

# Primary school **NEWSLETTER**

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## International Day of Women and Girls in Science, 11 February

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE- Mrs Ashleigh Teubes

On Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2021, the whole world will be celebrating International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Today, just 28% of careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics are held by women. Long-standing biases and gender stereotypes are steering girls and women away from science related fields. The purpose of the day is to achieve full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls. To kick-off the celebrations, during assembly, we watched a video where a female chemical engineer, dental hygienist and radiographer shared more about what they studied and allowed us a sneak-peek into their daily work environment. We hope to inspire many future women-scientists who will one day change our world. Not all (s)heroes wear capes - some wear lab coats!

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# OPEN DAY

From 2,5 years to Grade 12

**Date:** 27 February 2021  
**Time:** 08:00 – 14:00  
**Venue:** Curro Aurora (Taurus Road entrance)

Limited visitors allowed on campus.  
Bookings essential: [mags.t@curro.co.za](mailto:mags.t@curro.co.za)

High school scholarship applications for 2022 now open.  
Closing date: 27 February 2021

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### OPEN DAY

Please encourage your colleagues, friends and family members to visit us during the upcoming open on Saturday, 27 February 2021. Bookings are essential. Please see the flier for more information.

### AFTERCARE

Our Aftercare service is up and running. Learners are having loads of fun. Should you be interested in enrolling your child, please email Jo at [johanna.e@curro.co.za](mailto:johanna.e@curro.co.za)

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

What an exciting upcoming event! Should you wish for your child to participate on Saturday, 13 March 2021 at Curro Academy, The Blyde, then click on the link below to complete and submit the entry form. Entries are free and close on Saturday, 13 February 2021.

<https://forms.gle/SxXeD4f9AHt3mgyg9>

## CURRO CUP MOUNTAIN BIKING



### DATES AND VENUES:

This event will consist of three regional events, namely:  
 Saturday, 6 March 2021 at Meridian Pinehurst  
 Saturday, 13 March at Curro Academy, The Blyde  
 Saturday, 20 March at Curro Hillcrest

### AIM/PURPOSE

This is an interschools event open to all Curro schools with the aim of identifying the best Curro mountain bike school in South Africa. The competition rules are adapted from those of the Spur mountain bike league as set out below.

### THE COMPETITION

The competition consists of a Primary school and a High school competition.

The best girls; boys and mixed teams are determined.

A girls' team comprises the best three girl's overall results across all age group categories.

A boys' team comprises the best five boy's overall results across all age group categories.

A mixed team comprises the best two girls and best three boys overall results across all age group categories.

Teams are determined by the results on the day; there are no predetermined teams.

There are no restrictions to the numbers of riders that a school may enter.

Individual riders will be recognised at a podium presentation.

### HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORIES

BOYS	GIRLS
Sub-Junior (13 to 14 years)	Sub-Junior (13 to 14 years)
Youth (15 years)	Youth (15 years)
Youth (16 years)	Youth (16 years)
Junior (17 to 19 years)	Junior (17 to 19 years)



### PRIMARY SCHOOL CATEGORIES

BOYS	GIRLS
Sub-Nipper (7 to 8 years)	Sub-Nipper (7 to 8 years)
Nipper (9 to 10 years)	Nipper (9 to 10 years)
Sprog (11 to 12 years)	Sprog (11 to 12 years)
Sub-Junior (13 to 14 years)	Sub-Junior (13 to 14 years)



## REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE

**Recycling** reduces the need for extracting (mining, quarrying and logging), refining and processing raw materials all of which create substantial air and water pollution. As **recycling** saves energy it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which helps to tackle climate change. Please make use of the recycling plant situated on our campus, off Puttick side, where you can recycle many of your household items.

## Recycling Plant

### Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to extend the use of our recycling plant to our Curro Aurora families.

**Mornings:** 07:00 – 08:30

**Afternoons:** 12:30 – 15:00

Kindly only use the Puttick Road entrance to the recycling plant.

We only accept paper, plastic, glass and cans!



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## CURRO CHESS ONLINE TOURNAMENT

The game of **chess helps** young people learn to concentrate, think logically, overcome obstacles, spot patterns and categorize information. We look forward to seeing many of our learners registering to participate in the upcoming chess league tournament.

# CURRO CHESS

## Online League Tournament

Rapid Swiss

**Date:** Saturday, 27 February 2021

**Times:** 09:30 – 13:00 (primary schools) | 14:00 – 17:30 (high schools)

**Online platform:** Lichess.org

SECTIONS	CRITERIA	ENTRY FEE	TIME CONTROL
Primary schools	Five rounds Rapid Swiss (open to all Curro primary school learners)	Free	20/20
High schools	Five rounds Rapid Swiss (open to all Curro high school learners)	Free	20/20

**REGISTRATION**

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.chesshub.org.za](http://www.chesshub.org.za), register and log in. You just need to register once to make a booking for a whole family.

**STEP 2:** Click on the 'Curro Chess Online League Tournament' link and complete the booking process.

**STEP 3:** You will now receive an email to notify you that you have made a booking. Please follow the steps on the email to go to [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org).

**STEP 4:** Make sure that you have joined the teams for primary school and high school.

**STEP 5:** Sign up for the tournament according to your age group.

**STEP 6:** You are done! You will receive an email a day before the tournament to remind you to sign up for the tournament but this can be done beforehand.

All entries close on 23 February 2021 at 17:00.

**\*\* LOC reserves the right to waive criteria in all sections**

**\*\* Tiebreak: Sonneborn-Berger**

**FAIR PLAY**

- + Pairings are done as per Lichess.org pairing system and all regulations in respect to using computer assistance will be strictly monitored.
- + Please ensure that you have a good Wi-Fi or Internet connection on the day of the tournament to ensure that your tournament experience is a pleasant one.
- + 'Kid mode' on Lichess is compulsory for all players under the age of 16 years old.
- + Any person found guilty of cheating will forfeit their place in the rankings and will be banned from participating in future events.
- + The organisers reserve the right to cancel or reschedule this event should they consider this necessary.
- + A 24-hour pre-event anti-cheating inspection will be conducted before the tournament starts.





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## SIX PRINCIPLES TO CONSIDER WHEN PARENTING A TEENAGE ATHLETE (Jonathan Wernich)

Parenting a teen athlete is a different world from parenting a Foundation phase or Castle learner. The various costs are inflated, the stakes rise, the competition improves, the drama intensifies and parental sacrifice increases.

Our children at Curro Aurora are growing up and changing right before our eyes, but the problem is that as kids mature, parents must adapt the way they parent. Intermediate phase sport is a different game.

### 1. You and the coach have different jobs

As an Intermediate phase sports parent, your job description becomes simple: Support your child, the team and the coach. Occasionally the lines become a little blurred from the sideline. Parents and coaches should be on the same team when it comes to school sport. However, being on the same team does not mean you have the same jobs. The team's coach and parents should both believe fully in helping kids grow, learn, and have fun in competition, but that is where the similarities should end. For our children to have the best sport experience possible, the parents and the coach must partner together, doing what is best for each child. When that happens, then the real winners of the game will be our children.



### 2. There will be huge mental battles

Coaches and athletes say that sport is more of a mental game than physical one. Gaining the mental edge in sport will be an ongoing challenge for our children. The mental game includes the ability to focus, move past mistakes and persist through adversity. It involves dealing with anger, low self-esteem, head games and perfectionism.

### 3. Not all dreams come true

Parents and guardians can struggle with how much to let kids dream and how much to help them see reality. You may be tempted to be a dream-crusher, with the best of loving intentions, as you try to protect your child from disappointment. As our children get older the dream-chasing can get costly. If your child wants to make a team or get playing time or get noticed and ultimately make it to an elite level, it may add the demand for extra training and other time-consuming activities. This will be hard work for the whole family.

### 4. Playing time addictions are unhealthy

As our children start competing at a higher level, playing time in team sport is no longer automatic and most likely will not be equal. Children and parents will need to adapt and learn how to cope with this. It is important is that our athletes grow to be tough, learn to fight and work hard, have mental and physical victories, learn how to be selfless, humble, loving and strong. It is also important to develop good friendships with teammates and coaches. This whole process of playing sport is meaningless if our children don't build character in the process.

## 5. Your child is a teenager, not just an athlete

Parents are not only dealing with the demands of youth sport but are also facing the challenges of raising a teenager.

In this season of life, it's so important that children know you see them as people, not just athletes.

## 6. The competitive pressure increases

As children grow, so does the pressure. When children get to high school, they may have to attend trials for a team, they could be playing in front of bigger crowds. When they arrive at university there is a whole new level of pressure. Children have the added stress of balancing school and sport. All these factors pile up on kids and sooner or later, if our children are feeling the pains of stress, we will see the side effects.

**Remember the bigger picture, always. School sport experiences are building blocks for the future. Each game. Each friend. Each coach. Each team. Brick by brick, your child is building their character for the future.**

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Conrad Koen, one of our Grade 7 learners, participated for the Gauteng Gryphons Indoor Hockey Team at the PSI Indoor Tournament in Mpumalanga. This event was hosted at the hockey Indoor Centre during the December 2020 holidays. Conrad and his team went unbeaten all the way to the semifinals.



## ALPHA ROBOTIC'S CLUB

**Robotics** helps address the growing demand for teaching science, technology, engineering and maths in **schools**. As well as exemplifying technology directly by programming the robot, students also learn about science, engineering and maths and get an understanding of how these subjects link together.



**ALPHA ROBOTICS CLUB**

**Now hosting both physical and online classes!**

You can learn both basic and advanced programming and building techniques in a creative and supportive environment.

**Dates:** Monday to Friday | **Time:** 14:00 – 16:00  
**Venue:** Online Discord server / Robotics Lab  
**Cost:** R78 per hour

**Limited space available – register today!**

For more information, please visit:  
[www.alpharoboticsclub.com](http://www.alpharoboticsclub.com)  
Grade 3 to 11 only

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## LEARNER/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WHILE DRIVING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We kindly request all parents to consider the safety of others while dropping or picking up learners – especially during peak hours when all parents are in hurry to get to work or back home.

Thank you!