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CASTLE NEWSletter

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Back to school fun!

Our daily routines are back into full swing for our Group 5 and Grade R learners. I am pleased to announce that the Group 3 and 4 children will be returning to school on the 22nd June. When spending time visiting the children in their classrooms and chatting on the playground, the children share excitement about how much fun their playground is and how happy they are to be back with their teachers. I have the privilege of observing how content your children are in their environment, even with the 'new' normal.



We will continue with the 50% capacity and alternating Groups A and B when Term 3 begins. If you have not yet sent your child to school, please know that your child can return anytime that you are ready to send them. By completing the survey's sent out, the teachers have already allocated your child into either Group A or Group B. When you are ready to send your child back, please inform your class teacher and they will communicate the first day process with you.



Remote learning lessons will continue for all children. The Group 3 to 5 teachers are will implement online teaching and learning at times that work best for the children at home. Together we can make this work. Ultimately, we would love all the children to return, however, we will also endeavor to ensure no child is left behind.



Some important reminders:



The Castle gate is open for arrival from 07:15 to 08:15 in the morning



Masks are compulsory for all passengers before entering the school campus

Have your child's temperature card and a pen ready in your car in the morning. This can live in your car after Rowena has recorded your child's temperature.

Remember to pack a healthy snack / lunch and a **water bottle**.

Please notify your class teacher regarding which pick up time you have chosen



On Monday 22 June we will be welcoming back our Group 3 and 4 children! When following the Return to School plans and Standard Operating Procedures the children will return on a 50% capacity on a daily basis.

Please note, it is not compulsory for your child to return, however, if at any point you change your mind and would like your little one to return to school, please notify your teacher and we will be ready to welcome you back with bright smiles.

50% Capacity

- Grade R – Maximum 11 children in the class.
- Group 5 – Maximum 10 children in the class.
- Group 4 – Maximum 10 children in the class.
- Group 3 – Maximum 9 children in the class.



School Holidays

School will break up on the 26 June – we will follow a normal school day.

Holiday care will run from the 29 June to the 3 July. Holiday care will run on skeleton staff as the teaching staff deserve a rest after 11 weeks of online teaching and to be refreshed for a fun filled Term 3. We will continue following the Group A and Group B routine to ensure our staff ratios are correct and social distancing as per the RTS and SOP remains in place.

A survey has been sent out regarding holiday care. Please double check your My Hub and HiMama emails. Teachers have also sent the link via WhatsApp.

Numbers will be finalised on Monday morning and Rowena will issue you will a holiday care card if you have completed the survey. **NO CARD, NO ENTRY! All numbers need to be finalised before holiday care for catering and staffing numbers.**

The same school arrival procedures will continue during the holidays, however, the Castle gate will be closed. Please make use of the Puttick gate entrance at the Aquatic center.

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| Mon 22 June Group B | Tues 23 June Group A | Wed 24 June Group B | Thurs 25 June Group A | Fri 26 June Group B |
| Mon 29 June – 3 July – Holiday Care | | | | |
| Mon 6 July Group A | Tues 7 July Group B | Wed 8 July Group A | Thurs 9 July Group B | Fri 10 July Group A |

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS AND COVID19 PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED AT CURRO AURORA

Parents to please follow this process when doing the morning drop off: Group 3 to Grade R Parents ONLY

1. Approach the **CASTLE** gate with the heater off and windows open.
2. Masks must be worn before approaching the Castle gate. Parents and children.
3. Have a pen and your temperature card ready – This will be issued to the Group 5 parents on the first day. Parents are to please fill in the card.
4. Drive into **TEMPERATURE CHECKPOINT 1**
5. Once a temperature of 37.5°C or lower has been confirmed, drive through to the parking bay.
6. Learner and parent can move to **SANITISING STATION 2** for screening and sanitising
7. Once screened **learner** may proceed to enter the school grounds maintaining **SOCIAL DISTANCE**.



Other notes to include:

1. Aftercare is fully operational from Monday, 8 June 2020. A staff member will escort your child out to the parking area for collection and sign out.
2. Please call the Castle reception 5 minutes before arriving at the Castle, so the Teacher on duty can ensure your child is ready. **087 087 7790**
3. **Private transport companies:**
 - **Drop off** – Learners will follow the normal arrival procedure (Temperature check, screening and sanitising)
 - **Pick up or aftercare collection** – A staff member will escort your child out to the parking area for collection and sign out.



Remember to pack water,
No juice.



Group 3 to 5 lunch is packaged individually.

Yum



Masks

The Castle children are coping incredibly well with their masks during the day. I know it is one of our parent's major concerns about their children returning to school. Will they keep it on, will they be too hot, how will they talk to each other? However, the children have thrived in their 'new' environment and have embraced the new rules. Children love rules, routines and predictability. Returning to school has given the children their independence and the opportunity to socialise and play at a child's level.



Please send an extra mask daily. Add a zip lock bag into your child's school packet in case your child needs to change their mask.

Masks can steam up in the cold weather, so the teachers will assist your child in changing their mask if it becomes damp.



Moms and dads agreed to hot chocolate spoils on a chilly Friday!



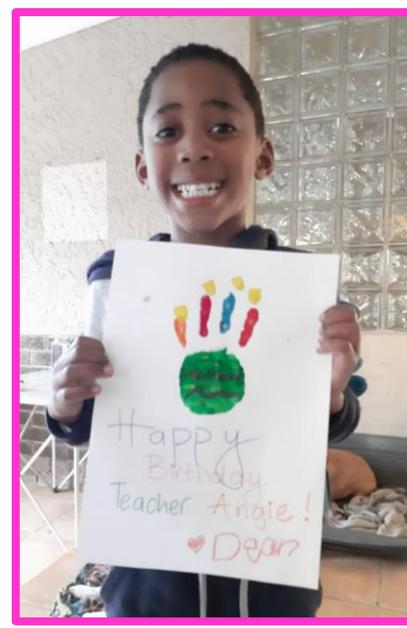
Teacher Charlie designing social distancing hoops for her Group 3 children next week

Regards,

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Thank
YOU

Thank You for all the lovely and heart-warming birthday wishes. I love my Curro Aurora Family!



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