesday 11 March 08:30 – 10:30
Kleuterzone Visit	Monday 16 March Visit 10:00 – 12:00
Parent Consultations Group 3 to Grade R	Tuesday 17 March Wednesday 18 March 14:30 – 18:00
Break up day	Friday 20 March

Curro Aurora APT (Association of Parents & Teachers)

Just a reminder that our first exciting event is taking place on 13 March 2020!

The Great Grade Quiz!

Get your teams together and let's see who takes home the trophy.

Tickets are currently on sale from Josie at Main Reception. Tickets are R100 for adults and R80 for scholars but the good news is that a table of 8 people will only cost you R640.00.

The ticket does include a meal but drinks will be sold separately. As it is a family function, unfortunately no alcohol is allowed.

The APT is sponsoring new T-shirts for our coaches and will also be upgrading the Matric Seating area. We also sponsored bucket hats for our golfers in the High School.

Please save the date for numerous other exciting events that we have planned to take place over the course of the year.



Term 1	The Great Grade Quiz	Friday, 13 March
Term 3	Women's Day Tea	Saturday, 1 August
	Golf Day	Friday, 21 August
	Family Fun Day	Saturday, 5 September

Please come and support us in all our endeavours. We would love to meet you.

THE GREAT GRADE QUIZ

Date: Friday, 13 March 2020 | **Time:** 18:00 | **Venue:** Galaxy Hall
Tickets: R640 (table of 8) | R80 (learners) | R100 (adults)



Have you booked your tickets?

Tickets are available at the Main school reception with Josie.

Tickets can be bought via snap scan.

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**NO
TRESPASSING**

Over the past two weeks it has come to our attention that 'older' children are entering the Castle untended by an adult. The Castle is most definitely the best place to be, however, safety is our number ONE priority. The Castle staff are supervising the Castle children and are unable to keep an eye out for siblings who are waiting for their parents.

The Castle equipment is age appropriate for young children and cannot withstand the weight of older children.

You are welcome to have your child's older sibling at the Castle when collecting your child, however, we ask for your cooperation to supervise your children.

We love hugs and visits from past learners, however, the Primary School has their own waiting area.

We appreciate your understanding!



CANSA Shavathon

*An initiative of the community
service council*

Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2020

Time: 09:00 – 11:00

Venue: Curro Aurora

R20

– ribbons, plaits
and hair spray
(Castle only)

Our Castle children will be decorating
and spraying their hair. No Cuts ☺

Permission slips have been sent out.
If you would like your child to be
involved – the funds will be added to
your account.



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Please sign and return the reply slip. Only children with signed forms can participate.



Please Take Note

We will be closed on the following dates:

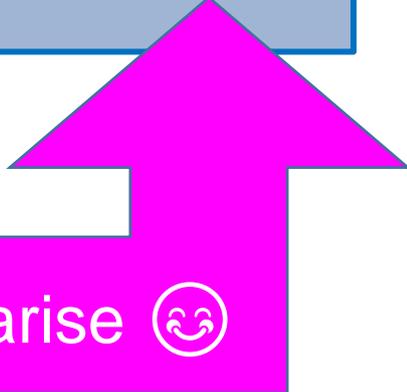
- Monday, 27 April – Freedom Day (public holiday)
- Tuesday, 28 April – School closed
- Wednesday, 29 April – School closed
- Thursday, 30 April – School closed
- Friday, 1 May – Workers' Day (public holiday)

We ask that parents please make other arrangements for the care of their children. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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Please Diarise 😊

Teddy Bear, **Holiday Care**

Bookings for Holiday Care opened on the 4 March. ALL bookings need to be made in writing via Rowena.

Holiday care does form part of your school fees and the programme is fun-filled with sensory play, creative arts and sessions with our extra-mural companies.

It is important to know that if you will be bringing your child to Holiday care, they HAVE to have a spot booked before the 11 March.



When you have booked your spot, you will be issued with a **HOLIDAY CARE CARD. No Card – No Entry**

WHY do you have to book your spot?

- Activity planning is prepared in advance, and we need to ensure we have enough items for each child who attends.
- Our caterers are given the numbers on the 12 March for food preparation.

Important information for holiday care.

- ❖ Holiday care is run on skeleton staff – the staff rotate to ensure all teachers and teaching assistants get some time to rejuvenate for Term 2.
- ❖ There will be 2 Teaching staff members on duty every day.
- ❖ There is NO early bird service during Holiday care – staff will open at 07:00
- ❖ Group 3 and 4 children will be joined together
- ❖ Group 5 and Grade R children will be joined together.
- ❖ All group 3 and 4 children will be given the opportunity to sleep, to ensure they get some extra rest time before Term 2.
- ❖ We will have 1 movie day during the holidays.
- ❖ **No holiday care card – no entry**

Staff on duty

23 March	24 March	25 March		26 March	27 March	30 March
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To ensure that all children are accommodated during the holidays, we have to be strict with the bookings.

The booking information will be shared on Hi Mama, My Hub and in the foyer to ensure all parents are aware of the deadline.

Holiday Care



Dates:

Monday, 23 to
Monday, 30 March 2020



Time:

07:00 – 13:00
(half-day learners)
07:00 – 17:30
(full-day learners)

**Holiday care is included
in your school fees!**

Remember no early-bird
service is available during
the holidays.



✓ Please pack a healthy snack,
lunch will be provided.

✓ Activities will include creative
arts, sensory fun as well as a
session with our extramural
partners.

✓ Also bring your sun hats and an
extra change of clothes.

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Parent Consultations

Group 3 to Grade R



Dates:

Tuesday, 17 March 2020
Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Time:

14:30 – 18:00

Please book your time slot with
your child's class teacher via HiMama.

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Teacher's treat!

The Castle staff were treated to an amazing lunch on Tuesday from Rocomamas Randpark Ridge. Our staff work incredibly hard and it was so amazing of RocoMamas Randpark Ridge to give back to the community and show their appreciation to the Teachers and support staff.

We had so much fun, taking some time out for a good chat and delicious food.

Thank you RoccoMamas!



Have a productive week ahead!

Yours in Education,

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