



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

Thank you for completing the return to school questionnaire that was e-mailed to all Primary School parents last week. As a school we must comply with the statutory requirements as set by the Department of Basic Education, only allowing 50% of learners back at school on any given day. The pandemic continues to be extremely fluid, impacting on school attendance.

In line with the DBE requirement, the CURRO return to school plan also allows for a maximum of 50% of enrolled learners to return to school to ensure compliance with the social distancing requirement. We are however also aware of the challenges some parents face at this point in time and will therefore try to accommodate as many parents as possible while complying with the social distance guidelines.



The information received gave valuable insight into the needs of our Curro Aurora Families at this moment in time;

- The majority of families are happy with the daily rotation of their child/ children attending school. Some of these families will only send their child/ children back to school later on in the year, once the COVID19 infection rate has slowed down.
- Some families will only send their child/ children back in 2021 and are happy with the online learning offered by the school.
- Some families are in desperate need to send their child/ children back to school every day due to work commitments.

Due to the low number of learners currently attending we are able to support families who need to send their children to school on a daily basis. This arrangement can and will change once more learners are coming back to school. You will be notified should the circumstances change.

If you have requested for your child/ children to attend school daily, then their tutor teacher would have confirmed the arrangement with you. This arrangement commenced on Thursday, 16 July 2021.

**CURRO AURORA TOP 10 1KM CHALLENGE RESULTS**

Girls				Boys			
Name	Surname	Age	Time	Name	Surname	Age	Time
Michaela	Smit	u/12	3:42	Conner	Mitchell	u/13	3:00
Kim	Turgot	u/17	4:10	Aiden	Peterson	u/18	3:03
Zibu	Toshiba	u/17	4:42	Jason	Williams	u/17	3:04
Leanne	Grobler	u/12	4:47	Siya	Mokhosi	u/18	3:06
Mia	Stansfield	u/12	4:53	Brent	Barendsen	u/18	3:06
Kelsey	Esterhuisen	u/13	5:03	Matthew	Fourie	u/17	3:13
Lucy	Lehman	u/13	5:06	Ruben	Grobler	u/17	3:14
Jenna	Katzenstein	u/12	5:07	Joshua	Dike	u/16	3:29
karla	Lotz	u/14	5:09	Ahmet	Turgut	u/14	3:35
Staci	Barret	u/12	5:16	Cameron	Greeves	u/14	3:53





### MANDELA DAY- Jar of Hope!

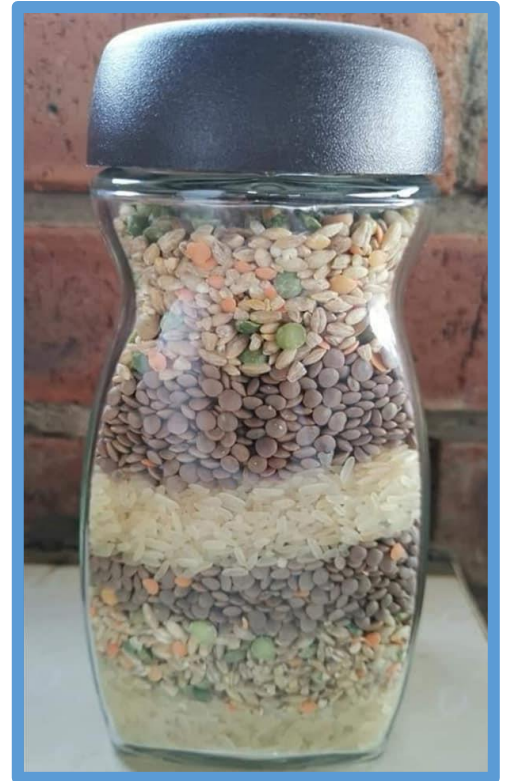
For Mandela Day this year, WE would like to ask you to help us feed a family and **Share a Jar of Hope!** Hot 91.9 FM will support Curro Aurora in getting the jars to those in need.

#### Ingredients:

- half a cup of rice
- half a cup of soup mix
- half a cup of lentils
- one unwrapped stock cube
- one packet of instant soup powder

One of these jars can feed up to four individuals or provide multiple meals to one person. All that needs to be added is hot water (roughly 2 ½ Litres of water), and the mixture needs to be stirred continuously for approximately 45 minutes.

A jar like this is a healthy, nutritious and sustainable meal specially in the winter. While this may not seem like much to us during this time of lockdown, something as simple as a little jar of hope can change the world of someone who was wondering where their next meal would come from.



**Please use 67 minutes of your time on Saturday, 18 July to make a Jar of Hope. Jars can be dropped off at school on Monday, 20 July and Tuesday 21 July at one of the entrance gates.**

### CURRO FAMILY 5KM WALK TO FREEDOM

It's a virtual event taking place on Saturday, 18 July when you walk 5 km in your own neighbourhood anytime between 06:00 and 18:00. Please send a screenshot of your phone, watch or any other device to prove that your family completed the walk to [jono.w@curro.co.za](mailto:jono.w@curro.co.za). Please share photos and videos of your family having fun to [mags.t@curro.co.za](mailto:mags.t@curro.co.za). We know we're all going to have a blast – but please remember that being responsible means wearing a mask!





**GRADE 3 PEN LICENCES**

We would like to congratulate the following learners for acquiring their pen licenses. These learners earned their pen licenses due to their continuous effort in applying the correct spacing, letter formation and overall neatness. By earning their pen licenses, they are now allowed to complete all their schoolwork in pen.

Azariah Chetty	Mamasela Ramollo	Khethelo Ntanz	Tristan Dias	Arikonisaho Makhwanya
Kayleigh McMillan	Cayden Parfitt	Xiyan Chen	Luella Ellis	Shanae Swanepoel
Kathryn Visser	Isabella Igrec	Ayanda Guvi	Caitlin Cunningham	Ziara Dharsey
Zaydaan Akoojee	Hannah Jacobs	Tanaka Mukaronda	Erin Richards	Siena Harvey
Helen Beier	Thati Mthimunye	Khethelo Ntanz	Tshianeo Ramavhunga	Thashni Naidoo

**GRADE 4 TO 7 TERM 3 CYCLE TEST ARRANGEMENTS**

The following procedures will be strictly followed in September when the writing of cycle tests begin:

Cycle test times for Groups A and B (alternate): **8:30am to 10:30am and 11:00am to 1:30pm.**

Cycle test times for Online learners: **1:30pm to 3:30pm (includes online learners coming to school to write tests. Tests will be written in the Grade Head’s classroom)**

**Arrangements for learners coming to school to write cycle tests:**

1. Learner’s must come to school at least 30 minutes before the test, this gives time to record temperatures and sanitize.
2. Learner’s bring a clear plastic pencil case or Ziploc bag to keep stationery in.
3. Learner’s must report to their tutor class and line up outside ensuring social distancing with masks on, always.
4. Once learners enter the tutor class, they take a seat and have their temperature card on their table so that it is clearly visible to the tutor teacher.
5. The sessions will be broken up as follows:  
**5 minutes bathroom break at the beginning of the session only**  
**10 minutes to read through test paper**  
**60 minutes to answer the test paper**  
**5 to 10 minutes to check paper**
6. Once the test session is over, learner’s will be led off to the Taurus and Puttick gates where you will be fetched to go home.
7. Classrooms will be sanitised during this time.



**Test Rules:**

Please go through the following rules with your child at home to **avoid unnecessary stress.**

- Learners should arrive to school timeously during tests.
- School bags are not necessary. A smaller bag with stationery is sufficient.
- No borrowing of stationery will be permitted during the test session.



- Learners should ensure that they visit the bathroom before the test session to avoid distractions.
- No talking will be permitted. Learners have to put their hand up if they have a question.
- The following procedure will be followed should a learner be caught speaking or looking at another learner's paper:
  1. A line will be ruled at the end of the last section of work completed by the learner.
  2. The invigilator will indicate what happened and sign the test paper.
  3. The paper will be handed to the subject teacher for further investigation along with the HOD regarding the learner's result.

### STATIONERY:

- A clear bag for stationery
- Two working blue pens
- Two HB pencils
- A 30cm ruler
- An eraser
- A sharpener
- Highlighters
- Colour pencil



### Arrangements for learners writing tests online:

1. Learners will access the link messaged to them via MS Teams. The test will be set in a MS Forms document.
2. Tests will be accessed when the test session begins, that is at 1.30pm.
3. The cycle test will be clearly named, **Grade 4 Cycle Test Social Sciences**, and will be accessed by clicking on the link.
4. Before submitting the test, learners must ensure that they check their test before clicking, **submit**.
5. Please communicate directly with the teacher who is running the online invigilation should you encounter any problems during the test.
6. Learner's desks must be clear of any books, notes and any information pertaining to the test being written. There should be no posters and notes visible on walls and self when the test is being written.
7. No person, other than the teacher invigilating, may assist with the test.
8. Kindly ensure that the Wi-Fi connectivity is stable.
9. If there is load-shedding expected during your child's test time, contact your child's tutor teacher as soon as possible for arrangements to be made.
10. Ensure that the reply slip is signed and sent to your tutor teacher by 31 August 2020 (these were e-mailed out).

### **RELOCATION OF SECONDHAND SHOP**

Curro Aurora parents, please be advised that the Secondhand Uniform Shop has relocated, to where the GRIT Lounge used to be at main reception. The shop will continue to operate on an appointment basis during the following hours.

Monday: 07h00 - 11h00, Wednesday: 11h00 - 15h00, Friday: 11h00 - 15h00

Please contact the shop coordinator, Andy Watkins on 0837833653, to make an appointment, visit him should you have any queries regarding the process.



## Kubool and Cyberbullying

What you need to know to protect your child ...



You may have heard of Kubool, the new messaging app that lets users send and receive anonymous messages for free. A lot of learners are now using this app to express how they feel, but it's not all innocent and can actually be dangerous.

### What's the harm?

Although the app advertises that users will receive compliments, many messages are actually negative and untrue and there is no way of telling who said what. This means that Kubool is the perfect platform for cyberbullies.

### What is a cyberbully?

A cyberbully hides behind technology, such as the Kubool app, to say what they don't have the courage to say openly. Because they cannot see the hurt that they inflict, they believe they are not accountable.

### Cyberbullying is serious

Cyberbullies are often extremely cruel. They target people within their own homes – where there is little or no escape. This leads to negative feelings, such as anxiety, shame, pain and anger.



### What does Emma Sadleir from The Digital Law Company have to say?

Emma is an expert in social media law and pleads with parents to not let their children use this app. 'I hate all anonymous apps, but this is one of the worst ones I've seen. I've had many calls from desperate teens, tweens and parents.'

### Take action!

If you suspect that your child is the target of a cyberbully, you or your child must seek help by reporting them or the bullying will never stop. Cyberbullies think they are untouchable – but they are not.

Make sure to educate your child so that they don't become cyberbullies themselves.

Sources:

<https://gadgets-africa.com/2020/03/23/kubool-anonymous-messaging/>

[www.endcyberbullying.net](http://www.endcyberbullying.net)

To protect your child from cyberbullies, have them stay away from Kubool!

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**29 JULY**  
**19:00**

The wheels are starting to turn and we're ready to join you on your cycling journey! Are you excited, intrigued, and ready to go? Come and meet our team, share in our ideas and join in on the fun!

**WHERE** | **LIVE STREAMED**  
via our Cycle2Ride Facebook page

Yours in education

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