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Dear Parents, Guardians & Learners

Every year on April 22, **Earth Day** marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.



Earth Day is widely recognised as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behaviour and create global, national and local policy changes.

The fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more and more apparent every day.

As the awareness of our climate crisis grows, so does civil society mobilisation. Disillusioned by the low level of ambition following the adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015, citizens of the world are

rising to demand far greater action for our planet and its people.

Curro Aurora has a fresh and frustrated generation of young people who are refusing to settle for platitudes, demanding a new way forward. Fortunately, digital and social media are bringing planet intervention conversations, protests, strikes and mobilisations to a global audience, creating awareness and uniting a concerned citizenry as never witnessed before.

A school, education cannot be limited to textbooks and classrooms, but should focus on empowering individuals with the information, the tools, the messaging and the communities needed to make an impact and drive change. This is exactly what we propose doing for Earth Day on 22 April 2021.

We invite you to be a part of Earth Day and help write many more chapters—struggles and victories—into the Earth Day book.

How? Quite easily: we ask that you raise awareness in your community and get actively involved in our recycling initiative.

Recycling Plant

Dear Parents/Guardians

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



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

We only accept paper, plastic, glass and cans!

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Don't throw away our planet by throwing away recyclable material.

EARTH HOUR

Be a Nature Hero for Earth Hour this year.



To get started, mark the date in your calendar. It is **8.30 pm on 27 March**. Started by WWF and partners as a light-out event, Earth Hour is now one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment. It calls on millions in more than 180 countries and territories to take action for people and nature.

You can also follow the **virtual event page** that has been created on Facebook. It is another easy way to stay connected with the WWF in the lead-up to Earth Hour.

Because of current circumstances globally, Earth Hour this year is shining a light on local nature heroes – like yourself – and asking them to create the same unmissable Earth Hour sight online. What does this entail? Recognising and celebrating our planet and the role nature plays in our lives on social media.

Sign up today (https://www.wwf.org.za/earth_hour/) and WWF will email you exciting tools so you and your friends and followers can take part in the first-ever virtual spotlight Earth Hour event on 27 March at 8.30pm.

NB: PUNCTUALITY

Staying in Johannesburg is synonymous with dealing with non-working traffic lights and congestion on the roads. Please compensate for this by leaving home a few minutes earlier.



TEMPERATURE SCREENING AND
RECORDING IS FROM **06:45** TO **07:45**
SCHOOL STARTS AT **07:45** WITH TUTOR
LESSON



(Teachers who are on duty to do screening in the mornings also need to be in class by 7:45.)

ONLINE and On-CAMPUS LEARNERS NEED TO BE IN TUTOR CLASS BY **07:45** PLEASE – LEARNERS WHO ARE **LATE** FOR TUTOR CLASS WILL BE MARKED AS **ABSENT** AND WILL BE RECORDED AS SUCH ON END-OF-TERM REPORTS.



ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (subject to change)

Grade 10,11 and 12 (FET Phase):

To limit numbers on campus and ensure that more bigger venues are available for teaching, we will continue with reduced capacity measures in **Grades 10 and**

11:

- **Grade 11** learners are to be at school for face-to-face teaching on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9 and continue with online hybrid learning on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and rotate with Grade 10 learners. This will limit the number of bodies on campus for each day.
- **Grade 10** learners are to be at school for face-to-face teaching on days 2; 4; 6; 8 and 10 and continue with online hybrid learning on days 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9. This will limit the number of bodies on campus for each day.

Grade 8 and 9 (Senior Phase):

- 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**.
Schedule from Monday 8 March:
 - 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.
 - 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.

2021 National English Olympiad – Change of Examination Date

Mrs Sharon Weber

Because of recent changes to school term dates, the date of the English Olympiad examination must likewise be changed to ensure that teachers still have sufficient time to brief their candidates and to allow candidates to prepare themselves through group discussion and self-study.

Following consultation with educators, Tuesday, 16 March 2021 has been identified as the most appropriate day for the examination. This is fourteen days later than the original examination date. (Note: The length of the examination will be three hours, and the starting time will be communicated in due course).

CULTURE

CURRO CAS 2021



With a record 156 entries, Curro Aurora High School's learners are well on their way with their creative journeys.

Please note that all submission entries (Post It! Write It! Shoot It! Code It! And Film It!) must be submitted to Mrs Snyders via MS Teams or by using WeTransfer by the 29th of March 2021.

CREATIVE WRITING



The Creative Writing Course has started! Mrs Gallon is excited to share this awesome process with all our budding writers.

Sessions will be on **Thursdays from 14:40 – 15:30.**

Please contact Mrs Gallon if you have any queries.

DANCE CULTURE



We would like to introduce you to Quintus Jansen from Dance Culture. Quintus has recently taken over from Mario Gomes at the Curro Aurora Performing Arts Academy.

Dance Culture Studios was founded in 2012 by Quintus Jansen, an Internationally qualified adjudicator and dance coach specialising in Ballroom & Latin American. He holds an MBA in Entrepreneurship and is the Executive Producer of WORLD of DANCE South Africa since 2017. The studio currently operates from 2 locations in Honeydew and Bryanston.

Over the years, he has trained many qualified professionals and dancers who have represented South Africa countrywide and abroad. Please contact Quintus Jansen on cell: [076 809 0912](tel:0768090912) or quintus@danceculture.co.za.

SPORT

Mr Adrian Ferreira

VIRTUAL CURRO CUP: ATHLETICS (FIELD EVENTS)

Curro is hosting a virtual athletics event. The field events (long jump, high jump, discus, javelin and shot put) will now take place. The age groups are u/14, u/15, u/16 ,u17 and u/19. All athletes and learners are encouraged to participate.

Learners who are participating in other sports on the allocated days must first do the field event before joining their practices.

The dates and times are:

Monday, 15 March & Thursday, 18 March: 14:45 to 16:30

CURRO CHESS ONLINE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT:

The first of the Curro Chess online tournaments took place on Saturday, 27 February.

We congratulate all who participated and those who finished in the top ten placings per age-group:

- u/20: Nathan Phiri (5th) & Dylan Williams (7th)
- u/16: Aditya Huri (7th)

EXTRA-MURAL SPORTS PROGRAMME:

Based on the current guidelines, some sports are allowed skills-based training with no sharing of equipment. Other sports can only do fitness and conditioning. This is a great opportunity for learners to participate and we look forward to these sessions! No matches are allowed at this stage. Mr Hourquebie and Ms Webb's fitness and conditioning sessions will continue and learners who participate in Athletics must attend.

Note the following arrangements and protocols to be adhered to:

- Learners must attend sport sessions in the Curro PE kit. They are allowed to change after school.
- Learners who are not at school on the day of a session, due to platooning, are allowed to attend practice.
- Learners must submit the Covid-19 declaration form to the relevant sport teacher before they can participate.
- Learners to meet at the allocated bag area 10 minutes before the scheduled start.
- Learners must be collected immediately after their activity is finished.

- School bags must be taken with learners to the allocated area and placed within the allocated bag zone.
- Bags must be placed 1,5 metres apart.
- No child will be allowed back into class to collect their belongings as classrooms get fogged in the afternoons.
- Each teacher will have the following: Sanitiser bottle, signage on safety guidelines, screening forms and thermometer.
- All learners attending must be screened by the allocated teacher.
- A social distance of 1,5 metres must always be applied.
- Specific safety protocols will be applied at the respective codes.
- Learners must bring their own water bottles. No sharing of water bottles will be allowed. Masks must be worn to the screening station. Once screened, masks can be removed while doing exercises with the permission of the teacher, provided that the 1,5 metre social distancing is applied.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME:

This programme is subject to change depending on changing sport protocols

Sport	Teacher in charge	Days and Times	Practice/ Fitness & Conditioning
Fitness and Conditioning:	Ms N Webb & Mr C Hourquebie	Monday & Thursday: 14:45-15:30	Fitness & Conditioning
Cheerleading:	Mr S Krause	Monday, Thursday & Friday: 15:00-16:30	Fitness & Conditioning
Boys' & Girls' Hockey:	Mrs N van Biljon	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Practice No sharing of equipment
Netball:	Ms I Strydom	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Fitness & Conditioning
Rugby:	Mr W Hammond	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Fitness & Conditioning
Street Dance	Ms M Chou	Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Practice
Swimming	Mrs W Longwitz	Monday & Thursday: 15:00-16:00	Practice
Boys' and Girls' Tennis:	Mr A Neethling & Mrs J Tobin	Monday & Wednesday: 15:00-16:00	Practice No sharing of equipment

Worship Wednesdays

Mrs Susan van Dyk



On Wednesday 10 March, Kelvin Law from The Barn came to our school to spread the good news. As part of our holistic approach, Worship Wednesdays creates a space where learners can ask questions on issues they struggle with or just listen to the word.

Next week Dylan Williams and Thutuka Mathebula will lead worship with live music.

CURRO BUS SERVICE

A day in education begins and ends with transportation!

Transporting our most precious cargo!

SAFETY ALWAYS FIRST

- Convenience for working parents.
- Morning and afternoon routes.
- Private transfers – Curro learners only, public not allowed on the bus.
- A safer alternative for learners to and from schools and a reduction in vehicle congestion during peak hours.

Did you know?

Curro Aurora offers a bus service

that covers the following routes:

- Randpark, Radiokop,
- Jackal Creek Golf Estate,
- Eagle Canyon Golf Estate,
- Bellairs, Blandford Manor,
- Fourways, Jukes Park,
- Olivedale, Honeydew,
- Sundowner, Wilgeheuwel & Strubensvalley

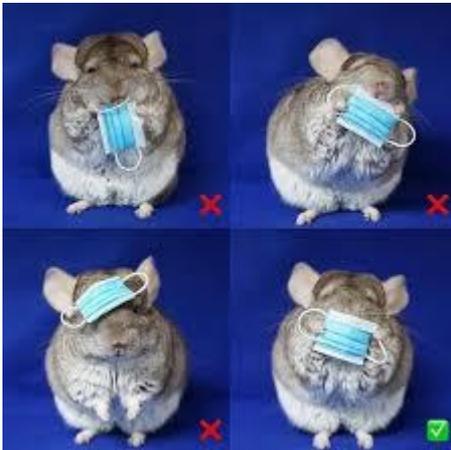
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WEARING A MASK TO SCHOOL

Mrs SJ Olivier



A mask **MUST** be worn at all times. 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.

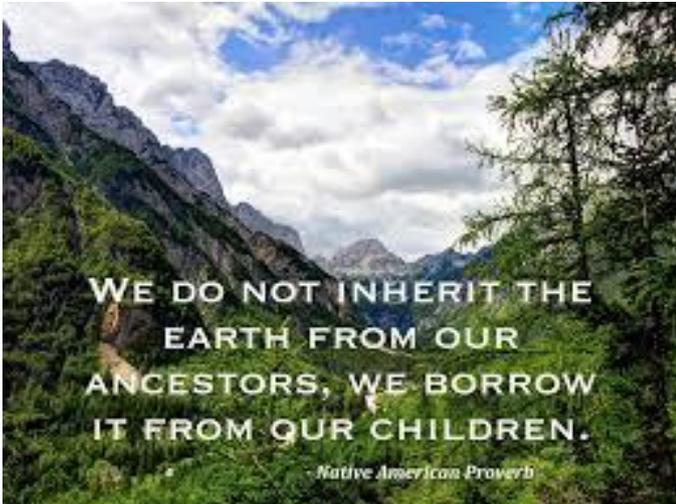
Before you put your mask on, wash or sanitise your hands properly. Remember that you must wear your mask when you arrive at the school gate to have your temperature checked and recorded. Avoid touching your mask while you are wearing it.

Wash your mask after every use.

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



Yours in education,

Dion Kotze
Head of High School

Upcycle, recycle or shop

Donate items to our furry friends and their loving humans.

What to donate:

- New or used collar and/or leash
- New or used blanket and/or bedding or cushions
- Something for our furry friend's human:
a bag of sweets, non-perishable food items, used clothing, toys and stationery in good condition

What to do:

- Hand in your (washed and cleaned) items to Cindy in a clearly-marked bag.

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Understanding *Cyberbullying*

Is someone making you feel embarrassed, uncomfortable or asking you inappropriate questions when you are online or using other technology? You have been targeted by a cyberbully.

What is cyberbullying?

- The sending of threatening or intimidating messages
- The posting of negative, hurtful or harmful information or pictures of someone else
- The sharing of private information designed to humiliate someone else

How are cyberbullies different from other bullies?

They hide behind technology because they don't have the courage to make statements honestly; they believe they are not accountable for the pain and cruelty they inflict on their victims.

How serious is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is very serious as one might feel that it will never end, because the bully is right there, in the privacy of your own home, where there is little or no escape; this leads to negative feelings, such as anxiety, shame, pain and anger.

Take action!

You must seek help by reporting them or the bullying will never stop; remember, they think they are untouchable – but they are not.

Don't be guilty of cyberbullying yourself!



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