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Dear Parent / Learner

I was taught to always look for the silver lining when storm clouds are about. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I must admit that this was far easier said than done. With loved ones falling ill and people whom we care for deeply threatened by this potentially death-threatening disease, a silver lining is desperately needed, so I turn my attention to the impact of COVID-19 on our environment.

The COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking havoc in countries across the globe, causing a global health crisis and forcing economies to slow down due to the strict quarantine measures. However, the outbreak has also impacted the environment in an intriguing way. As the pandemic spreads in different parts of the world, its consequences run farther than closed borders, scarce hand sanitizer, and social distancing protocols.

COVID-19 is affecting the lives of millions of people and, also, the environment. Human beings are part of nature and all activity that impacts the environment also impacts us.

In the long term, the COVID-19 pandemic will offer lessons and opportunities leading to environmental action. For instance, we will have a new baseline of what can be achieved digitally: remote work, education, shopping, and more. In addition, as our governments, private institutions, and even social media succeed in partnering, we will possibly feel more capable of tackling other pressing issues such as climate change.

The devastating impact of COVID-19 and the extraordinary measures taken around the world have led to some tough questions for those working to combat plastic pollution. How do we support those in our community hit hardest by the outbreak? Can the recycling industry survive COVID-19? Can we still achieve a circular economy for plastics? And, how can we keep our work going in a world in which "normal" still seems so far away?

Our response to this health crisis will shape how we will deal with a climate crisis in the next decades. Times of change can lead to the introduction of long-lasting sustainable habits. Thanks to the outbreak, some habits that are incidentally beneficial to the environment may last since people will have experienced scarcity. For example, the reduction of travel, personal consumption, and food waste.

This public health crisis may serve as a turning point for another well-known crisis that, even though it may be perceived as slow, has the potential of significantly impacting humanity.

It is safe to say that no one wanted carbon emissions to be reduced this way. COVID-19 has a dark cost to our lives, healthcare systems, and mental health of people around the world. But, in silver lining fashion, it has also shown that communities can make a difference when they take care of each other, and this could be an invaluable lesson when we face climate change.

VIRTUAL LAUNCH

You're invited!

Join us at our virtual launch on 29 July from the comfort of your own home. 😊

We hope to see you online!



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CYCLE 2 RIDE

WHEN

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

All Curro schools will adhere to the term dates which Executive Heads announced to their respective school communities in the letter to parents dated 26 May 2020 as follows:

Grades R to 12						
Term 2	Days	Term 3	Days	Term 4	Days	Total days
1 April – 31 May (ONLINE ONLY)	(40)	6 July – 23 Sep	57	28 Sep – 9 Dec	53	129 (169)
1 June – 26 June (BLENDED APPROACH)	19	(BLENDED APPROACH)				

The last day of school is scheduled for 9 December at this stage, but some learners will finish a bit earlier, depending on the examination timetable which we will compile as soon as we have a final version of the grade 12 timetable as it impacts on venue availability.

Our **online schooling will continue** in terms of our commitment that no child is left behind:

- Our goal is to include all our learners and families, and any special provisions necessary will be made to ensure a continuation of learning for all the children under our care;
- We will continue uploading work for those still in lockdown to ensure that no work is missed by the learners during this time;
- We ask all learners to commit to their studies to ensure that they keep up to date with their curriculum and assignments as much as possible till such time as their grades are able to return to the classroom.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Matrics: School uniform is to be worn on Mondays and Fridays, allowing enough time to have the uniform cleaned. Should you (the learner) have PE on a Monday or a Friday, please wear your full school tracksuit with blue pride T-shirt. We ask that learners are dressed neatly (and warmly) for school please.

As all grade 8 to 11 learners will only be on campus every other day from the start of next term, therefore learners will be required to wear school uniform.

Please also note that normal hair and nail regulations still apply– let's look neat and tidy, ready for school.

50% CAPACITY MEASURES:

GRADE 10, 11 & 12:

The group of learners at school will receive the daily teaching face to face, learners not at school will receive the same teaching via MS Teams

- At 50% capacity our Grade 11 learners will be at school for face-to-face teaching on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9 and continue with online learning on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and rotate with grade 10 learners as from 6 July. This will limit the number of bodies on campus for each day.
- Our grade 10 learners will be at school for face-to-face teaching on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and continue with online learning on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9 as from 6 July.
- For all learners to be taught by their teachers at school, we will be following our normal timetable, practicing social distancing as far as possible and making use of bigger venues for bigger groups whenever possible.
- The group of learners at school will receive the daily teaching face to face, learners not at school will receive the same teaching via MS Teams, online.

GRADE 8 & 9

- 50% of learners in a tutor class to be at school on any specific day. This will limit the number of bodies on campus for each day.
- Grades 8 and 9 learners have started moving classes again to limit academic time lost as teachers had to move to new venue, do sanitizing procedures for the class and then log on to the school network again and then access MS Teams to allow for hybrid teaching before classes could start. In lieu of this, we ask that learners please bring own sanitizing wipes or spray for their own desks as they move about. Though teachers do sanitise as far as possible between lessons, and the cleaning staff sanitise at breaks and after school, it is only prudent that learners take on the responsibility of looking after their own health too – the educational value of this cannot be over-emphasized.
- For all learners to be taught by their teachers at school, we will be following a normal two-week cycle whereby each class is split into two groups, Group A and B.
 - Group A will have face-to face classes on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9 and online classes on days 2; 4; 6; 8; 10.
 - Group B will have face-to-face classes on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and online classes on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9.
- After each two-week cycle, the groups will swop around.

The syllabus will continue as normal through-out face-to-face and online classes.

Should you / the school be affected by load shedding, lessons will be made available via MS Teams for access by the learners when possible.

MANDELA DAY: CURRO FAMILY 5KM BIG WALK.

Thank you for supporting our Mandela Day Drive – 5 km family walk in your own neighborhood.

Friday, 17 July 2020: Wear all the colours of the rainbow to celebrate our rainbow nation.

CURRO FAMILY 5KM BIG WALK.

Date: Saturday, 18 July 2020.

Venue: Your neighborhood.

Time: 06:00 – 18:00.

Entry: Non-perishable food – each Curro school to distribute donations to charity of their choice = Curro cares and social responsibility for Mandela Day.

We will have shopping trolleys at our school entrances to facilitate the drop-off of tinned food.

We ask that you wear Curro/anything blue – maybe dress up. #Bluepride

Once you have completed your walk – send name and surname; a screenshot of phone, watch or any other device to prove that completed the walk/run accompanied by a photo or video of you / your family.

We will share your pictures and videos on social media.

MANDELA DAY: JARS OF HOPE

Due to the isolation restrictions linked to COVID-19 this year, we are celebrating 67 minutes for Mandela Day a bit differently.

We have a whole school focus - providing soup for our vulnerable communities in Jars of Hope.

Our goal is to collect 1670 soup jars that will feed 6700 people to celebrate 67 minutes for Mandela Day.

Each Soup pack will have: 1 cup of rice, about 1 cup lentils and 1 about 1 cup soup mix (barley & split peas), an unwrapped stock cube & soup packet.

We need the whole Curro Aurora family to pull together to achieve our goal.

LET'S GET INVOLVED!

#curroaurora

#bluepride

Mandela Day

A JAR OF HOPE

Our goal is to collect
1 670 jars of hOpe.

Make your soup jars of
hope over the
Mandela Day weekend
(17 to 19 July 2020)
and deliver to campus
on 20 July 2020.



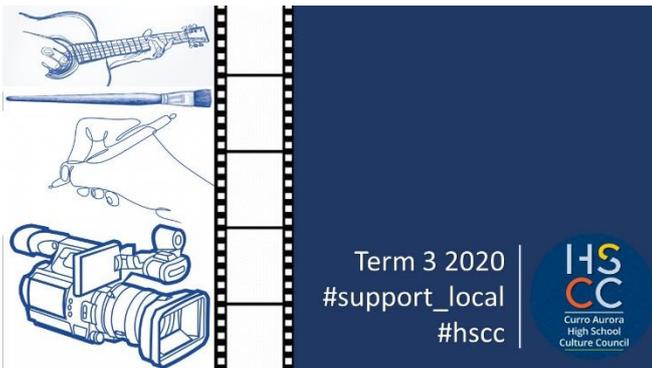
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CULTURE

Mrs Saskia Snyders

TERM 3 HIGH SCHOOL CULTURE COUNCIL DRIVE #SUPPORT_LOCAL



The High School Culture Council is launching an exciting and necessary initiative which will run for the duration of Term 3. #support_local

As written in an advert for Tribuo Fund: “Artists breathe air into our inner lungs / Say what we cannot say / Show us what we could never see / Move and make our hearts pound / They hear our secrets and make music from it / ... / Art teaches us to know ourselves / Draws us together / Makes us whole / Collects our memories / BUT NOW OUR ARTISTS NEED US”

To celebrate and promote our local talent, the high school culture councilors will be interviewing artists in our Curro Aurora community as well as professional artist to find out how we can support local talent in these challenging times.

July is dedicated to local musicians and we are excited to let you know that we will be starting with two interviews with learners in our school who have produced and released their own music.

Look out for the interviews with Kiara Fryer (Grade 11) and Rebecca Arthur (Grade 9) on Curro Aurora’s social media accounts.

**JULY IS
SUPPORT LOCAL
MUSICIANS MONTH**

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National Eisteddfod of South Africa

The National Eisteddfod of South Africa for 2020 is going ahead with exciting changes and new opportunities.

**ENTRIES
ARE
OPEN**



Closing date for online entries: 31 July 2020

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We encourage our talented learners to enter this year's National Eisteddfod Academy. Entries are completed online, and step-by-step instructions have been sent through to all the high school families through MyHub.

Entries close: 31 July 2020.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Snyders (Saskia.s@curro.co.za)
#Straight2Camera



CCNYTF is continuing.

We are extremely excited to share the **CCNYTF #Straight2Camera Monologue Festival** initiative with you. It is new, it is fresh and it is just what the doctor ordered!

Specific information regarding this exciting opportunity has been shared via MyHub with all high school families.

Closing date for entries: 31 July 2020

Entry fee: FREE

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Snyders (Saskia.s@curro.co.za)

.....and ACTION!!

SPORT

Mr Adrian Ferreira

Following the success of the National Inter-Curro 1km Relay Challenge Curro has launched a Virtual Duathlon Championship. The Curro Aurora athletes, staff and parents displayed a keen application and participation in the relay event and we encourage all to participate in the Duathlon.

INTER-CURRO VIRTUAL DUATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

This event runs until Friday, 31 July (winners will be announced on Monday, 3 August 2010). The distance to be completed is 2km run/5km cycle/1km run.

These can be run at any time on the same day.

There are two options:

- **INDIVIDUAL entry** – boys and girls in the High School age group categories of u/14, u/16 and u/18.
- Submit screenshots from any device as proof of the time, date and distance completed to championships@curro.co.za by 16:00 every Friday. (Type in the subject line: Duathlon Championship and the category you wish to enter)
- **MIXED TEAM entry** – a relay team of 3 members with each team member doing one leg of the race. The three categories here are u/14 u/18 and Staff.

Submit screenshots from any device as proof of the time, date and distance completed to Jono.w@Curro. co.za by 14:00 every Friday. (Type in the subject line: Duathlon Championship and the category you wish to enter)

A weekly leader board will be posted on Curro Sport's Facebook and Instagram pages every Monday; the idea being that entrants challenge this time with a better time.

The Championship ends on Friday, 31 July 2020, with last submissions at 16:00. The winners will be announced on social media on Monday, 3 August 2020.

Winners of each category will win themselves a Sportsman's Warehouse voucher.

RUN, CYCLE, RUN – EASIER SAID THAN DONE!

#YourMove.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Joshua Dike is part of a group of Mountain Biking cyclists who participate in the Spur Schools Series that been suspended due to COVID-19.



Gauteng Schools' Cycling have now established a series of Virtual Cycling Races, using the Zwift platform, to keep the cyclists active and it allows them to compete during the lockdown period. He cycles on a bicycle that works off a smart trainer that simulates the movement of riding.

The first trial race included 23 cyclists from Gauteng South Schools and Joshua did extremely well in winning the 21km event in 34 minutes, 30 seconds. The next race was opened to include schools from all provinces in South Africa and he finished the 20km course in

2nd place out of the 60 riders in a time of 32 minutes, 42 seconds. The next few races are to be held in the upcoming weeks.

FITNESS FRIDAY:

Mr Hourquebie's fitness sessions can be most beneficial to those who participate. All are encouraged to engage in these exercises!

COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS / RETURN TO SCHOOL



Please pay a visit to our website for the latest on Curro during the time of COVID-19.

<https://www.curro.co.za/covid-19/>

Curro Aurora has implemented the necessary safety precautions and procedures as detailed in our Standard Operating Procedures document.

Please take note of our school procedures – please talk your child through it at home so that they feel prepared upon returning to school.

WE URGE ALL TEACHERS, PARENTS AND LEARNERS TO ADHERE TO THE SAFETY MEASURES – SOCIAL DISTANCING, THE WEARING OF MASKS AND SANITISING IS NON-NEGOTIABLE. LEARNERS MUST ALSO PLEASE BRING PERSONAL SANITISER / WIPES TO SCHOOL TO ADD ANOTHER MEASURE FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION.

• Check point 1: (At the main gate)

- Temperature of learner to be measured when arriving at school whilst still in car – NO physical contact is required.
- learners to have their own temperature card (provided upon return to school) that must be carried on them.
- **Learner needs to have a pen and the temperature card ready and record the temperature on the card while still seated in the car.**
- A mask must be worn correctly by all occupants in the car.
- ANY Covid-19 symptoms MUST be declared to the staff member taking the temperature.
- If temperature is 37.5° or higher and/or learner is not wearing their mask, then they cannot move to check point 2 and parents will be asked to take the appropriate measures – please comply to these carefully.
- Any symptoms reported immediately

• Check point 2:

- Sanitise hands.
- Check that temperature has been recorded on temperature card
- Check correct wearing of face masks
- Recording of temperature and complete check list of symptoms on control sheet.
- Any symptoms reported immediately

• Check point 3: (Pedestrian entrance gate)

- Check that temperature has been recorded on temperature card
- Check correct wearing of face masks
- Reminder of social distancing rules applicable
- Any visitors to the school (including parents) directed to main reception area for screening
- Any symptoms reported immediately

• Check point 4:

- Sanitise hands
- Tutor class for admin – record temperatures from COVID CARD onto an Excel spreadsheet, in the applicable date column.
- Complete Curro Temperature and Symptoms check sheet
- Any symptoms reported immediately

• Check point 5:

- Sanitise hands before entering classroom.
- Lesson times are 45 min – please ensure that all lessons (online and on-campus) are recorded and shared via MS Teams platform.
- Sanitise hands when exiting classroom.
- Any symptoms reported immediately

Please also note:

- Learners to be collected from the same areas at the end of the school day – sanitise upon leaving the school property.
- Two twenty-minute breaks are in place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and a thirty-minute break on Wednesdays.
- During break times, learners are required to practice social distancing and also wash their hands with soap and water.
- It is recommended that learners bring own hand sanitizer to school
- Learners who have Primary School siblings are to collect their siblings from the quad area in front of the Primary School office where they are under supervision and move straight to transport collection point(s).
- Social distancing is vital.
- The wearing of masks is compulsory for ANYONE on campus.

WEARING A MASK TO SCHOOL

Mrs SJ Olivier

You have been provided with two masks by the school. You are welcome to wear your own mask. Remember that your cloth mask must have a minimum of two layers. You may not re-use a single use mask.

Always wear your mask correctly! The mask must cover your nose and your mouth and fit snugly over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.



Before you put your mask on, wash or sanitise your hands properly.

Remember that you will have to be wearing your mask when you arrive at the school gate to have your temperature checked.

Avoid touching your mask while you are wearing it. Make sure your mask fits correctly so that you do not need to adjust it. If you do touch your mask, be sure to sanitise your hands immediately.

When removing your mask, do not touch the front of the mask. Remove it by using the ties around your head or behind your ears.

Wash your mask after every use.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1918 someone made this cat a tiny flu mask!

Doesn't that make you feel slightly better about the world?

Source: <https://www.buzzfeed.com/oldtimeycats/in-1918-someone-made-this-cat-a-tiny-flu-mask-d4cv>

GRADE 10 CHARITY FOOD DRIVE

The Gr 10 learners and their parents collected over R8000 during lockdown (April). They then put 50 food parcels together and these were delivered to One small act of kindness and Beanies for beings charities for distribution to the poor, during May. The balance of the money collected is earmarked to buy food for distribution to animal shelters.

Hampers of Hope

Each hamper costs R150 and is going to be donated to the Fountainebleau community church. The church helps shelters for the homeless.

Curro Aurora's Grade 10s are putting together food hampers, but we need all the help we can get!

How can you help? We would love for you to sponsor a hamper or more!



For more information, please contact:
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WINTER WARMER INITIATIVE



Curro Aurora High School's Culture Council is fully behind the community service winter warmer initiative!

They are inspired to create for the benefit of others. You too can join the Culture Council in supporting this - dare to start creating today and change someone's life for the better!

#currocares #learners2leaders #bluepride

SECONDHAND UNIFORM 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 0837833653 to make an appointment or call Andy should you have any queries regarding the process.

THOUGHT TO PONDER:

"The shift to lifelong learning is absolutely essential. As the pace of technological change quickens, we need to be sure that employees are keeping up with the right skills to thrive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. That applies to both technical and soft skills. There will be changes in both areas."

- Zvika Krieger
Head of Technology Policy and Partnerships
Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution
World Economic Forum

We wish you and your loved ones continued health – please keep safe.

Yours in education.
Dion Kotze
Head of High School.