



**FROM MR MAREE'S DESK...**

With only one week left to the end of Term 1, I can only applaud each learner, our dedicated teachers and all parents and guardians for all their hard work and achievements during the term. The last day of Term 1 is on Friday, 20 March. School will close at 11am. On this day learners are allowed to wear civvies to school and will partake in end of term class parties. Your child's report will be available on My Hub from 2pm onwards. We will also e-mail out our Term 2 planner and extra-mural list for the upcoming term.

We had a fantastic start to our Rugby season; all our teams won their game against the Alma mater school. I look forward to seeing fantastic Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Soccer games during Term 2.



Our isiZulu and Afrikaans Public Speaking events that took place this week and was a huge success. The speeches were of good quality and learners were well prepared.



We have three members of staff that are going on maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish Mrs Parr, Mrs Wood and Mrs Gardiner all the best. We look forward to meeting the newborn babies and welcoming them to our Curro Aurora family. Replacement teachers have been confirmed for the period.



Term 2 is going to be a busy, yet eventful term. Please diarise all the dates, especially the upcoming holiday and long weekends. Below is a schedule of these important dates for Term 2;

DATE	IMPORTANT EVENT
Tuesday, 31 March 2020	Learners return to school
Friday, 10 April and Monday 13 April 2020	School is closed for the long weekend (Good Friday and Family Day)
Monday, 27 April to Friday 1 May 2020	School is closed for the week (Freedom Day and Worker's Day)
Monday, 4 May 2020	Learners return to school
Friday, 12 June 2020	Last day of Term 2, school closes at 11am

Grade 4 to 7 learners will be writing their examinations during Term 2. More information with regards to this will be send home. The dates for the examinations are as follow;

DATE	EXAM
Tuesday, 26 May 2020	Grade 7 Technology Exam
Wednesday, 27 May 2020	Grade 7 EMS Exam
Thursday, 28 May 2020	Grade 4 to 7 English Home Language Exam
Friday, 29 May 2020	Grade 4 to 7 Geography Exam
Monday, 1 June 2020	Grade 4 to 7 History Exam
Tuesday, 2 June 2020	Grade 4 to 7 isiZulu and Afrikaans FAL Exam
Thursday, 4 June 2020	Grade 4 to 7 Mathematics Exam
Friday, 5 June 2020	Grade 4 to 7 Natural Science Exam



We look forward to our Interhouse Netball and Soccer events that will take place during the last week of this term;

**Foundation Phase**

Date: Monday, 16 March 2020

Time: During the school day

Dress code: House shirt, PE shorts, Curro hat, takkies

**Intermediate Phase**

Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Time: During the school day

Dress code: School House shirt, PE shorts, Curro hat, takkies

**Yours in education****Mr. Christiaan Maree****Head of Primary School**



# The TikTok Trend

## What you need to know ...

Does your child have a TikTok account? Then this information might be valuable. Although TikTok is a great platform for your child to express themselves, it is not always harmless fun.

## What is TikTok?

TikTok is a very popular video-sharing social media app that lets users record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves. Users can also spice videos up with special effects, stickers, music and sound clips – making it all the more appealing.

## Should you allow your child to use the app?

You don't have to forbid your child from using the app (they might not listen anyway), but make sure they use it responsibly and that their accounts are private. Ask them the following.

- Can this content hurt you later on?
- Can this content hurt someone you love?
- Can this content hurt anyone else?

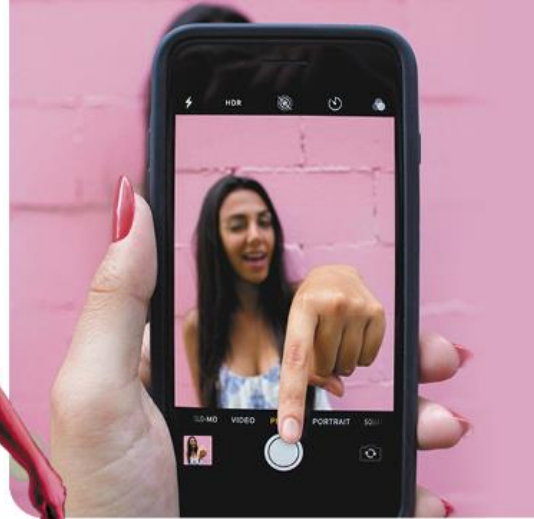
If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', they should rethink their decision to post. And they should never post anything provocative or violent. Wearing their school uniform or showcasing their school in any of the content is also a BIG NO. If they get caught, there will be consequences. Make sure they understand that they are ambassadors of their school.

Source: [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)



## The trending challenges

On TikTok it's all about appearing cool and attractive and users take on challenges to become 'the next big thing'. It is important that children remember that not everyone has their best interests at heart.



## Why should you be concerned?

While TikTok can be harmless fun and a great way for your child to express themselves in a creative way, it can be hurtful too – to your child and other children. TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other users' videos. By default, this means that others can also comment on your child's videos and, if their account isn't set to 'private', strangers can comment too. As you know, comments aren't always positive, fair or true.



## Did you know?

TikTok has an age restriction of 13.

If the user is younger than 13 they must use the app with parental supervision.

The next time your child is on the app, have them look out for harmful content and report this – and encourage them to make double sure that **what they upload is positive**.