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NEWS LETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians and Learners

A Message from the Executive Committee of 2020



Head Boy: Siyabonga Nhlapo

Thank you. Baie dankie. Enkosi. Siyabonga. Kea leboha, Curro Durbanville for such an exhilarating high school experience.

It is, however, heart-breaking for me to state that our journey has unfortunately come to an end.

My fellow wolves, the only obstacle that is standing between you and success is yourself. You are greater, stronger and more powerful than you may think. You just have to believe in yourself. The world is going to try and rob you of your happiness; people will make you doubt your greatness; you will be told that you are not good enough.

I urge you all to rise above society's perceptions of you. It is time that you not only realise your uniqueness but that you also understand it. You must understand that you are not only a part of the wolfpack but that the wolfpack is a part of you. Always has been and always will be.

Stay Lit.

Head Girl: Kiara De Gouveia

Never, in a million years would I have thought that I would endure such a crazy year filled with hand sanitiser and thermometers throughout my time as Head Girl. Yet, life is full of plot twists.

However, under no circumstances did I ever stop feeling the love and support of our wolf pack. When you are truly a part of something, no distance can separate you and no mask can block out love. It has been a true honour and privilege serving as Head Girl and I hope I have made a small difference in everyone's lives as you truly have made an impact in mine. I leave Curro Durbanville with a heavy heart but with memories for a lifetime.

To my fellow matrices, thank you for making each day overflow with an abundance of laughter and joy, I hope your next chapter in life is nothing short of that. I wish you sunshine and an unfailing spirit of adventure to guide you through life. To my teachers who supported me and celebrated along my side at the finish line, a big thank you.

To the class of 2021, success is the sum of small efforts that you repeat day in and day out. Although the world seems unpredictable right now, remember there is always a greater plan. Be passionate and be involved in what you believe. Remain stubborn about your goals and work towards them. With a bit of faith by your side, nothing can stop you!





Deputy Head Boy: Elona Fikani



As the end of my school career and end of the year draw near, I find myself feeling nostalgic and I can't help reminiscing. It feels as if it was just yesterday when I first stepped into the school as a Grade 8 whose pants were as high as his aspirations. It feels as if it was just yesterday when I stood up on that stage and was announced as deputy head boy. It feels as if it was just yesterday when my fellow Matrics and I were anxious yet optimistic about the year to come. Fast forward to now, and none of us could have ever imagined what the year actually had in store. This year has been filled with a multitude of challenges, but I would still like to take this opportunity to thank Curro and the teachers for helping us salvage some great memories such as the Matric Ball and Valedictory. On behalf of all my peers, I would also like to thank all the teachers who worked tirelessly and offered up their personal time to ensure we were surviving lockdown. I would also like to thank all of my peers for making the past five years an excellent experience and for being part of a family that I'll always hold dear to my heart.

Lastly, to the fearless leaders and Matrics of 2021, the time has finally come. My fellow Matrics and I have tried our best to lead the school during these times, but now it is your time to shine. It's time to buckle up and put your seatbelts on because, even though it won't be an easy year, I know you will persevere. Don't be scared of the year to follow because now it's time to stand up be strong because Curro needs each and every one of you. My last piece of advice I would like to leave you with is: Take every opportunity that comes your way because you "miss 100% of the shots you don't take" and in the end, you will only regret the chances you didn't take.

we will miss you

Deputy Head Girl: Tayla Jearey

After what seemed like one of the most drawn out years, I cannot believe that the class of 2020 has finally come full circle with our school career. It is crazy to think that just last year the class of 2020 were eagerly waiting to be the new seniors of the high school and have the best matric year possible. Unfortunately, no one could've prepared for the year that was thrown at us. But we have finally made it and, looking back, it feels as though the whole year was just a dream.

I have been in Curro Durbanville for 14 years, and I truly could not see myself anywhere else. Curro has become my second home, with friends that I've made for a lifetime and teachers that were there for me no matter what. I have made some of the most amazing memories at Curro and, if you are wondering what the best way to make memories is: get involved. Try out for every sport, every school play and every after-school club because this is where you make memories for a lifetime.

To the class of 2021, my biggest advice would be to get out of your comfort zone and try new things for the last time before it's too late, because you never know if there's going to be a pandemic that might take away those opportunities. Before you know it, it will be over, and you will be getting ready to write your final matric exams with people that you grew up with who are all getting ready to follow very different paths in life. However, it is important to remember that, when one chapter closes, another one opens. It is truly difficult to say goodbye, but I know that if anyone is ready for the real world, it is the Matric class of 2020.





ACADEMICS

November Examinations 2021

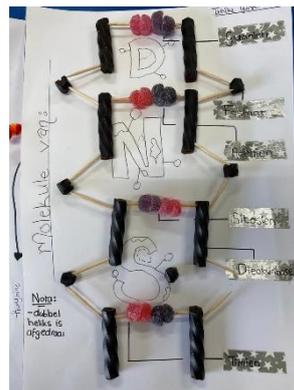
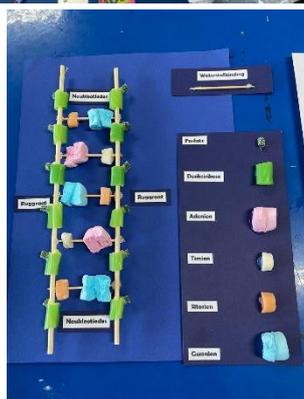
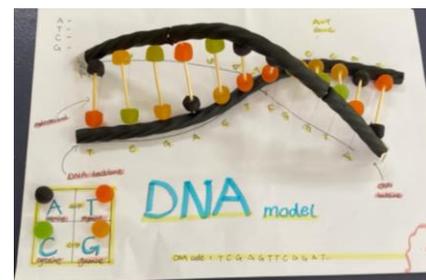
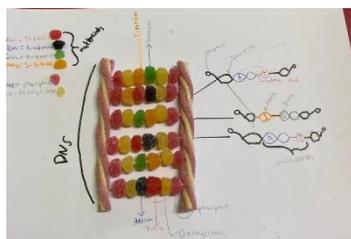
Please refer to the letter that was sent to all parents on Thursday, 22 October, for details regarding the November 2021 examinations. Please note that all examinations will be written at school. No online option is available.

Please take note of the following dates:

Monday, 30 November	End of examinations
Tuesday, 1 December	Learners come to school to check marks
Wednesday, 9 December	Please take note of the change in date for the sending out of reports. Reports will be sent out via MyHub @ 12:00. If you require a hard copy, please make arrangements with your child's guardian teacher.

Grade 8 DNA Workshop

On 9 and 10 November, the Grade 8s completed a workshop on DNA. As the topic is so important for Life Sciences and the work is very interesting, we always try to add it as an extra topic during the fourth term. On 9 November the learners had an online lesson on the basics of the topic, including what DNA looks like, where it is found, as well as its importance for life on Earth. On 10 November the learners had to answer a few questions on the topic in class and then used the rest of the time to build a DNA model entirely made of sweets and toothpicks to keep the structure together. They enjoyed it thoroughly and especially loved sneaking a sweet behind their masks for extra energy during the building process. This fun way of learning prepares them for the topic in the years to come and also cultivates a curiosity about genetics as a future career.





CULTURE

VREET – A Murder Mystery with a Twist

On Friday, 6 November, the cast of VREET made their film debut. Eight of our learners were fortunate enough to have their first on-screen experience when they were given the opportunity by Die Boer to record their production of VREET, written by our very own Ms Lize-Meri Amann and Mr Deon van Zyl. We would like to congratulate the following learners on their phenomenal virtual performances: Megan Naude (*Daisy de Melker*), Juan-Luc Muller (*Stefan de Koning*), Andrea Swanepoel (*Mrs Smith*), Kiara de Gouveia (*Virginia Woolf*), Carlia Greyling (*Jessica Fletcher*), Sanah Healey (*Sylvia Plath*), Mia Dippenaar (*Dr Ingrid Jonker-Smith*), and Matthias Calitz (*Inspector Dumond*).



GENERAL

Thank you to the PAC of 2020

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PAC of 2020 for all their efforts and contributions during this year. Although it has been a year of trials, with resignations and a worldwide pandemic, the PAC still managed to have a very successful year. They raised a total of R 55 331,41 which enabled them to sponsor the Matric Valedictory as well as the learners' individual photos. We would also like to thank the PAC for all they did for the staff. We wish the PAC of 2021 a successful year and look forward to witnessing all their successes.

We Honour the Parent Class Representatives

At a special function held in the HPC, the high school thanked all the class representatives of 2020 for their unwavering support during this unprecedented year.

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their own fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all



born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.” – Pope Francis

Curro Durbanville High School class reps and all our parents who support us - we love and appreciate you.



The Matrics of 2021

There was great excitement at Curro Durbanville on Friday, 30 October, when our Grade 11s received their Matric jackets. They are now officially our most senior learners and the Matrics of 2021. We wish them a successful 2021 and we look forward to seeing everything they will accomplish.





SPORT

Curro Durbanville Aquatics: Swimming Report

Two Curro Durbanville Aquatics swimmers were invited to participate in the SA Short Course Invitational in Pietermaritzburg from 24 – 27 October. They fared extremely well, achieving personal bests.

Congratulations to: Ethan Hieckmann (Matric 2019) and Christiaan Kriegler (Grade 9)

One of our Curro Durbanville Aquatics swimmers was also invited to a training camp at Curro Sitari.

Congratulations to: Joanica Kriegler (Grade 10)



Two Local SA Hockey Players Make Curro Durbanville AstroTurf Their Training Ground

We are fortunate that two South African National hockey players, Tarryn Glasby and Keenan Horne, train regularly on our AstroTurf. Both Tarryn and Keenan are senior members of our country's national hockey team. Keenan is currently the SA men's hockey team vice-captain, and both are training for the Olympics which will be held in Tokyo in 2021. Curro Durbanville hockey players will have the privilege of watching these hockey legends in action on a regular basis and will surely benefit from a bit of training and professional knowledge and advice passed on to them.





Junior Nationals 2020 - Tennis News

With COVID and lockdown, the junior nationals were postponed until October. The format was different, owing to restrictions around sporting events and only the top 28 players in each age group were invited.

Owing to the rain, many of the matches could not be completed and the players were given the last position they finished on in the group they played:

Kyler Hugo B18 – last 16 singles and semi-finals doubles

Erin Laubscher G18 – Quarter-finals singles and semi-finals doubles

Louis Bierman B14 – played for position 17/18 but, owing to the rain, both opponents were placed 18; doubles round of 16

Celina Joseph G14 – Quarter finals singles and doubles round of 16

Mia Kotze G14 – played for position 25/26 but, owing to the rain, both opponents were placed 26; doubles round of 16

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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