



CURRO DIGIMAG 2018

DECEMBER 2018

Project-based learning
made fun

From chess **champions**
to swimming stars

Local art creates a buzz

Curro gives back

CURRO
Schools

*'Motivate the mind;
the body will follow'*

- Lisa Savelli



MESSAGE FROM ANDRIES

December 2018

Dear Curro family

What a year it's been! Our schools enjoyed sterling achievements across academic, cultural and sporting disciplines, we enjoyed the unwavering support of parents and siblings, Curro turned 20 years old, but we also had quiet times and sad times. We also celebrate the many wonderful learning experiences that have taken place across numerous classrooms, in very creative and innovative ways, and the importance of relationships across generations among teachers and learners. At Curro, we firmly believe that a great education involves us continuously working to improve learning for every child so that they embrace it for the rest of their lives.

The sculptor Michelangelo said, 'Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it.' When asked about his inspiration for the statue of an angel, he said: 'I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.' Our task at Curro is to 'see' each child placed in our schools, and to nurture them in our unique way, so that they realise their full potential.

Summer is a special time for all of us and provides many happy family memories. I hope that you and your children enjoy many opportunities to have fun in the weeks ahead.

We shall sadly be saying farewell to some families and balancing that with a warm welcome to the new families joining us. We wish you a wonderful and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Kind regards

Andries Greyling
CEO: Curro Holdings

IN THIS ISSUE

Message from Andries	3
Academics	4
Sport	26
Arts and culture	46
Community outreach	66
Other	82

ACADEMICS

CURRO BANKENVELD

Celebrating success

Little is more rewarding than being given recognition for a job well done. Curro Bankenveld was awarded the accolade of most improved Curro school – IEB examination, by Curro Holdings for the matric results of 2017. This was the second time in the school's seven-year existence, that they have received this award.



Nico Bronkhorst (then Head of High School) with the two academic awards Curro Bankenveld received during their seven-year existence.

CURRO BLOEMFONTEIN

On 19 October 2018, Curro Bloemfontein honoured the success of its learners at their awards ceremony. Among the many who were recognised for their achievements was Tiegan Robertson, who received the Principal's Award for being the top academic achiever in Grade 12.

Bloem at its best



Tiegan Robertson receiving the Principal's Award from Willie Havenga (Executive Head).

CURRO BRACKENFELL

World Robot Olympiad 2018 – three teams in the top five

WRO South Africa has just announced the national results for the World Robot Olympiad 2018, explorer category.

Out of the 151 teams that participated in this category, all three Curro Brackenfell teams are in the top five in South Africa.

The Grade 3s participated in the WeDo challenge and all three teams from Curro Brackenfell scored full marks and received gold medals.



Grade 3 WeDo challenge
From left: Mia Radyn, Tara Bouwer, Rabia Sheik, Boyang Zhang, Connor van Dyk, Kayden Wise and Tiaan Borchardt



Explorer category – second place
From left: Leila Allie-Reid and Robyn Roelfze



Explorer category – third place
From left: Cole Williams and Kieran de Bruyn



Explorer category – third place
From left: Nicolas Smith and Matthew Jacobs

Learners excel in science expo



Back, from left: Kyle Janse van Rensburg (Grade 10) and Hendré Barnard (Grade 11)
Middle, from left: Kayla Hansen (Grade 11), Ethan Hieckmann (Grade 11) and Amor Rhode (Grade 9)
Front, from left: Joshua Dennis (Grade 11) and Dharma Bredell (Grade 11)

Curro Durbanville learners earned medals at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists.

Seven Curro Durbanville High School learners participated in the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists. All of them were awarded medals. Joshua Dennis and Ethan Hieckmann won gold, as well as the prize for the best senior physics project. Dharma Bredell won gold as well as the prize for the best senior technology and innovation project. She has also been selected to represent the Stellenbosch district at the International Science Fair (2 to 5 October in Johannesburg). Kayla Hansen won silver and Amor Rhode bronze. Kyle Janse van Rensburg won silver and Hendré Barnard won gold, as well as the prize for the best senior plant sciences project.

Three Curro Durbanville primary school learners, Mila Crous (Grade 6), Lisa Bezuidenhoud (Grade 7) and Michael la Grange (Grade 6), participated in the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists in August.

Both Lisa and Mila achieved a bronze medal each and Michael was awarded a silver medal for his investigation. This annual event, the largest of the four Eskom expos hosted in the Western Cape, was held at the University of Cape Town from 17 to 19 August 2018.

Masters of Mathematics and Physics



From left: Ralph McDougall and Adri Wessels

The list of academic and Olympiad accolades achieved by two Curro Durbanville learners during 2018 is astounding. There is certainly a bright future ahead for them.

International Mathematical Olympiad: Ralph McDougall (Grade 12) and Adri Wessels (Grade 11) were selected to represent South Africa at the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), which took place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, from 7 to 14 July 2018.

International Olympiad in Informatics: Ralph McDougall was selected as a member of the South African Informatics Olympiad team for the second consecutive year. Last year Ralph represented South Africa in Iran. This year he wore his green and gold again in Tsukuba, Japan, from 1 to 8 September 2018. The SA Informatics Olympiad team consisted of only four learners, who were chosen out of more than 2327 candidates from across our country.

The UCT Mathematics Competition: Ralph received a gold award in the UCT Mathematics Competition this year. The award was given for his first place in the third round of the competition.

The South African Tertiary Mathematics Olympiad (SATMO): Ralph placed within the top 6 in the country at this Olympiad. The Olympiad took place on Saturday, 25 August 2018 at universities across the country. The competition, with the majority of its participants university students, consists of questions which test mathematical problem-solving skills and usually require ingenuity more than knowledge to solve.

South African Physics Olympiad: Adri Wessels (Grade 11) was invited by the South African Institute of Physics to participate in its Olympiad. Only 112 learners nationwide were invited to compete. The South African Physics Olympiad acts as a second round to the National Science Olympiad hosted by the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA). Adri achieved an overall third place in this Olympiad with a 71% final score.

Curro Durbanville learners excel at the World Robot Olympiad

Curro Durbanville Primary School learners were selected to participate at the Western Cape regional competition of the World Robot Olympiad on Saturday, 25 August 2018.

The competition included designing, building and programming robots.

Bhaumik and Taymon, from team RoboChamps were the overall winners in the explorer category and received gold medals.



Oh Yeah

Back, from left: Shaun Stander (Grade 5), Ewan Kruger (Grade 5), Andrew Botha (Grade 6) and Joshua Mettler (Grade 6)
Middle, from left: Joshua Venter (Grade 6), Phillip Ritter (Grade 6), Sebastian Robinson (Grade 6), and Caellum Olkers (Grade 6)
Front, from left: Bhaumik Patidar (Grade 6) and Taymon Thops (Grade 6)

Putting the puzzle pieces together

Curro Hazeldean participated in the Allen Grey Entrepreneurship Challenge along with 628 other schools across the country. The competition runs over a six-week period where mini challenges are posted weekly via the web and learners submit their challenges and try to stay at the top of the leader board.

Michael Kotze performed extremely well and secured sixth place out of 8 000 learners!



A proud Michael Kotze

Making school history – robotics soccer team

Curro Hazeldean is very proud of the first robotic soccer team to compete in the finals of the World Robotic Olympiad.

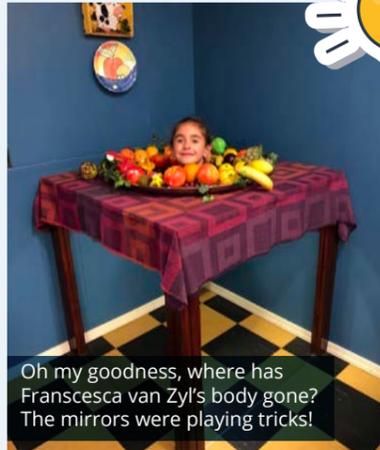


From left: Christiaan Kotze, Robert Meier and Luca Bergh

CURRO HAZELDEAN

The oldest interactive science centre

Curro Hazeldean Primary School goes on a variety of excursions that enhance the curriculum. During science week, learners in Grades 1 to 3 visited the Sci-Enza Science Centre which is the oldest interactive science centre on the continent. There are more than 200 interactive exhibitions that offer great fun and provides the opportunity to explore the wonder that science offers to the world. Learners had fun in the mirror maze, they discovered large and small animal skeletons, made amazing patterns with the pendulums and tricked their teachers with the anti-gravity mirror. Science was made accessible to learners in a fun and entertaining way that they are not likely to forget any time soon. This open laboratory gave learners the opportunity to 'play' with scientific apparatus in an informal setting



Oh my goodness, where has Franscesca van Zyl's body gone? The mirrors were playing tricks!



Dylan Kohlmeyer experiments with the Bernoulli Blower.



Learning how to build constructions with minimal weak points
From left: Armand de Vries and Marcel van Rooyen



Sitting under a jet with a Jacaranda tree in the background – the beauty of Pretoria

Flying high

Grade 2 learners enjoyed an educational tour to the SAA Museum in Germiston.



From left: Dakota Carmichael, Musa Mdululi, Nondumiso Xolo and Katelynn Pillay

Let's make money

Grade 3 learners enjoyed a successful entrepreneur's day at the school.



From left: Michael Pirie and Phelo Kheswa

CURRO HERITAGE HOUSE

Grade 11 Vietnam tour

A group of high school learners from Heritage House travelled to Vietnam this year. They visited the bustling Hanoi, the beautiful mountains of Sapa and the stunning beaches of Cát Bà. They were able to explore the history of this unique country as they visited a few museums while immersing themselves in Vietnamese culture by visiting local villages and enjoying the typical cuisine. It was an unforgettable experience that the learners will treasure for life.



Back: Nonkulukelo Msomi
Middle, from left: Olwethu Masuka, Ayline Mhlophe, Ms Kapp (teacher), Rebekah Gilbert, Tyra Allers and Haveshan Chetty
Front, from left: Muhammed Hajee and Amahle Langazane



From left: Rebekah Gilbert, Amahle Langane, Muhammed Hajee, Haveshan Chetty and Tyra Allers

STEAMD: Going for gold and silver

A team of ten Robotics learners and eight Grade 7 project-based learning (PBL) representatives visited Grantleigh for the inaugural STEAMD event. The robotics competition is an annual event where learners, paired with learners from other Curro schools, are challenged to complete the explorer category at the World Robot Olympiad. This year ten learners participated, with Elihle Ntuli placed fourth and Hema Doorgapersad placed fifth out of 24 participants. The Grade 7 learners presented their Natural Sciences, Technology and Social Sciences PBLs for the judges, while some of the other projects were on display. Heritage House was delighted to hear that Che Naran and Jack Sargood won silver for their Technology PBL and Akshar Dayanand, Jack Sargood and Wandile Jali won gold for their Social Sciences PBL. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to Mr Mattison, Mr Zuma and Miss Turner for accompanying the learners to Grantleigh.



From left: Jack Sargood, Wandile Jali, Akshar Dayanand and Che Naran

CURRO HERMANUS

Gold for young scientist

Jean Weight, a Grade 10 learner at Curro Hermanus, participated in the regional Eskom Expo for Young Scientists held on 23 August 2018 in Stellenbosch. His project was titled: 'How to teach complex numbers using the Mandelbrot series'. He won gold for this project and was the overall category winner for the Mathematics and Statistics section. He was also invited to represent the region at the International Science Fair in Johannesburg.



Jean Weight

Results from the Northern Cape semi-final:

- Armand Botes represented Curro Kathu in Afrikaans home language in the unprepared category.
- Zandri Malan achieved a 5th place for Afrikaans home language in the unprepared category (Grade 8 and 9).
- Erich Wende achieved a 6th place for Afrikaans home language in the prepared category (Grades 10 to 12).



Armand Botes, Zandri Malan and Erich Wende

Electronics sparks interest

This is the first year that Curro Kathu offered Electronics as subject, and they are very excited about this new subject. The Class of 2018 achieved good results and the Grade 10 class for 2019 has already doubled. There are huge sparks of interest in this field. Curro Kathu is building the future with electronics, watch this space!



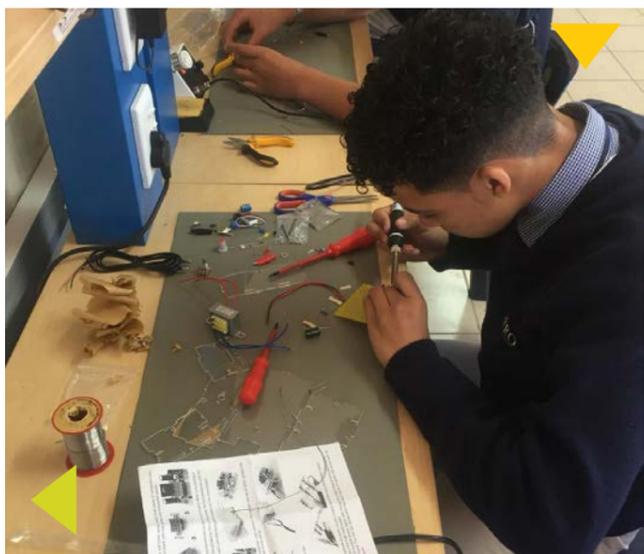
Mr BW van Dyk demonstrating to the learners how to use the wire stripper tool that will be used to strip wire to connect circuits on the circuit breadboards.



Working stations in the Electronics classroom



Elain de Klerk working on the practical task for the year, soldering electronic components on the PCB board.



Junior Methane mastering the skill of soldering electronic components on to the PCB board.

Curro Kathu's science expo

As part of 21st century learning, Curro incorporated Project-based learning (PBL) in the Natural Sciences curriculum. This is now a compulsory assessment task in the senior phase. These PBL projects are very similar to the well-known Eskom Expo for Young Scientists, following the scientific method and expecting learners to deliver a poster, a report and verbal communication as part of their project.

Thus, the idea was born to host a science expo at Curro Kathu where the learners from Grades 7 to 9 could present their final products. This event took place on 18 May 2018 in Curro Kathu school hall. As part of this science expo, selected Grade 5 learners participated in a Lego bridge-building competition. Grade 5 and 6 also took part in a robotics competition and Grade 4 exhibited dioramas. One Grade 10 and one Grade 11 learner also took part voluntarily. The idea was to motivate mass participation so that the best projects can be entered in further competitions and ultimately adding value to science in the community. From these results, a team of learners were chosen to represent Curro Kathu at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists and at the iMBEWU Northern Cape Science Fair.

The Eskom Expo took place on 27 and 28 July in Postmasburg. From the 8 learners who participated, Curro Kathu received one bronze, three silver and three gold awards. The gold medalists were Jessica da Silva, Chrisanda du Preez and Michiel Coetzee.

Curro Kathu also entered a team of 13 learners to participate in the iMBEWU Northern Cape Science Fair that took place on 31 August in Postmasburg. All these learners received medals and brought home a total of one bronze, nine silver and three gold awards. The gold medalists, Karlene Ludik, Naldo Capes and Giancarlo van der Merwe, were also the proud winners of tablets and a laptop respectively. These three learners were further chosen to represent Curro Kathu at the national competition, the South African Youth Engineering and Science Symposium (SA-YESS) organised by the iMBEWU Science Foundation from 5 to 7 December at the University of Pretoria.

Curro Kathu is extremely proud of these results and of all the hard work the learners have put in.



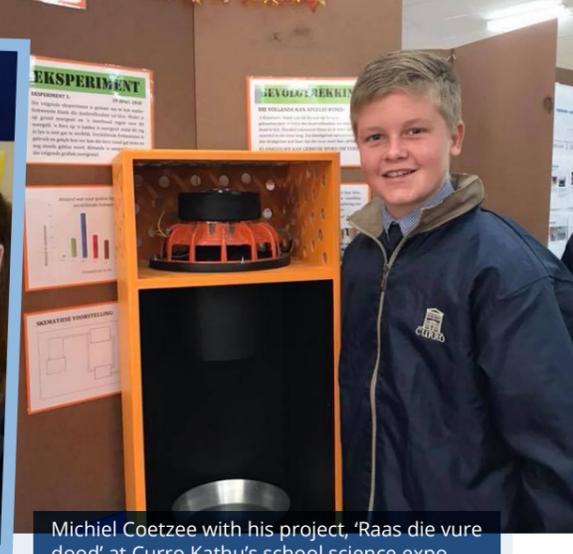
Naldo Capes and Karlene Ludik with their project, 'Recycle tyres to build roads' at Curro Kathu's science expo.



Curro Kathu participants at the regional Eskom Expo for Young Scientists. From left: Jessica da Silva, Chrisanda du Preez, Laurens Smit, Nadine Motsitsi, Keanu Mulder, Izelle Kasselmann and Chris Rossouw. In front: Michiel Coetzee



Jessica da Silva and Chrisanda du Preez with their project, 'Toekomstige plastiek beshuising' at the regional Eskom Expo for Young Scientists.



Michiel Coetzee with his project, 'Raas die vure dood' at Curro Kathu's school science expo.

CURRO HEUWELKRUIN

Teacher appointed as international robotics judge

Mr Robert Marriott, a teacher at Curro Heuvelkruijn, was appointed as international judge in the regular category at the international World Robot Olympiad. He will attend the international competition in November in Thailand.



Mr Robert
Marriott

CURRO KRUGERSDORP

STEAMD expo

Curro Krugersdorp was filled with excitement in June as they hosted the STEAMD expo. The expo showcased an array of work to show the importance of working together as teams, with communication, collaboration, critical thinking and character being some of the key elements.



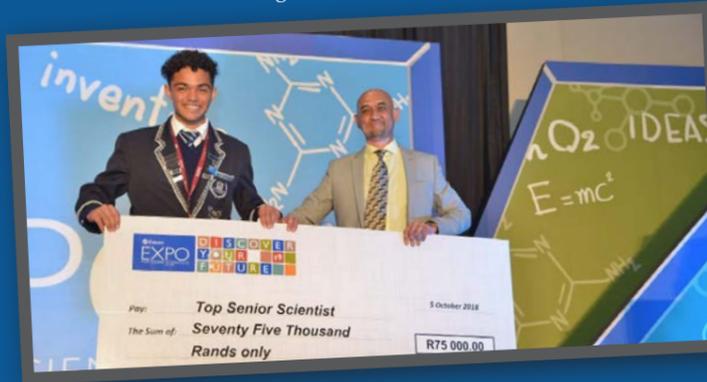
An enthusiastic Connor Christison

CURRO KLERKSDORP

Numerous accolades for young scientist

Aqil Variava, head boy at Curro Klerksdorp, took top honours at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists International Science Fair held at Birchwood Conference Centre from 2 to 5 October. Aqil won the Environmental Sciences category, also claiming four special awards including a full bursary from the University of Pretoria, a trip to Sweden to attend the Stockholm International Youth Science Fair and the Nobel Prize winners ceremony, various electronic devices, and the coveted top senior scientist cash award of R75 000. Aqil developed the 'Pollution Index' – an algorithm that monitors and helps improve water quality. His victory helped the Dr Kenneth Kaunda region to secure 1st place out of the 35 national regions competing at this year's event.

Aqil Variava accepting his cheque for the top senior scientist award from Mr Parthy Chetty, Executive Director for the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists.



Astronomy quiz team

This is the first year Curro Klerksdorp has participated in the Astronomy Quiz Competition. The competition tests the knowledge of Grade 7 learners regarding astronomy. This competition is held in conjunction with SAASTA (South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement). Curro Klerksdorp represented the Kenneth Kaunda region in round 3 which was held at North-West University (NWU).



From left: Zuhayr Bhyat, Xavier Botha, Abdullah Masud and Nashrah Sheikh

Carpe Diem Society

To qualify for the Curro Klerksdorp Carpe Diem Society a Grade 6 or 7 learner needs to obtain an average of 85% or higher for two consecutive terms. Congratulations to the learners who qualified for the Carpe Diem Society of 2018.

From left: Sergio Correia (Grade 6), Xavier Botha (Grade 7) and Lesedi Mahole (Grade 6)



CURRO LANGEBAAN

Eskom International Science Expo

Congratulations to Nicola Bezuidenhout and Jaco Coetsee who participated in the Eskom International Science Expo at Birchwood. Nicola received a gold medal for her project 'seawater irrigation'. The aim of Nicola's water project was to investigate and introduce an affordable and natural process to desalinate seawater to such a level that it can be used for agricultural purposes. Jaco received a silver medal for his project 'florivate' – a smart irrigation system. Curro Langebaan is extremely proud of these two ambassadors!



From left: Nicola Bezuidenhout and Jaco Coetsee

AMESA mathematics challenge

Every year the Grades 4 to 7 learners participate in AMESA's (Association for Mathematics Education of South Africa) South African Mathematics Challenge. This year 55 learners from Langebaan progressed to the second round of the challenge, where over 14 000 learners participated. Eight teams achieved a silver diploma while 16 teams achieved a bronze diploma. Curro Langebaan is proud of all their participants.



Curro
Langebaan's
mathematical
minds



CURRO MIDRAND

STEAM(D)

Five of the learner's from Curro Midrand won awards at the Curro STEAM(D) day that took place on Thursday, 21 June 2018.

Refilwe Malatse and Kalya Arigundia in Grade 7 won third place for their Technology PBL project.



Ayrton Da Gama and Lesedi Kuhale in Grade 7 won second place for their Technology PBL project.



Yasthil Seoll in Grade 6 won the prize for best collaborator in Robotics.



CURRO MOSSEL BAY

Curro can cook

The Hospitality Studies learners were really spoilt this year! The Grade 10 learners made their own ricotta cheese and Chef June demonstrated how to make halloumi, mozzarella and cottage cheese. Francois Ferreira from Francois Ferreira Academy in George demonstrated various cooking methods in the hospitality kitchen. He is an extremely skilled chef who left the learners feeling enriched and inspired with new ideas!

The hospitality industry includes a wide range of businesses. The key trait that all these businesses share, is that they offer hospitality – i.e. they all host people coming to eat, drink, sleep and be entertained. Curro Mossel Bay strives to teach its learners how to be hospitable so that they may one day be a part of successful businesses.



Restaurant evening

From left: Cameron Cole, Gilermo Lamini, Chef June, Michael Gheering, Ben Zur, Mhlali Gxavu and Tonya Stein

The talented Francois Ferreira

Curro takes the USA by storm!

It was with great excitement that 11 learners from Curro Mossel Bay departed for the USA on Monday, 25 June 2018. They were to attend a leadership summit hosted by Harvard University in Boston.

In preparation for the summit, each delegate had to complete a number of assignments and during the summit each group of learners used these assignments to prepare a presentation on a community outreach programme of their choice.

The group also travelled to New York City and Washington DC where they visited Times Square, the September 11 Memorial and Museum, The White House, Lincoln Memorial and Six Flags Water Park.



Taking part in the outdoor challenge
From left: Jeanelle Joubert, Emma Johnstone, Christiaan Dannhauser, Pieter Pretorius and Eunet Marais



On their way to the USA!



Visiting Harvard Law School
Front: Brendan de Nobrega
Back, from left: Jeanelle Joubert, Eunet Marais, Bonny-Lyle Young, Anke Pistorius, Monique Potgieter, Ian Jacobs, Pieter Pretorius, Christiaan Dannhauser, Emma Johnstone, Anlo Ferreira and Edrich Strauss



Preparing for summit presentations
From left: Ian Jacobs and Anlo Ferreira

Enjoying New York City
From left: Jeanelle Joubert, Anke Pistorius and Christiaan Dannhauser

CURRO MOSEL BAY

Top achievers for 2018

Wiehahn Kamfer in Grade 11 received an aggregate of 96,3%, Carli Muller in Grade 11 received 91,7% and Lara van Rooyen in Grade 12 received 93,7%. Congratulations!

During April the Grade 12 Business Studies and Accounting learners as well as the Grade 9 EMS learners, took part in a business simulation day (Banango) together with two other IEB schools in the area. It was an excellent opportunity for learners to engage in revision of theory, covered in a practical and fun environment.

The learners did exceptionally well in the competition part of the programme, which equipped them with extra entrepreneurial skills. Damien Hyman and David Searle achieved first place in the Grade 12 Business Studies simulation game. The Accounting learners really excelled and achieved first and second place overall.



Two of the proud top achievers of 2018
From left: Carli Muller and Wiehahn Kamfer (both Grade 11)



Banango – Business Studies and Accounting learners enjoyed the business simulation day



From left: David Searle and Damien Hyman



Lara van Rooyen (Grade 12) is a top achiever of 2018

Robotics in motion

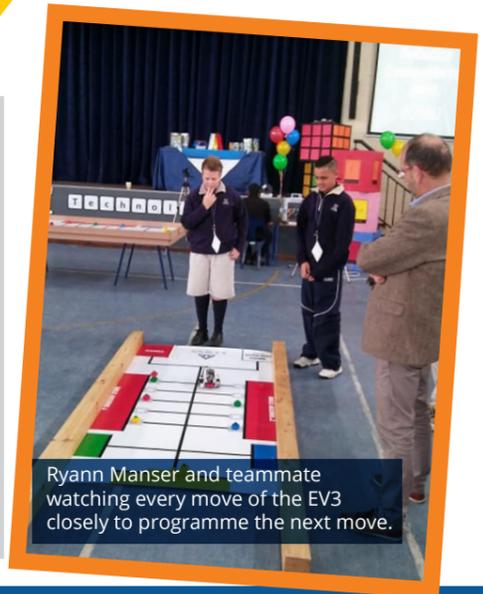
The Lego EV3 robot drives straight to the wall, but just before crashing, the ultrasonic sensor detects the wall and the robot stops in a fraction of a second. Using its gyro sensor, the robot makes a perfect 90° turn and follows a line with the colour sensor. A little hand presses the touch sensor and the robot comes to a halt. The execution was perfect. The robot did exactly what the learner programmed it to do.

This was at the annual inter-Curro robotics competition where eight schools battled each other for the top five positions. The competition was tough, but the rewards great.

The robotics club is a popular after-school activity where learners have robotics dance-off competitions and wrestling matches.



Front, from left: Lyle Duval, Josh Josephs and Waldo Smit
Back, from left: Paula Spies (teacher), Ryann Manser, Emré Basson, Nathan Roux, Michael Pienaar and Francois Pace



Ryann Manser and teammate watching every move of the EV3 closely to programme the next move.

The primary school is the best

The foundation phase of Curro Mossel Bay is a happy place where learners play as well as learn important skills. The Grade 1 learners went on an excursion where they learnt all about Mossel Bay and the Grade 3s took part in the eisteddfod.

The intermediate phase has once again experienced a year filled with highlights. At the Grade 6 leadership camp the learners were challenged to move out of their comfort zones and to discover their true selves.

Every year the Grade 7s end with a tour to Cape Town. This is a bonding experience for the learners in which they create many fond memories and build friendships that will last into their high school years and beyond.

Curro Mossel Bay is very proud of the excellent achievements of the chess players. They are true masters.



Grade 7s exploring Cape Town



Grade 1s learning about Mossel Bay



Grade 3 eisteddfod fun



Intermediate phase chess masters
Front, from left: Josh Josephs and Shekhinah Weaver
Back, from left: Waldo Smit, Ryann Manser, Hongxi Weng, Estelle Hugo (teacher) and Lyle Duval



Grade 6 leadership camp. Kaileigh Stander (front) and Chanél Saaymaan

Academic achievers

Jessica Barnard received the dux learner trophy, together with the trophies for highest marks in Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Information Technology, Afrikaans home language and Accounting. She has an aggregate of 88% and received a full bursary at North-West University, Potchefstroom campus, for her studies from next year. She will study BMI in Business Analytics and Data Mining.

Rulé van Zyl received the trophies for highest marks in English home language and Computer Applications Technology and has an aggregate of 85%. She has been accepted at the University of Cape Town to study BSc Physiology and trusts to study medicine soon.



Jessica Barnard

Rulé van Zyl

World Scholar's Cup

Pooja Maharaj, Stefano Menezes and Carey Whitehead earned their berths at this event at the global round, Durban, held from 1 to 4 October 2018. They are among the highest-achieving learners of over 30 000 who are competing in 120 regional events in over 60 countries. They participated in the tournament of champions round, open division, at Yale University in New York in November. The team was placed third and excelled in Science, History, Literature, Social Studies, Arts, Writing and Debating.



From left: Pooja Maharaj, Stefano Menezes and Carey Whitehead

First primary school prefects

The school announced their first primary school prefects in 2018.



Front, from left: Aimée Barnard, Gabriella Ferreira, Stephné Nell, Jaco Nell, Thailan von Allemann and Brian Heeley
Back, from left: Monique Nell, Skyla Tyack, Kyron Hasanbashaj, Owethu Cebekhulu, Kaylee Swartz and Ryan Allen

World Robot Olympiad

The World Robot Olympiad (WRO) KwaZulu-Natal regional round was hosted by Curro Mount Richmore for the third time.

Noah de Beer and Neha Manila achieved first place in the explorer challenge with Sam Preston and JJ Annandale achieving second place. Joshua and Connor Keyzer came third in the elementary challenge while the open category, junior challenge, saw Liam Kemp, Alex Noomé and Bryant Mouton achieving second place.

In the open category, senior challenge, Jason Nienaber and Connor Major in Grade 10 built and presented an automated wheatgrass fodder system by using Lego robotics, the EV3 programming language, and mechanical and engineering concepts. They competed against the best teams from various schools across the country.



WRO judge (far left) with Alex Noomé, Liam Kemp and Bryant Mouton



From left: Jason Nienaber and Connor Major



From left: Duncan Beaton (head judge), Noah de Beer and Neha Manila



From left: Noah de Beer and Neha Manila with their winning robot



Partaking in the WRO Nationals in Johannesburg
From left: Connor Keyzer and Joshua Keyzer

CURRO NELSPRUIT

Academic Swedish exchange programme

After nearly two years of planning, the time came for eight Grade 11 learners to embark on what would be a life-changing experience.

The learners taking part in the academic exchange programme to Växjö, Sweden started their 37-hour journey on 20 September. The journey included a bus ride, two flights and a high-speed train ride from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Växjö.

The host families and staff arranged various group activities – which included moose safaris, watching live Swedish national ice hockey and floorball matches, team building at the famous Boda Borg, visiting glass-blowing factories at Kosta Boda and even attending a Swedish traditional evening.

The learners attended classes at Växjö Fria Gymnasium. Stark contrasts lie between the South African and Swedish schooling systems. This was an eye-opener for learners and staff.

Interestingly enough, the learners returned optimistic and even more proud of what Curro Nelspruit has to offer. They have come back appreciating the uniform, discipline, traditions and way of teaching.



Arriving in Sweden
From left: Abby Mitton, Nellucia Burger, Bianke Lottering, Zuziwe Majejane, Emilie Schormann, Anè Swart, Palesa Mhlongo and Riyaad Mohamed



Staff in Sweden
From left: Maria Blom (Headmaster, Växjö Fria Gymnasium), Mike Bownes, Linda van Rensburg and Johan Wolf (CEO, Växjö Fria Gymnasium)

CURRO NELSPRUIT

Culinary tour 2018

A group of 17 learners from Curro Nelspruit went abroad from 22 September to 2 October to experience the bountiful tables of Hong Kong, Chiang Mai and Phuket. The school tour group has an ardent interest in the world's culinary arts but their travels have taught them to appreciate so much more, such as the rich history and culture, sacred spaces, vibrant night markets, tropical forests and fish pedicures.

The traditional Khantoke dinner (on the floor) at Chiang Mai's cultural village felt like a story from the royal courts of Old Siam.

The Thai cooking lesson was a wonderful blend of local tantalizing flavours. After a visit to the local market in Chiang Mai, Chef Sampon from the Chaing Mai Thai Cookery School taught the learners how to cook the spicy Thai way!

In Thailand the group mingled with the local mountain people of Mae Kampong Village. The guided tour through one of the most spectacular natural rain forests taught the learners about organic Arabic coffee, green tea, the use of mountain herbs, locally produced foods and aromatic tea pillows.

The gastronomic experience came to an end in the south of Thailand at Phi Phi Islands. On that bamboo island with its white beaches and azure seas there was snorkelling amongst the fish, eels and starfish and everyone enjoyed a farewell dinner at a beach-side restaurant.



Tour group at Po Lin Monastery, Hong Kong

Culinary tour group 2018

Swimming in Blue Lagoon
From left: Ziyah Williams, Kayla Petersen, Lesedi Theledi, Owami Ntimba, Makayla Venter, Oneile Ntshole, Robin Lyndeque, Clinton Khombisa, Chantelle van Lente and Kayla Tumber

Bamboo rafting down the Taeng River
Front, from left: Makayla Venter and Chantelle van Lente
Middle, from left: Robin Lindeque and Kayla Tumber
Back, from left: Christine Bleeker and Marilize van der Merwe

CURRO ROODEPLAAT

Robotic regional challenge

Curro Roodeplaat's robotics team took part in the regional robotics challenge at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT). There were 40 teams entered in the elementary category, in which Curro Roodeplaat took part. The task consisted of gathering different coloured blocks and then taking them to demarcated areas. On the given day, the order of the fruit (block) could be changed and the robot was expected to adapt. Curro Roodeplaat's team placed eighth and were invited to take part in the national competition (also at TUT) where the best of each province came to show off their programming skills. The team did well as they received 110 points out of a possible 170. The results are still awaited and thereafter it will be known who will go through to the international competition.



From left: Amogelang Tshoagong, Gerhard Gorf and Jason Houy

CURRO SECUNDA

Making music with recycled materials

The Grade 4 Natural Sciences learners are building musical instruments from recycled materials.



From left: Abobakwe Moeng and Malay Morar

Romana Cassim painting her instrument.

Learning new design skills

The senior phase learners completed a 36-hour double accreditation in Autodesk AutoCAD and Architecture. The learners are now able to design 2D and 3D mechanical and civil drawings. The aim of the course wasn't only to get familiar with the software, but also to get the learners familiar with the industry norms and standards of CAD (computer-aided design).



Exposing learners to a new experience in architecture and design.

A new design world at their fingertips ...

Lunga Mkhize getting to grips with the programme.



Back row: The instructors
Third row, from left: Kamogelo Masia, Lunga Mkhize, Jaythian Padayachee and Sibusiso Fakude
Middle from left: Olona Nohashe, Darnell Brooks, Vishnu Pillay and Thabo Thanjekwayo
Front row, from left: Payal Morar and Kyurri Naidoo

CURRO SERENGETI

Project-based learning off to a great start



Grade 4 E3 showing off their 3D model
From left: Nkazimulo Thomo, Rhys Nezar, Seisa Ndlovu Olwethu Sails and Nala Mazibuko

The Grade 5s were expected to embark on a new adventure in Geography this year by taking on the newly-implemented project-based learning programme. They had to build a railway system and plan a trip from the Cape to Cairo. Learners were expected to identify problems they would find along the way as well as the costs involved. They also had to show their planned route though Africa.

The Grade 4s had to challenge themselves in History. They had to do research on two iconic figures such as Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi and were expected to find important information on and differences between these two people. Learners also had to make a 3D model of South Africa for their presentation.



Grade 4 E1 learners with their 3D model
From left: Sharath Harrisunker, Kgosi Matabane, Connor Kuijers and Sakhile Mthembu



From left: Taro Dovorogwa, Connor Coetzee, Angelo Mendes and Tshego Phiri



Q'wen Reddy (Grade 5 E4) with his Cape to Cairo project



CURRO SITARI

Grade 11 Geography hike

The Grade 11 Geographers went for a two-day hike up to Landroskop Mountain Hut in the pristine Hottentots Holland mountains. The aim of the hike was to study soil creep, valley formation and a beautiful mountain wetland, not to mention the experience of camping in arguably one of the most beautiful places in South Africa.

Having to do some real map work to navigate over the mountains just added to the geographic experience.

Halfway there.

From left: Allen Hart (teacher), Francois Marais, Wihan Pienaar, Nevin Volmenc, Chili Kolala and Joshua Kondonis



Pointing the way. Allen Hart (teacher) doing what he enjoys, sharing his love for the outdoors.

Branches with goals

Learners putting their dreams and goals on a 'Dream Big Tree' to work towards their goals and ambitions.



Before, during and after.

SACEE spellcheck 2018

On Wednesday, 14 March 2018 the Grade 8 classes took part in the South African Council of English Educators (SACEE) Spellcheck Competition along with schools such as St Cyprians and Springfield Covent. This competition was an initiative that was started to improve learners' spelling, as they must study commonly misspelt words. Sitari ended in seventh position. The average error rate for Sitari learners was 6,76, which means that on average the learners had 18,4 spellings correct.



Two Sitari learners earned full marks.
From left: Kadin King and Kayla de Beer

Spelling bee

This year's Grade 3 spelling bee competition was hosted on 15 June. Thatchfield had 12 contestants who participated and competed for the title of champion speller. A lot of hard work and hours of practise went into making this event a great success. The top 5 spellers each received a certificate and all other contestants a participation certificate. In addition, the top 3 spellers each received a book prize. The top winners were Mpho Mandiwana (5), Tshitangano Mathavathe (4), Celiwe Mashabane (3), Lesego Seku (2) and the champion speller, Naledi Sekoati.



Back, from left: Nicoline du Plessis (Grade Head and coach) and Samantha-Lee Brink (teacher and coach)
Front, from left: Naledi Sekoati, Lesego Seku, Celiwe Mashabane, Tshitangano Mathavathe, Mpho Mandiwana, Onalerona Loate, Takalani Sokana, Nicole Gorivoto, Phila Shongwe, Oreneile Rakgotho, Muhluri Nkhwashu and O'neile Mmushi



Back, from left: Onalerona Loate, Mpho Mandiwana, Takalani Sokana, Lesego Seku, Phila Shongwe and Tshitangano Mathavathe
Front, from left: Celiwe Mashabane



Planting spring seedlings

On 7 September Thatchfield celebrated spring by having a planting day. Everywhere kids could be seen with shovels, seeds, flowers and plants – beautifying the school.



From left: Siyabonga Amadi, Yakhani Ntulela, Ngelosi Mana, Vaishali Chhana and Akani Muhlari



From left: Arehone Magidi, Dakalo Murivhi, teacher Elizna (Lion class – Grade R), Orefile Gainewe and Lulo Ngesi



The Elephant class (Group 5) are getting ready for planting.



From left: Didintle Moekoene, Yuthika Gurie and Olerato Taye

Prefects 2019

Curro Westbrook is proud of all the learners who were selected to be prefects/monitors for 2019. Sean Palmer will be the head prefect (academics and social), Chulekazi Simakuhle will be the deputy head prefect (environmental), Siphon Mthethwa was selected to be a prefect (sport) and so was Muaawiyah Ajam (culture). Lathitha Nyushu will be a monitor (secretary) and so will Junior Faku (treasurer).



From left: Anne-Marie Schrenk (teacher), Junior Faku, Lathitha Nyushu, Sean Palmer, Siphon Mthethwa, Chulekazi Simakuhle and Jaques Hackart (teacher)

Volcano science experiment

The Curro Westbrook Grade 7 class put into action what they have been learning in Social Sciences. They all made magnificent lava-spitting volcanoes on 25 May and practised a little science in the process.

Dylan Mileman experimenting with lava during Social Sciences.



Sean Palmer closely examining the lava and volcano eruption during this experiment.

A visit to a wind farm

The Grade 4s travelled to Jeffreys Bay for a wonderful excursion to the wind farm. They really enjoyed learning about the wind turbines, which stand 80 metres tall and the blades are 50 metres high. What an amazing educational experience!



The Grade 4 class showing how huge the wind turbines really are.



The Grade 4 class on their excursion at the wind farm in Jeffreys Bay



CURRO AURORA

Amazing year for the cheerleaders

This has been an amazing year for the cheerleaders of Curro Aurora. There were over 100 learners who tried out and, in the end, 45 learners made the team. Curro Aurora entered in the small, all-girl and small, co-ed categories and had amazing results at the Gauteng Provincial Championship with the co-ed team coming first in their category and the all-girl team coming third. Nationals was held in Oudtshoorn this year and there the all-girl team came first in their category and the co-ed team second in their category. Next year the teams will be traveling to the USA to compete in the World School Cheerleading Championship. Well done on these amazing results. Curro ... let's go, Curro!



Front, from left: Mihlali Tshili and Cassidy Steenveld
Back, from left: Courtney Cuchet, Danica Myburgh and Megan Vermeulem



The all-girl team in action at Nationals.

Mini-hockey festival



Matthew Katzenstein in action at the Saturday mini-hockey festival held at Curro Aurora.

Curro Aurora hosted three successful mini-hockey festivals during the 2018 hockey season. The under 7, 8 and 9 learners had the opportunity to showcase their skills and experience a friendly, competitive environment.



Young hockey stars showing what they are made of.

CURRO BANKENVELD

Bankenveld's netball pride

The 2018 netball season was one to remember! The under 14 netball team won the Mpumalanga league for small schools. This was achieved by Jana Goss (coach) and her very enthusiastic Grade 8 netball players. Well done girls, you made Curro Bankenveld very proud!



Front, from left: Ntando Mahlangu, Shumi Muguti, Jana Goss (coach), Mandisa Somqayi and Luyanda Maseko
Back, from left: Amu Maserumule, Sive Magqabi, Ntsako Mabedle and Sesethu Mbeya

With trophies come bragging rights.



The name of the game

Hockey is the name of the game and the first girls' hockey team from Curro Bankenveld High School sure can play this game. Not only did they qualify for the Noordvaal play-offs, but they were also the Mpumalanga medium schools winners. Well done to Carmen van Heerden (coach) and her team. The hours and hours of hard work have definitely paid off.



Front, from left: Jolene Barkhuizen, Monique Nel, Risuna Mathebula, Leandri Visser, Jamie-Lee Nel, Ciara Jones and Pearl Mlotshwa
Back, from left: Lucy Banda, Teaghan Coetzee, Yolize Vorster, Carmen van Heerden (coach), Xandri Brits, Rodé de Beer, Teagan Jansen van Rensburg and Nicole Nel



Jamie-Lee Nel in action against Hoërskool Hoogenhout from Betha.

CURRO BRACKENFELL

Western Cape tennis champion

Congratulations to Danielle Joshua, the top performing tennis player. She was chosen for the Western Cape under 13B tennis team. Danielle played in various tournaments this year where she represented the Western Province.



Danielle Joshua – Western Cape under 13B tennis

Western Province Chess Championship

Congratulations to the top performing chess players. Trinity van Beeck and Kael Beech both competed at the Western Province Chess Championship where Trinity was chosen to represent the Western Province under 12A girls' team and Kael the under 8A boys' team at the South African Junior Chess Championship later this year.



Kael Beech – under 8A WP chess



Trinity van Beeck – under 12A WP chess



Trinity and Kael at the Hermanus tournament.



Trinity van Beeck in action



Kael Beech showing his moves.

CURRO DURBANVILLE

Curro Durbanville's swimming sensation

When the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) announced the SA team members to compete at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 6 to 18 October 2018, Henju Duvenhage, a Grade 11 learner at Curro Durbanville High School, was one of the names. Henju travelled to Buenos Aires in October as part of Team South Africa for swimming, where he competed against top swimmers from all over the world.



Henju Duvenhage

Hitting the fairway like pros

During the second term of 2018 Jordan Rothman, a Grade 10 learner at Curro Durbanville, returned from the Ciputra World Junior Golf Championships with a number of accolades and achievements to her name. Jordan came fifth in the A-division and she won the best score for the girls on the second day of the tournament. Together with her SA teammate, Kiera Floyd from Ekurhuleni Metro, she also came third overall for the girls' section of the tournament.

During the June/July school holidays, Jordan won the Sanlam SA Women's Championship for 2018. All within a few days between events, Jordan also won the Western Province Junior Open Championship for 2018.



Jordan Rothman

Sportsman of the year

Marno Stander, a matric learner of Curro Durbanville, was appointed as school sportsman of the year during the Cape Town Metro Sport Awards at the University of the Western Cape (UWC).

Marno Stander (Grade 12) was also awarded as the runner-up in the junior sportsman of the year category.

He is ranked number one in Western Province tennis, represented WP at the SA Championships where he was unbeaten, and came fifth at the SA Junior Masters Tournament. He was also a finalist in the WP Grand Prix Tournament.

Marno also plays rugby for his school's first team and holds several athletics school records in the 800 m and 1500 m.

This award was hosted by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport in partnership with the Cape Town Sport Council. Athletes from the region were acknowledged for their achievements over the past year.



Marno Stander

CURRO CENTURY CITY

Action cricket – national tour

Some of the learners attended the Action Cricket National Tournament held in Johannesburg this September holiday. The learners had a great experience and enjoyed the tour immensely.



Under 18 action cricket team with some of the under 14s.
Front, from left: Nathaniel de Hahn, Shaun Brand, Errin Leak, Dylan Whittaker and Adrian Mills
Back, from left: Daanyaal Kirsten, Jarred Pedersen, Tashrique Smith, Coach Donny, James Williams, Christiaan Strydom, Sahil Samlal and Jadin Mills



Errin Leak in action

Mini-hockey festival

Curro Century City's very own provincial action hockey players had a successful tournament at the interprovincials held in Johannesburg. Congratulations to Cassandra for winning top defender and to Zoë-Jordan for being one of the top goalscorers. The boys finished fourth and the girls won the plate final.



From left: Zoë-Jordan Nel, Coach Caitlyn Dickinson and Cassandra Wallace

CURRO HAZELDEAN

Hazeldean sports stars

This has been a particularly successful year on the sports field for Curro Hazeldean Primary School, with some outstanding results and achievements. Congratulations to the following teams on winning their respective leagues: cricket under 9A and under 12A, hockey boys' under 12 and boys' under 13, netball under 11B, rugby under 11A, under 11B and under 9B, A team swimming, and the tennis boys' under 11A, boys' under 11B and boys' under 11C. It goes without saying that the successes achieved on the sports field has translated into a large number of individual achievements, with a total of 35 learners being awarded provincial colours in 11 different sporting codes. Keep your eyes open for these future sports stars.



Curro Hazeldean is proud of the 2018 league winners.



Provincial players 2018

CURRO HERMANUS

Showing her hockey skills

Rebecca Swanepoel, a Grade 12 learner at Curro Hermanus, was selected to play hockey at the Curro Nationals as part of the Disa team. The Nationals took place over the September holidays and featured top players from Curro schools all over the country.



Rebecca Swanepoel

Squash champion

Luka Jasprica participated in the WP open squash tournament in April for boys under 19. He lost one out of the five matches played. Luka was selected to play in the closed Boland under 19 team tournament in Paarl. He also took part in the interprovincial squash tournament for under 19. His team ended second in the country and received silver medals. Luka is also the youngest club champion in Hermanus club history.



Luka Jasprica

Flying high with drones

Jadon Churchman is a Grade 9 Curro learner who built his first quadcopter in the latter part of 2015. Jadon took part in the first two Western Cape regional events. He moved to the first place. This placed him second in the national league. Jadon participated in the South African Model Aircraft Association (SAMAA). His racing position placed him as the top-ranking junior in the country and pending ratification by SAMAA he would represent South Africa, together with three senior pilots, at the first ever FAI Drone Racing World Championships being held in Shenzhen, China in November.



Jadon Churchman

Karate achievements

These two girls are true tigers and mustn't be taken up lightly. Mignon van Zyl (Grade 6) and Casanra Saayman (Grade 8) took part in the KSA Competition in Tongaat, Durban in the October school holidays. Casanra competed in the development cup and won silver in the all-styles division. Mignon took part in the women's league and achieved third place.



Mignon van Zyl (left, Grade 6) and Casanra Saayman (right, Grade 8)

CURRO HELDERWYK

Ready for combat

Grade 11 learners ready for combat at their interhouse athletics held at Boksburg Stadium.



From left: Siyanda Masanabo and Khumo Phalane



Victor Holloway

Taming the waves with bodyboarding

Victor Holloway, a Grade 12 learner, started bodyboarding in 2015 and got selected for the Western Province team in 2017. In 2017 he competed at the SA championships in Durban and came third in the junior division. On 10 August 2018 he competed in the Cape Classic, a national event, and came first in the junior division and third in the pro division. From 1 to 5 October 2018 Victor competed again at the SA championships held in Cape Town and came second in the junior division. He also won the award for the Western Province junior series champ in 2018.

This makes Victor the second best bodyboarder in South Africa.

CURRO HEUWELKRUIN

Hanno in provincial cricket team

Hanno van Zyl, a Grade 6 learner, received under 13 Limpopo colours for cricket. During the regional tournament in Tzaneen he was chosen as player of the match for one of the games.



Hanno van Zyl

CURRO HILLCREST

Hosting the Curro Nationals

Curro Hillcrest Christian Academy hosted the 2018 Curro Nationals for primary schools at the Curro Hillcrest campus from 23 to 26 September. Over 840 players competed in sevens rugby, soccer, netball and hockey for boys and girls.

The opening ceremony had to be moved indoors due to the threat of rain, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the under 11 and under 13 boys and girls. All players came prepared and ready to compete. All four sporting codes were played with great skill, teamwork and talent on display. Grit, determination and endurance ensured the victors did shine through in all the codes. But the real winners were the learners, with memories made and friendships formed.



Keegan Gilson fighting for the ball in an impressive rugby game.

The scene was set for a great start to the Nationals, that was hosted at the high school fields.



Bandile Xulu showing his skills on the soccer field.



Paige Mansfield skilfully dribbling the ball past her opposition in a hockey game.

Star swimmers and great spirit

The annual Co-Ed D&D A League Gala was hosted by Curro Hillcrest this year. This event attracts the top 10 co-ed schools in swimming for the greater Durban area. Curro Hillcrest outdid themselves in hosting the event at the Kings Park Swimming Pool on 26 February 2018. This was the fourth time Hillcrest participated in this event and a second consecutive win. Curro Hillcrest currently holds 12 records, of which eight are new records for 2018. With this exceptional standard of swimming and a spirited vibe the gala was enjoyed by all.



Curro Hillcrest cheerleaders Hannah Steyn, Courtney Roberts, Chris Vermeulen and Thobile Mnguni leading the war cries.



Ethan Koekemoer in action in the under 15 butterfly category.



Alastair Hoon blazing the trail in breaststroke.



Proud swimming captains James de Goede and Kaitlin Wienand holding the winning trophy.

CURRO KATHU

Cricket star on the rise

Garren Stonestreet is the first learner at Curro Kathu who was selected for the Northern Cape under 11 cricket team.



From left: Ryno Mouton (coach) and Garren Stonestreet

Equestrian excellence

Annabia Strauss performed at the Arabian Nationals Equestrian Championship. Annabia received the following accolades: 4 x 1st place, 1 x 2nd place, 2 x 3rd place, 2 x 4th place and 2 x 5th place.



Annabia Strauss

Karate champions

Angelo da Silva, Jessica da Silva, Bronwyn van den Heever and Francois Rautenbach advanced to the provincial Diamond Classic Championship. All four of them were selected for the SA Championships.



Bronwyn van den Heever



Francois Rautenbach



Jessica and Angelo da Silva

Superb cross-country athletes

Burger Horn, Santine van der Merwe and Michaela Mitchley all made it to the South African Cross-country Championships that was held in Port Elizabeth. These learners all exhibited outstanding determination and discipline. They were part of the AWG team that represented the province.



From left: Burger Horn, Santine van der Merwe and Michaela Mitchley



From left: Burger Horn, Claudelle Poonawassy (teacher), Santine van der Merwe and Michaela Mitchley

CURRO KLERKSDORP

Protea colours for drum majorette

Bran-Leigh Challens, a Grade 12 learner and drum majorette, received her Protea colours for representing South Africa at the Majorette-Sport World Federation Championship held in Cape Town in September. She captained the team and it was her third time being selected to represent her country. She won three silver medals and one bronze medal at the championships.



Bran-Leigh Challens

CURRO KRUGERSDORP

Curro Krugersdorp hosts the second trail-running event



Trail runners enjoying the view.

On Saturday, 24 March 2018 the school hosted its second annual Curro trail-running event. More than 850 athletes took part. There were four trails – 2,5 km, 5 km, 10 km and (for those who felt really adventurous) 20 km. The route is one of the toughest in the area because of the steep hills and rugged terrain. Families, friends and colleagues took to the trails and completed the other races. After the event, delicious coffee and treats were available at the farmers' market.

North West colours

The following learners obtained provincial colours in their various sporting codes.



Back, from left: Khotso Sokhupa (hockey), Manuella Kanku (hockey), Reabetswe Lekalake (hockey), Connor van Rooyen (hockey), Kelebogile Modise (netball), Eva Markovic (swimming), Lesedi Mahole (hockey), Kaira Ferris (hockey), Kelly Annandale (cross-country)
Front, from left: Tumiso Kameel (hockey), Tshwanelo Seutloali (hockey), Gomolemo Maaake (hockey), Bianca Magidi (hockey), Aimee-Lee Lötter (cross-country), Lesego Mahole (hockey, biathlon)

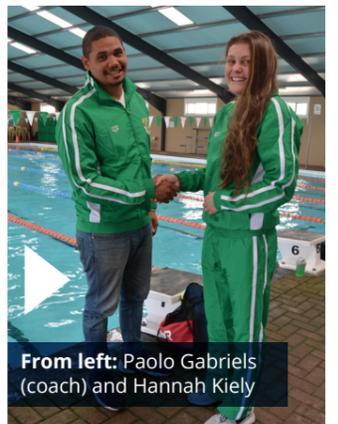
CURRO LANGEBAAN



Curro Langebaan's swimming star

Hannah Kiely (Grade 12) was chosen for the South African senior swimming team. They competed in Algeria from 10 to 14 September 2018 in the Africa championships. Hannah obtained some wonderful achievements. She came fourth in the 50-metre and second in the 100- and 200-metre backstroke. She also came second in the 4 x 100-metre mixed free relay and first in the 4 x 100-metre women's free relay and women's medley relay. South Africa was ranked second, with Egypt coming first.

Curro Langebaan is so proud to be able to boast with this incredible young woman. Her future looks bright indeed. Paolo Gabriels, Curro Langebaan's swimming coach, was selected as one of South Africa's national coaches for this event. Well done!



From left: Paolo Gabriels (coach) and Hannah Kiely

Interschools athletics – Curro Langebaan did great

The Curro interschools athletics was held on 7 February at Dal Josaphat Athletics Stadium in Paarl. Curro Century City, Curro Hermanus, Curro Durbanville, Curro Sitari, Curro Mossel Bay, Meridian Pinehurst and Curro Langebaan participated. Curro Langebaan won 29 gold, 24 silver and 18 bronze medals and brought back the prestige cup, which represents the best-performance-per-learner ratio. Ethan White received the award for best performance, boys under 15 and Kirsten van Dyk for under 17 while Andrea van Dyk received the award for best performance, girls under 19. Klaudia Schmidt was the junior victrix ludorum and Malachi Petersen the junior victor ludorum. Curro Langebaan is proud of all their athletes.



From left: Adriaan du Plessis (boys' team captain), Wilna du Plessis (athletics organiser), Dirkie Victor (Executive Head), Jade Stander (girls' team captain) and Adrian Williamson (cheerleader)

CURRO MIDRAND

Arnold Games champions

This year Curro Midrand's under 13 girls' softball team (open league) qualified to participate in the Arnold Games on 18 May 2018.

On the day of the event the team went through to the final round of the festival and walked away as the softball champions of the Arnold Games.

We are very proud of them and expect many more similar achievements from these girls!



The under 13 (open) girls' softball team at the Arnold Games with Mr Van Lelyveld Head of Primary School.
Back, from left: Berthina Szewczuk (coach), Refilwe Malatse, Ryan van Lelyveld Head of Primary School, Owam Mentoer, Bontle Ledwaba, Mbali Ncube, Morgen Short and Sandra Erasmus (coach)
Front, from left: Thabang Malotana, Karabo Ramoshu, Kabo Nyimbana, Mpho Motsepe and Neo Malatse



Back, from left: Sandra Erasmus (coach), Mbali Ncube, Morgen Short, Bontle Ledwaba, Neo Malatse, Refilwe Malatse and Owam Mentoer
Front, from left: Kabo Nyimbana, Thabang Malotana, Karabo Ramoshu, Berthina Szewczuk (coach) and Mpho Motsepe

CURRO MOSEL BAY

Curro Mossel Bay is very proud of the 28 provincial achievements in the high school this year. Learners received provincial colours in athletics, netball, hockey, rugby, swimming, cross-country, biathlon, duathlon, cycling, surfing, lawn bowls and dancing.

Linél Engelbrecht (sportswoman of the year) received provincial colours in athletics, duathlon, triathlon, road cycling, XCM cycling and XCO cycling. Linél also received the trophy for the best achievement by a girl in a non-school sport.

Anlo Ferreira (sportsman of the year) received provincial colours in athletics and represented South Africa in hunting rifle shooting. Anlo also received the trophy for the best achievement by a boy in a non-school sport. Zané Kruger received the trophy for best achievement in a school sport. She won a bronze medal at the SA Schools Athletics as part of the Western Cape team. She is also the top goalscorer at the interprovincial hockey championship.

Liandré Schoeman (Eden athletics and SWD netball) and Sarah Viljoen (Eden athletics and cross-country) shared the award for best achievement in school sport by a senior girl. Herman Spies (Eden chess) received the award for best achievement in school sport by a junior boy.

Damien Hyman (Eden hockey) received the award for best achievement in school sport by a senior boy.

Curro Wild Dogs go big



Zané Kruger with her trophies.



Anlo Ferreira is sportsman of the year.



From left: Damien Hyman and Louis du Pisani



Linél Engelbrecht is sportswoman of the year



Senior sportswomen of the year
From left: Sarah Viljoen, Jannie Nel (high school sports coordinator) and Liandré Schoeman

CURRO MOUNT RICHMORE

Chess champion

Kyron Eduard Hasanbashaj won the primary school category at the Mother Africa Chess Tournament held at the Luthuli Museum.

Kyron also organised a chess celebration tournament at Curro Mount Richmore to raise funds for a life-size chess set on the campus. This Grade 7 learner has such a big passion for chess and is the unbeatable champion in KwaZulu-Natal. He was also selected for the Ilembe team who will compete nationally in Johannesburg in December.



Kyron Eduard Hasanbashaj with Mike Fischer (far left), head of the Intermediate Phase Head, Xolani Myeni (far right), Chairperson of the Chief Albert Luthuli Chess Club, and his two colleagues.

Kyron Eduard Hasanbashaj

Mountain biking and champion rider

Chloe Bateson arrived with her cheque of R10 000 at school after winning the youth women under 15 interschools final round of the Spur Schools Mountain Bike League held at Hoërskool Bekker, Magaliesburg.

She also completed a week-long cycling road tour, Jeugdtoer Assen, in the Netherlands where her KZN team competed against competition from all over the world. She achieved 10th place overall, out of 72 girls (under 17).



Chloe Bateson in the Netherlands.



Chloe (left) handing over her R10 000 for the school to Samantha Smit (Executive Head).



Chloe Bateson winning the high school Spur series.

Rugby, netball and equestrian

The under 18 rugby boys had a phenomenal season as they came second to Wartburg Kirchdorf School (by only three points) in the Wembley sevens league in KwaZulu-Natal. Vernon Nel has made Curro Mount Richmore history by becoming their first Craven Week player. He was chosen for the Sharks under 18 country district team.

The under 16 netball team is a powerhouse of talented players and they were unbeatable this year. They also won the KwaZulu-Natal action netball under 16 league.

Savannah-lee Jacobs and her pony, Indiana Jones, represented the KZN A team at the SANESA Nationals at Kyalami's equestrian park in Johannesburg from 3 to 6 October 2018 in the working hunter category and she also represented the KZN B team in the equitation category, 70 cm, and jumping, 80 cm. The KZN team placed fifth in the high school category and won the spirit cup.



Under 18 rugby team
Front, from left: Ayanda Zulu Bishop, Calvin Taljaard, David Ngwane and Simba Yengwa
Back, from left: Shaun Blignaut (coach), Dylan van der Westhuizen, Nerin Marimuthoo, Dudley MacArthur, Vernon Nel, André de Lange, Arno Burger, Tristian Labuschagne and Alessandro Menezes



From left: Shaun Blignaut (coach), Vernon Nel and Eugene Montgomer (coach)

CURRO NELSPRUIT

A bittersweet rugby season

Kicking off the 2018 rugby season, Curro Nelspruit supporters were keen to see the under 15 rugby boys in action and hoped they could defend their Virsekerbeker title for medium schools.

Last year was the first time Curro Nelspruit played in the Virsekerbeker final and this year the school made history once again with two teams in the finals and they were crowned the Mpumalanga winners.

The under 15 boys proved they can stand their ground in sevens rugby when they came fourth at the Noordvaal Champion of the Champions Sevens Tournament. Having faced giants like Monument High School and Hoërskool Menlopark, Curro Nelspruit showed once again that being a young school does not make you any less competitive.



Ronald Msimango (coach) and Danie Visser (right) shed some tears after losing the Virsekerbeker final.



Under 15 rugby team .



The under 16 netball team
From left: Tayla Daws, Xanthe Beneke, Meeke Kilian, Karljen Nel, Anya Scholtz, Lizani Labuschagne and Zuré Viljoen



Savannah-lee Jacobs and her pony, Indiana Jones

Getting 'squashed'

When Tiaan van der Walt, a Grade 12 learner at Curro Nelspruit, arrived at school it was clear that this young boy was born for squash. His talent has developed tremendously, going from 'good' to 'phenomenal' over his last few years at Curro. His achievements include winning the first league Lowveld squash open, playing in the Mpumalanga squash open and winning the tournament for the eighth time in a row – he has represented Mpumalanga nine times. Tiaan also played in the SA round in Bloemfontein and was placed second in South Africa. He represented South Africa at the African Squash Open and played in the South African Open Tournament, under 19, and was placed first in the country.



Tiaan van der Walt

CURRO RIVONIA

Nationals for Khosi Stewart

Makhosazana (Khosi) Stewart is a Grade 8 learner at Curro Rivonia. She picked up her first racquet at the age of four, and fell in love with the sport. She entered competitive tennis when she was only five and has been competing annually since. She was selected for provincials consecutively for three years. She was selected twice (under 13) in 2016/17. Then she was selected to represent South Africa in the primary schools' team in the USA in August 2017. In 2018 she represented the under 15 team for Central Gauteng. Makhosazana was selected to play in full South African colours at the African Junior Championships in Pretoria and Tunisia in 2018.

Makhosazana is a registered player within Tennis South Africa. She is currently ranked 12th (under 14) and plays competitively around the country.



Khosi Stewart playing as part of the national team.



From left: Khosi Stewart and Mr Brian O'Neil, Executive Head of Curro Rivonia

National karate colours

Taneka Visser is a Grade 6 learner at Curro Rivonia and has been doing karate since she was six years old.

She has been competing in many different karate competitions and has managed to earn her national karate colours in 2018.

She ranked in the top 10 for her age group and aims to one day be an Olympic karate athlete.



From left: Taneka Visser and Mr Brian O'Neil, Executive Head of Curro Rivonia

CURRO ROODEPLAAT

Curro Roodeplaat delivering provincial stars

This was a good year for Curro Roodeplaat. The learners worked extremely hard to help teams win leagues and, in the process, achieve provincial colours! It just goes to show that hard work does pay off. Congratulations to Abigail Welch for being chosen as part of the under 14A Gauteng provincial netball team, Liam Whitehead for being chosen to be part of the under 15A Iqhawe Blue Bulls rugby team and Boipelo Moilosane for being chosen as part of the under 15A Gauteng North hockey team.

Curro Roodeplaat would also like to congratulate Marike Hillocks for making the Gauteng equestrian team, Theo Khumbuza for being chosen as part of the under 15 A Titans cricket team and Perfect Ncube for making the Gauteng provincial athletics team. Perfect Ncube was also chosen as the female captain of the Gauteng athletics team and achieved fourth place at the National Athletics Championship.



Back, from left: Liam Whitehead, Abigail Welch and Perfect Ncube
Front, from left: Theo Khumbuza, Boipelo Moilosane and Marke Hillocks



Part of the Gauteng North hockey team, Boipelo Moloisane.



Gauteng North girls' athletics captain at the National Athletics Championship, Perfect Ncube.

Annual run and ride

Curro Roodeplaat hosted the annual run and ride on Saturday, 20 October 2018 where learners and parents enjoyed a day of running and cycling together. The venue was the beautiful Roodeplaat Nature Reserve with birds and wild animals as spectators. There were races for the Castle children as well as their older siblings from the primary and high school and their parents. It was lots of fun for the whole family.



Jonathan van de Vyver participating in the annual run and ride.



Excited participants



Introducing our first night race

Curro Roodeplaat hosted their first night race on Saturday, 14 April 2018. This was a huge success with almost 400 participants. The adventure was enhanced by a light rain shower that cooled everyone down. After the race the aroma of food drew the hungry, tired athletes and spectators to eat and drink all that was on offer. The communal atmosphere was contagious. Curro Roodeplaat sincerely thanks all the participants and helpers, as well as Gabbata Lodge for opening their doors and allowing the hosting of such a wonderful event.



Winners of the night race.
From left: Donae van Deventer and Blessing Madhandara

Jason Houy, our very own SA champ

Curro Roodeplaat is very proud of the performance of their star athlete, Jason Houy. He participated in the South African National Championship and was the winner of the gold medal for high jump, boys under 12. He works very hard and is already preparing for the 2019 athletic season.



Jason Houy



CURRO SECUNDA

Represents Mpumalanga in cricket

Aobakwe Moeng has been selected for the under 10 Mpumalanga cricket team.



Aobakwe Moeng

Showing his mettle in cross-country

Tumisho Mashabawe represented Curro Secunda at the SA Cross-country Championships in September 2018.



Tumisho Mashabawe

Cricket stars

The under 11 cricket team beat Malelane Primary School in the semi-finals and played in the Mpumalanga finals.



Back, from left: Quintin Kruger (under 11 coach), Ismail Hoosen, Aobakwe Moeng, Akani Baloyi, TJ Mpunga, Katlego Choma and Thabang Seballo
Front, from left: Malay Morar, Konke Gxotani (captain), Darrell Mwasiswebe, Caleb Carstens, Rifumo Shirindza and Jibrán Rajab

Netball champions

The under 11 netball team won the Mpumalanga netball championships in June 2018.

Back, from left: Lwandile Dlamini, Erin van Tonder, Vuyo Masango and Faith Laphauphau
Front, from left: Danae Enslin, Lera Ndlovu, Amo Makwane and Oratilwe Podile



CURRO SERENGETI

Curro Serengeti golf took part in the Ekurhuleni finals

Curro Serengeti golf took part in the Ekurhuleni league championship. The players had a great first week at Kempton Park Golf Club and continued their good form at Germiston Golf Club. The finals were held at Benoni Lake Club on Monday, 29 October 2018.



From left: Bohlale Tsotsotso, Tyron Groenveld, Henri Neethling (coach), Josh Plaatjies and Ifa Mudau



From left: Kayden Dickinson, Connor Olfson, Anton Jacobs (coach), Keagan Plowes and Paramesh Pillay

The high school shines

Curro Serengeti is very proud of their athletes. They won the Hoogenhout AFGRI Top 10 Athletics Meeting for small schools in Bethal. Five of the athletes brought home nine medals between them.

Tyson Barnabas was selected to represent the Gauteng Province for basketball at the Tri-Colour Games from 4 to 16 July 2018 in Italy. Well done!

Curro Serengeti's under 16 rugby team won the Warriors Sevens Rugby League. They played against Randfontein High School in the finals on Saturday, 2 June 2018 at the Randfontein rugby stadium.



Tyson Barnabas is a basketball star



Proud athletes

Front, from left: Mrs Sargent, Shirley de Kock, Thando Nkosi, Sarah Solaude, James Racheke, Diana Ndimande, Cassidy Weir, Lesedi Mokheti and Amogetswe Shubane

Back, from left: Nivikar Ravinand, Nkosinathi Shabangu, Christo Hoffmann, Tyson Barnabas, David Nharara, Casey McGee, Lihlumelo Jobela and Lethabo Mafokwane



Under 16 rugby team

Front, from left: Mr Jacques Jacobs (coach), Keanan Mouton, Bonolo Moalusi, Kgadile Mahlase, Thando Masemula, Declan Ball, Thabo Theko and Tshidiso Monageng

Back, from left: James Punter, Kieran Stiles, Ethan Mollet, Tshupo Tlaka (captain), Michael Phiri, Thabang Madisha, Musa Makusha and Lihlumelo Jobela

*Absent: Solethu Ngxonono

CURRO SITARI

Sailing club

Calm reflections after a day's sailing.



Learning the ropes. From left: Dylan Stander, Joshua Steyn and Tyler Nicolaides setting up their dinghy before sailing.



Members of the Sitari sailing club have completed a two-day dinghy sailing course (level one) at the Theewaterskloof Dam during the September holidays.

The young sailors were taught a variety of sailing skills, from safety on water, teamwork and the basics of sailboat handling. The conditions on their first day of sailing was fair, but the young sailors really had to have their wits about them in the strong southeaster on the second day.

The team stayed at the Theewaterskloof Yacht Club and had a very good time. Training was given by the Theewater Sailing Academy and more courses and regattas will follow in 2019.

Congratulations to our sailors for participating and completing their level 1!

CURRO THATCHFIELD

Drum majorettes celebrated an excellent year

The Curro Thatchfield team participated in the South African Majorette and Cheerleading Association Nationals elite league for the first time – since being crowned the president's league winners in 2017. Curro Thatchfield was the only team from the president's league to advance to the finals in all categories.

This achievement was accompanied by an invitation to represent South Africa at the Majorette Sport-World Federation III Championship in Cape Town in September 2018. They achieved second place overall!

Also in September, 65 drummers from 9 teams participated in the Gauteng provincial trials – 10 out of the 28 junior colours recipients were from Curro Thatchfield. They will represent Gauteng at the 2019 national championship in East London.

Curro Thatchfield drummers were invited to be a part of the 947 Superwoman Run in February 2018. In October 2018, the non-prop/pom group broadcasted live on national television.



Curro Thatchfield drummers at the 2018 elite league South African Majorettes and Cheerleading Association (SAMCA) nationals hosted in Oudtshoorn, July 2018.



Curro Thatchfield recipients of Gauteng junior colours for majorettes. From left: Ntebogiseng Maseko, Thatogatsi Kgari, Siphithemba Mshengu, Goitsimodimo Setshedi, Tshogofatso Chele, Katleho Dichaba, Lwazi Nsibande, Lwazi Mabena, Tshogofatso Sebogodi and Keabetswe Morake



Curro Thatchfield drummers at the 2018 Majorette Sport-World Federation (MWF) III Championship hosted in Cape Town during September 2018.



Thatchfield drummers performing live on YoTV at Urban Brew studio. Back, from left: Sinthemba Zwane, Thatogatsi Kgari, Wame Monare, Lwazi Nsibande, Katleho Dichaba, Rendani Raliphada, Owethu Sihlahla – non-prop leader 2018, Keabetswe Morake and Rethabile Maine Front, from left: Olebogeng Malema, Kamogelo Kgokane, Karabo Mahanye, Mbali Sibanyoni, Marubini Malada, Laila November and Sinalo Mshunqwane

CURRO WATERFALL

Dads' and lads' cricket morning

The sports department hosted a dads' and lads' cricket morning and over 40 dads and their lads from Grade R to Grade 2 arrived. The goal was to coach the learners on the three disciplines of cricket – namely batting, fielding and bowling. Learning the basics of any sport is crucial to their future success and Curro Waterfall looks forward to becoming a sporting force to be reckoned with!



A fun time was had by all at the dads' and lads' cricket morning.



Curro Waterfall's sports stars

Curro Waterfall learners Jenna Dunstan (Grade 8), Deven Morrison (Grade 8) and Reese Morrison (Grade 6) took their individual sport to greater heights.

Jenna was chosen for the Gauteng Schools Water Polo under 13 A team, who participated in the SWPSA (Schools' Water Polo South Africa) Interprovincial Tournament in East London from 13 to 17 December.

Both Reese and Deven took part in the 2018 Gauteng Karate Open Championship where Deven competed in division one and won gold in kata, kumite and basic kumite. Reese competed in division two and won gold in kata and basic kumite and silver in kumite.

Deven has also competed in the United World Karate South Africa National Championship and won silver in both kumite and kata.



Deven Morrison is a force to be reckoned with.



Reese Morrison is not to be messed with.



From left: Deven Morrison, Graeme Waite (Executive Head) and Reese Morrison



Jenna Dunstan showing her water polo skills.



From left: Wesley Davies (sports coordinator) and Jenna Dunstan

CURRO WESTBROOK

Athletes shone at PE West Zonals

Congratulations to all the athletes who competed at the PE West Zonals. Curro Westbrook is very proud.

Ize Dyani received second place in the under 10 boys' shot-put while Libo Dyani came second in the under 10 girls' shot-put. Well done!

Zubenathi Skosana came first in the under 12 boys' 100-metre race and broke the record set in 2006! He also came first in the 150-metre race, first in long and high jump and received third place in shot-put. Excellent!



From left: Zubenathi Skosana, Ize Dyani and Libo Dyani

Eastern Province rugby champion

Zubenathi Skosana was selected to represent the Eastern Province Primary Schools Rugby Association (EPPSRA) at the SWD Eagles Southern Province under 12 tournament in Riversdale. This was his first year of playing team rugby and he has excelled! Zubenathi was chosen as the starting under 12 EPPSRA wing (#14) and competed in a tournament that showcased the best talent the Southern Province has to offer.



The talented Zubenathi Skosana.



Kelly Strydom is an equestrian champion

Congratulations to Kelly Strydom who received four first places for Curro Westbrook at the interschool's equestrian competition (SANESA). Well done, Kelly! Curro Westbrook is very proud of you!



Kelly and her horse Bear, with their instructor Wayne Minnie.

Ocean racing – well done, triplets

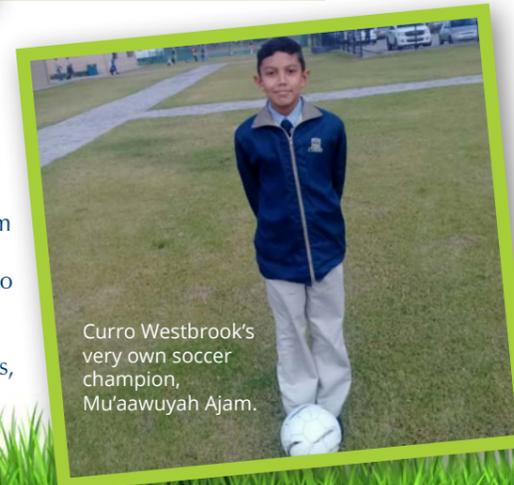
Well done to Caylem, Connor and Bella Kemp who participated in the aQuellé Ocean Racing Series at Hobie Beach in February 2018. This event takes place every second Sunday and is enjoyed by many children. The participants must run one kilometre and these three learners have raced four times. In their age group, Caylem obtained one second position and three first positions, Connor obtained two second positions, one third and one fourth position, and Bella got two third and two fourth positions.



Well done to Caylem, Connor and Bella Kemp.

Mu'aawiyah is a soccer star

Mu'aawiyah Ajam was selected for the Port Elizabeth Primary Schools Soccer Association team who represented Port Elizabeth at the Knysna Festival from 21 to 23 June. He went through two rounds of trials and ultimately made the team. Congratulations, Mu'aawiyah!



Curro Westbrook's very own soccer champion, Mu'aawiyah Ajam.



ARTS AND CULTURE

CURRO AURORA

Cultural explosion

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said, 'A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul.' The culture department of Curro Aurora High School is fortunate to work with creative, inspired and talented learners. The learners develop and extend their inquiring minds, their assertive nature and their ability to look at challenges in an innovative manner. The learners represented Curro Aurora at the Curro #Currage Concert, had kryptonite badges and National Eisteddfod Academy diplomas awarded to them, participated in the Saints Phyzz Fest and represented at the Festival of Excellence in Dramatic Arts. They truly have created a culture legacy. This world is definitely a stage and at Curro Aurora, we seize the opportunity!



From left: Tamia Fakier, Sarah Dike, Nicholas Kruger and Amber Meikle



From left: Thato Mosiuoa, Aletta Nevobasi, Leah Maroulis and Ivory Collins

Elementrix revue

There were 489 Grades 4 to 7 learners who performed on stage during the 2018 Elementrix revue. Each grade represented one of the four elements. The Grade 4s were air, the Grade 5s earth, the Grade 6 learners were fire and the Grade 7s water. This revue was performed over a period of five nights and supported the school in making learners more aware of environmental issues.



Earth – Iqra Adams (front, center) and the Grade 5 learners.



Grade 4s dancing to 'Colours of the Wind'.
From left: Cayley Mc Mahon, Mia Stansfield and Kayley Reyneke



Leading the Grade 6s with fire.
Front, from left: Onalerona Manyathi and Wandile Maseko



Grade 7s representing water.
From left: Deyara Naidoo, Rebecca Arthur and Shizel Thomson

Senior choir still singing

This was another full year for the Curro Aurora senior choir. They started the year with the customary rehearsal camp at Camp Discovery where they trained for 18 hours over the course of three days! This set the tone for the year to come ...

During the year the choir performed at various choir festivals, competitions and school events. They won gold medals and received numerous certificates, but more importantly, they made some spectacular music and became a family.

The highlight of the year was achieving third place at the *Sing in Harmonie* northern region final held at Silverstar Casino on Saturday, 22 September 2018. The Curro Aurora senior choir is the only English-speaking choir to be in the top three of an Afrikaans television show for two years in a row.

From left: Berk Turgut, Janus Venter (music teacher and choir master), Catarina Caeiro, Jeanique Fourie, Francisco Caeiro and JC Engelbrecht (Executive Head)



The choir performing.



Janus Venter, music teacher and choir master at Curro Aurora, shines.

Poetry recitation

Poetry recitation is literary work where ideas and feelings, accentuated by the use of distinctive style and rhythm, is delivered through a public-speaking activity with a focus on rhythm, alliteration and repetition. Poetry as an art breaks across grammar and syntax to create something new and imaginative for the learners. This provides an adventure for the mind and Curro Aurora has awarded the foundation phase learners the opportunity to see poetry as art from the heart, either by reading or writing.

On Thursday, 30 August 2018 the learners came alive with phenomenal recitation. The Grade 1s confidently recited the poem 'Dripsy Dropsy'. and the Grade 2s expressed themselves with zest when reciting 'Ode to my Shoes' while the Grade 3s enjoyed reciting 'He Laughed with a Laugh'. The young showed their creative potential in their elocution. Their manner of speaking and the use of voice production and gestures were embraced by all. The audience expressed enjoyment and applauded with pride for their children's ability to confidently participate in the poetry recitation. The staff thoroughly enjoyed the recitation, from planning to implementation, knowing full well that this is just the beginning of a great journey of poetry in the lives of the learners.



Grade 1 learners giving it their all.

CURRO
BANKENVELD

Sing in Harmonie

With a drum and African cultural dresses, the senior choir from the primary school entertained Witbank with various performances in 2018. A night that no one will ever forget, is the one when Curro Bankenveld hosted kykNET's *Sing In Harmonie* television programme. The cameras and lights brought a whole new atmosphere to the performance and the choir stepped up to the challenge. They qualified to go through to the finals.



Lights, camera, action!
The Curro Bankenveld Primary School senior choir.



CURRO
BRACKENFELL

Eisteddfod trophy winners 2018

Leila Allie Reid, Lucia Marcus and Mia Nash participated in the annual Tygerberg International Eisteddfod. All of them were trophy winners in their categories. Curro Brackenfell is very proud of them!!



From left: Leila Allie Reid and Lucia Marcus

CURRO
BLOEMFONTEIN

Local art creates a buzz

Curro Bloemfontein hosted a very special creative event this year. Twenty professional artists from Bloemfontein exhibited their paintings and the school received a percentage of the items that were sold. The school also combined this event with a flower arranging competition for learners where each phase was given a theme. The learners came up with very interesting creations and interacted very well with these artists, giving them excellent exposure to the world of art.



Some of the beautiful and creative flower arrangements.



Learners taking the time to enjoy art from local Bloemfontein artists.



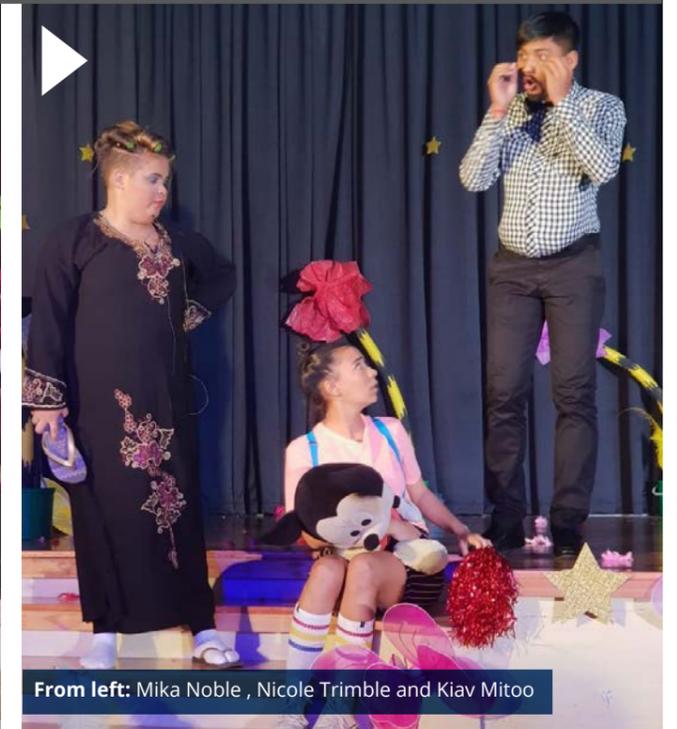
CURRO
CENTURY CITY

Seuss Africa

Curro Century City's amazing and talented learners, with the help of Ms Philips and Mr Madasa, performed the incredible *Seuss Africa*. Horton, Gertrude and friends went on a search for the place of hope and found inspiration in Gugulethu and discovered the magical land of the Who! The learners of Curro Century City had a powerful message for all: 'Do not imagine the things that you do. Do not go to the places where you dream of a who. Work hard in school and focus on your grades. Stop fantasising about other worlds and fancy parades.'



Finding the place of hope.



From left: Mika Noble, Nicole Trimble and Kiav Mitoo

CURRO DURBANVILLE

Curro Durbanville learners make their opinions known

This year Emma Beckley (Grade 9) recently took part in the finals of two national public speaking competitions where she achieved excellent results. She came second in the Oppie Tong Af competition for English home language. In the Radikale Redenaars competition, Emma came third in the English experimental category and fifth in the bilingual category. Emma also performed extremely well in the Tygerberg Eisteddfod this year. She was the category winner in both the poetry and the public speaking categories in her section.

Joshua Beckley (Grade 7 and head boy of Curro Durbanville Primary School) represented the Western Cape at a national debating competition called Radikale Redenaars in Garsfontein, Pretoria. Joshua took part in two sections in this competition where he achieved second place nationally in the section called 'English experimental public speaking', and he came third for Grade 7 English prepared speech.



Emma Tygerberg



Joshua Beckley



Tygerberg International Eisteddfod

Curro's music learners excelled in various divisions of the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod. Here are the proud trophy winners.



Back, from left: Marco Erlank, Grade 10 (piano and church organ), Peter Kastoer, Grade 11 (piano and church organ) and Kayla Hansen, Grade 11 (piano)
Middle, from left: Lisa Bezuidenhoud, Grade 7 (keyboard), Julia Theron, Grade 7 (piano), Keenan Hansen, Grade 7 (piano) and Tayla Esau, Grade 9 (keyboard)
Front, from left: Jenna Theron, Grade 3 (piano), Casey Berlion, Grade 3 (piano) and Risa Burger, Grade 2 (piano)



CURRO HAZELDEAN

Curro Hazeldean and kykNET Uitblinkers!

This year, Curro Hazeldean was identified as an outstanding school by ABS Productions. On Wednesday, 17 October 2018 their film crew came to film Curro Hazeldean to be part of the kykNET Uitblinkers! production series. This would be broadcasted later in the year on DStv channel 146.

This was an amazing experience for the learners and teachers. They had the opportunity to show off the facilities, classrooms, activities and star learners. It was exciting to be part of, and to experience, the filming of a television show.

Curro Hazeldean also hosted a cultural concert as part of the production. The junior and senior choir, drama learners, musicians, singers and dancers could demonstrate their talents. What a spectacular evening it was!



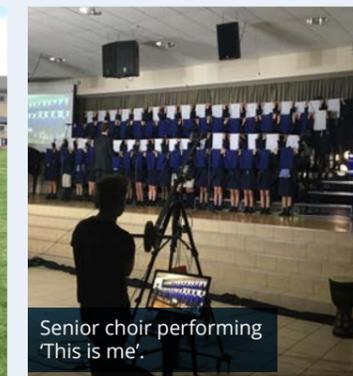
Interview with Curro council member, Luke Viljoen.



Stars in the making - filming of the Grade 1 class.



Interview with Roux Viljoen, Head of Primary School.



Senior choir performing 'This is me'.

CURRO HERITAGE HOUSE

Back to the Now

Curro Heritage House produced another fantastic show for 2018! *Back to the Now* featured the Grade 7 learners who had somehow travelled back in time, landing in the 1960s. In order to get 'back to the now', they had to travel through the music decades - from the swinging sixties and seventies to present day. The rest of the grades sang and danced beautifully choreographed routines from their particular eras which thrilled the audiences, getting hands clapping and feet tapping. Well done on an awesome production!



Fanele Jali



Kayla Berry



Kayla Singh



Back, from left: Bradley Henriques, Sohail Kureshi, Jeremiah Naidoo and Sandiswa Zama
Middle, from left: Lusanda Kwela, Fanele Jali, Kayden Naidoo and Aqeela Vaizie
Front, from left: Fadiya Simjee, Leiha Gilbert and Inga Dyasi

Marimba magic

On Friday, 27 July 2018 the Curro Heritage House marimba band made their way to Johannesburg to compete in the annual International Marimba and Steelpan Festival. The festival was hosted by St Benedict's Catholic School for Girls in Boksburg. The band was entered into the primary school small band section and entertained audiences with their version of 'Havana' by Camila Cabello. Although the Heritage House band did not achieve a place in their category, they had the opportunity to meet and play alongside marimba bands from different African countries.

Marimba is one of the tools used in the process of educating future leaders. Music and Mathematics are intertwined, and by understanding beat, rhythm and scales, learners learn how to divide, create fractions and recognise patterns. It has been clinically proven that learners who are exposed to music perform better academically. Not only are they good at Mathematics, but they also know how to express themselves linguistically.



The learners enjoyed the festival and sharpened their skills.

CURRO HERMANUS

Creating masterpieces

Jade Bailey (*Illustrations*) and Nina Smit (*Bird Lady*), both Grade 12 learners at Curro Hermanus, have been chosen as category winners of the art section of the Overberg Eisteddfod. They both received medals, certificates and share the category prize. Milia Botha (Grade 11) is also a medal winner for her work, *Secuelus*. All three the learners' works were on display at the gala evening.

Nina Smit won another cum laude certificate (90%+) for her second entry: *Herstory*. Nikita Roxburgh (Grade 11) also received two cum laude certificates for her entries: *Trinity* and *Compassion in the Fire*.



From left: Milia Botha, Jade Bailey and Nina Smit

CURRO HEUWELKRUIN

Kruinies on tour

The Curro Heuvelkruin Primary School production *Kruinies on Tour* was a fun-filled, energetic production that followed the adventures of three young boys after they had left school. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to watch.



Annerien Pretorius



From Left: Alessio Calokechi, CJ Smith and Zia Moti

Limpopo Eisteddfod winners

Rebotile Letshedi was the winner of the classic ballet category, and CJ Smith the winner of the public speaking category at the Limpopo Eisteddfod.



From left: Rebotile Letshedi and CJ Smith

CURRO HILLCREST

Grade 12 art exhibition

On Wednesday, 17 October 2018 the Grade 12 art exhibition was officially opened by the Head of Visual Arts, Mrs Lauriana Glenny. An enthusiastic and large crowd of supporters had braved the rain and icy cold weather to witness the artwork on display of the twelve Grade 12s. This body of work comprised both their portfolio and examination drawing and artwork pieces, along with their captivating visual journals, which all reflected a deeply personal and thoroughly engaging creative process. There were two themes that ran through the exhibition, namely their school-based assessment (SBA) topic, 'creation and destruction' and that of their examination topic, 'outside the centre'.



Abbi-Ann Matthews: Grade 12 SBA artwork: *Creation and Destruction*

Anja Haberkorn: Grade 12 examination drawing: *The Community of Life*

Christopher Vermeulen: Grade 12 SBA artwork and drawings: *Creation and Destruction*

Emma Jerrard: Grade 12 examination artwork: *Resurrection*

Erin Pons: Grade 12 examination artwork: *Before the City*

Gabrielle Iggulden: Grade 12 examination artwork: *What's the Pointe*

A cultural empire

Culture at Curro Hillcrest has grown tremendously and achieved even greater heights than 2017. The roll-out of Curro Create has created a plethora of new opportunities on and off stage and the learners' enthusiasm for this has been incredible. Hillcrest had the most entries nationally for the CAS Eisteddfod and two of the learners and staff were included in the Curro20 concert. Hillcrest was also selected as the KZN cultural hub for Curro Create. Culture at Curro Hillcrest is rapidly making its mark as a giant, not only among the KZN schools, but also on a national level.



From left: Melissa Padbury, Kaelah Moritz, Hannah Roeters van Lennep, Kirvan Fortuin, Kuhle Saunders and Bianca Almanza



Curro20 Concert stars. From left: Timothy Edley, Helet Postma (teacher and head of the culture department) and Keryn Parker



A scene from a one-act play at the Curro Create CAS Eisteddfod. Back, from left: Junior Kubheka and Thandeka Kumhalo. Front, from left: Tehillah Milne, Lleyton Marshall, Hannah Roeters van Lennep, Kaelah Moritz, Jenna Nel and Trisha Singh

CURRO KATHU

A skilled artist

Elanya Oberholster achieved the second place with her artwork in a competition for learners in Grades 10 to 12 that was presented by the Sishen Environmental Education Centre.



Elanya Oberholster

Festival in the Hills

This year's Festival in the Hills boasted its biggest ever turnout. Hillcrest also thanks the Upper Highway community for supporting this cultural extravaganza.

On Friday, 24 August, Kloof Rotary hosted the Festival in the Hills at Curro Hillcrest. Altogether 700 primary school children were invited to share the stage with the Drakensberg Boys' Choir School, the KZN Youth Wind Band and the host, Darren Maule from East Coast Radio. This year's theme of 'heroes and superheroes' was brought home with hero-inspired music, children who sang from their hearts and an audience who was left with goosebumps.

All event proceeds go to the real-life heroes, the Rotary Club of Kloof.



The Rotary Club of Kloof leading the opening parade.



Russell Scott conducting the KZN Youth Wind Band, Drakensberg Boys' Choir and a selection of local primary school choirs on stage at the Festival in the Hills.



Curro20 Concert

To celebrate Curro's 20th birthday, a nationwide talent search took place among all schools in the Curro Group. Danae Innes, Kyra Kade, Bran-Leigh Challens and Ofentse Mamaroba were selected to be part of the final cast of 21 performers. They performed in the prestigious celebratory production for the group's 20th birthday celebrations in Cape Town in July.



Back, from left: Kyra Kade, Ofentse Mamaroba and Bran-Leigh Challens
Front: Danae Innes

Protea colours for gaming

Mind Sports South Africa's 2018 SA schools' national championships were held at Fakkell School of Skills on 28 and 29 July 2018.

Saudah Bhaimia obtained her South African high school national colours when she got first place for the Morabaraba board game after winning all her matches.



Saudah Bhaimia

North West Children's Choir

Klerksdorp is proud of the following learners from Curro Klerksdorp who received their North West colours for the North West Children's Choir. The NWCC participated in the 10th World Choir Games and achieved a silver diploma.



Back, from left: Anesu Kutse, Teboho Hlakoana, Robyn-Leigh Druitt and Caitlyn-Lee Lötter
Front, from left: Christopher Druitt, Lethabo Mokgoje and Jaron Struwig

Game on for the Protea Esports team

The Dota gaming team of Curro Klerksdorp have been selected as members of the national Protea Esports team that will represent South Africa in an international gaming tournament in 2019. This team has grown into the superb players they are under the expert guidance of Mr Hannes Esterhuizen.



Back, from left: Matthew Brooks and Peter Mansfield
Front, from left: Richard Visser, Mohammed Gabru and Devon Gomes

Kryptonite awards

The following learners all achieved kryptonite badges in the Curro Create cultural event.



From left: Danae Innes, Karabo Segoe, Talya Kebonte and Kyra Kade

Grade 6 marimba band

The Grade 6 marimba band performed at the NW Musikon Eisteddfod and received A+++. They had the opportunity to perform at various venues during the year of which the Global Leadership Summit was one. Klerksdorp is very proud of them!



Back, from left: Teboho Hlakoana, Kiara Ferris, Reabetswe Lekalake, Sergio Correia, Abe Gebrehiwot, Mrs V Saayman (Head of Culture), Lesedi Mahole, Leonardo Muller (Grade 7), Peral Coskun, Quinn Calder and Thandekile Mudzamba
Middle, from left: Boitshoko Grootboom and Kopo Kopele
Front, from left: Emile Chahine, Kutloano Lebitso, Botho Zilanda, Manuella Kanku, Robyn-Leigh Druitt, Masu Lebelwane and Laura Sarmiento

CURRO LANGEBAAN

Talented learners in the Curro20 Concert

Curro Langebaan is extremely proud of Christelle Rheeder and Serine Hamilton of the high school who were selected for the concert in celebration of Curro's 20-year birthday. Christelle has been involved in orchestra, playing the cello, and singing for several years. She is also a talented actress, taking part in drama productions and monologue performances. Serine is a talented artist, singer and actress and has played several leading roles in school productions. Curro Langebaan has no doubt that these talented young women have much to offer the world of culture, both at school and beyond. Everyone is excited to see what the future has in store for them!



From left: Serine Hamilton and Christelle Rheeder

CURRO MONAGHAN

Talented violinist

The very talented Arno Maritz captivates his audience when playing the violin. He reached the finals in the National Eisteddfod Academy as well as the Kids with Talent SA. Monaghan is very proud of this young man.



Arno Maritz

Twins showcase their synchronised talent

Ariya and Aryan Bux participated in the Kids with Talent SA competition, won a golden ticket and proceeded directly to the finals where they were able to showcase their musical talent, winning the piano duet category. What an amazing duo!



Aryan and Ariya Bux

Art to celebrate

The parents committee organised a successful art auction where they were able to raise over R20 000 on the sale of beautiful artworks created by the learners for the evening.

From left: Smilo Mbatha, Akeelah Mudau, Diego Pelemer, Skylar Hart, Gabriella Missailidis, Tyron Nadas, Kayle Turner, Ofentse Mashiyanyana, Aryan Bux and Samia Essop



CURRO MOSEL BAY

Trompie – back to 1970

On Friday, 14 September 2018 the school hall of Curro Mossel Bay was packed with parents, family members, friends and supporters. What was the occasion? *Trompie*, of course, the primary school's third musical production.

This production was based on the youth novel series by South African writer, Topsy Smith. The main cast performed like professional actors while the rest of the learners performed dances and movements to music from the 1970s.

Curro Mossel Bay is proud to say that every single learner from Grades 1 to 7 (and their teachers) had a chance to shine and make fond memories. Judging from the audience's applause and occasional bursts of laughter, this event was definitely a huge success.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and supporters who made it possible for each child to be a part of this project.



Church bazaar meeting
From left: Nita van den Bergh, Surita Febbraio, Sulika Human, Leonie Williams and Sandri Markgraaff (all teachers)



Church bazaar meeting
From left: Ethan Young, Francois Pace, Aiden Pienaar, Channel Saayman, Dunay Roos and Oratile Morudu



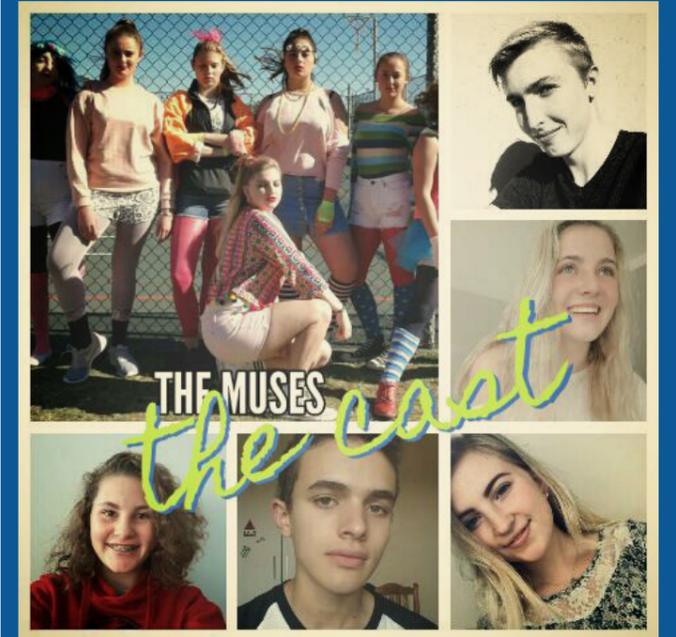
Who said teachers can't dance?



The 'Boksombende'
From left: Nieldemar le Roux, Wihan Strauss, Musa Ngononyono and Rocco Calitz

Here in Xanadu!

The thespian Wild Dogs made the school proud in August 2018 when they performed this lovely and entertaining show. There was literally a laugh a minute with great performances from all the cast members. A show like this always yields amazing dividends. New talent was discovered, confidence levels went from almost zero to hero and forever friends were made. Thank you to everyone who helped make the show a success. Olivia would have been so proud!



The trusty and talented principle cast



Practise makes perfect – the first dance rehearsal



Ready? Action ... curtain!

CURRO NELSPRUIT

Music Evolution

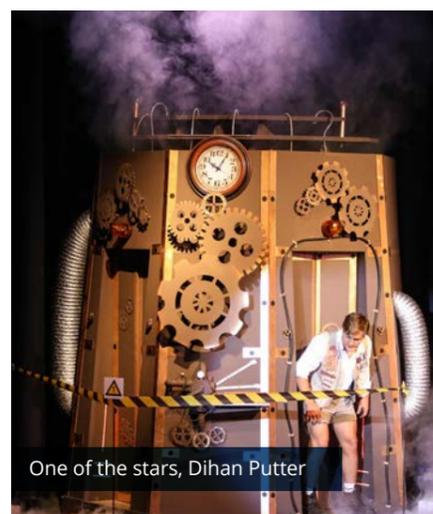
Curro Nelspruit presented a combined primary and high school revue called *Music Evolution*. This phenomenal show took its audience on a journey through time, exploring the changes and growth in music over the years. With breathtaking costumes and voices that were music to anyone's ears, this production was a real showstopper.



The cast of *Music Evolution*



Vida Strydom dazzled



One of the stars, Dihan Putter

ATKV-Tienertoneel

Curro Nelspruit's drama production, *M(as)kers*, qualified for the regional finals of ATKV-Tienertoneel. *M(as)kers* was written by our learners and addresses real-life issues teenagers are facing in the 21st century – such as cyberbullying, teenage suicide, human trafficking and the dangers of social media.



M(as)kers at ATKV-Tienertoneel 2018

CURRO ROODEPLAAT

Curro Roodeplaat pantomime

Two-dead-buffaloes-killed-with-one-deadly-shot-fountain – a pantomime graced the Curro Roodeplaat stage on 12 and 13 September 2018. An intermingling of Greek mythology and a rural South African 'plaasdorpie' had the audience in stitches. Their very own dance crew held the spotlight with songs like 'Ghostbusters' and 'Lekker Djy'. This originally Afrikaans script was modernised by including up-to-date cultural references. Half of the characters' dialogue was also presented in English. This, combined with the intermixed milieu of the play, created a smorgasbord of entertainment on the stage with moments that everyone could relate to. The humour was razor sharp and the actors acquitted themselves masterfully. Comedic timing is not easy, but these learners were exceptional! After more than three months of constant rehearsal, you might think they will get bored of their own silly jokes, but once the cast got on the stage – surrounded by beautiful props from the The State Theatre and professional lighting and sound engineering – their performance was nothing short of extraordinary. Curro Roodeplaat hopes to see more great performances in the future.



From left: Henro Heyl, Liam van Schalkwyk, Chrizelle van Heerden and Perfect Ncube



Dance crew in action



On The Tip of Your Tongue public speaking competition

This year 56 learners took part in the On The Tip of Your Tongue public speaking competition. Four learners were invited to the finals held on Tuesday, 16 October 2018 at Midstream Ridge Primary School.

All four learners won first place in their respective categories.

Curro Roodeplaat is extremely proud and privileged to have four national winners.



From left: Moya Lovell and Mbali Kgwedi



Berno van der Westhuizen (right)



Winston Moyo (far right)



CURRO SECUNDA

Radikale Redenaars

Congratulations to Hana Bhorat, who achieved a well-deserved second place at the Radikale Redenaars nationals.



Hana Bhorat

First musical

Curro Secunda had their first musical concert, *Travel around the world and back*.



Grade 2 learners representing France
From left: Zaynab Rajab and MacKenzie Kruger



Grade R representing China
From left: Ngimphiwe Dube and Morgan de Jager



Grade 2 learners representing France
From left: Ashton Norton, Asiphile Mnisi and William Quinn



CURRO SERENGETI

Young artist sells first painting

Young artist Erin Guy (Grade 7) recently auctioned off her painting at Curro Serengeti's ubuntu cultural evening for R3 000. She was also chosen as item winner for the Allegretto Provincial Eisteddfod. Erin says she would love to study architectural and graphic design one day.



Erin Guy (Grade 7) with her painting

Tokozine Sangweni is a star in the making

Curro Serengeti is very proud of TK (Tokozine) Sangweni, a Grade 12 learner, who has been selected to be part of the company that will perform in a musical celebration of Curro's twentieth birthday. TK is Curro Serengeti's very own Curro kryptonite Arts Superhero, which is the highest honour in the Curro arts superhero programme. Well done TK!



TK (Tokozine) Sangweni makes Curro Serengeti proud

The Hilton Arts Festival was a blast

The drama learners went to the Hilton Arts Festival that took place at Hilton College in Pietermaritzburg. They attended the Jongosi School Festival where they watched three shows – *Suddenly the Storm*, *James Cairns vs Humanity* and *Big Boys the Third*. They also attended an AFDA (South African School of Motion Picture Medium and Live Performance) workshop about film making. This was a big learning experience on theatre etiquette, theatre types and the future of film in South Africa.



Front, from left: Safiyah Mphaga and Theodore Scott
Back, from left: Iviwe Sibande, Wandile Dlodlo, Promise Erero, Ayanda Skosana, Shantè Rademeyer, Azola Dube, Phoko Mokoena, Aminata Maloka, Ms Myburgh (teacher), Nontokozi Thibedi and Thengiwe Maapola

Keeping the talent in the family

Congratulations to Liam and Steven Sinclair with their exceptional achievements at the World Championships of Performing Arts held in Los Angeles from 8 to 13 July 2018. Steven received two bronze medals in the instrumental category for drums while Liam received two gold medals and one silver medal in the instrumental category for guitar. Liam also won the overall trophy for the instrumental category in his age group. He received the trophy in the champion of the world division.



From left: Steven Sinclair, Liam Sinclair and Johann du Toit (teacher)

DanceStar

On the 23rd of September 2018, Kaela Nel participated in the move dance competition that was held by the Theatre Dance Association at Wynberg Boys' High. Here she qualified for the national finals in her modern jazz solo, ballet solo, acrobatic dance solo and acrobatic trio.

The national finals were held on 28 September 2018. She qualified in the top 3 for her modern jazz solo and also received a first place for modern jazz and ballet in her category.

Kaela also participated in the DanceStar heats that was held between 3 and 7 October 2018. Here she received a 1st place for ballet solo, 2nd place for modern jazz solo, 4th place in acrobatic dance solo and 1st place in acrobatic dance trio in her category.

Kaela qualified for the SA dance team who will participate in Croatia in May 2019.



Kaela Nel

Rhythmic dance

On 21 April 2018, Bronwyn van der Berg participated at a Ready or Not competition as a warm-up for ensuing competitions and received a KRDC certificate. On 2 June 2018 she also received a certificate at the Reach Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition.

Bronwyn also participated at the district competition on 12 May 2018 and advanced to the national championship (south zone) that was held on the 23rd of June 2018. Here she received her Cape Town district colours for level 2 and a silver medal after doing two different dances: free and hoop. Bronwyn received her provincial colours.



Bronwyn van der Berg

Helderberg Eisteddfod

In term three Curro Sitari took part in the Helderberg Eisteddfod. Learners participated in poetry, prepared reading and choral verse. Sitari did fantastic overall and achieved wonderful results. Sitari's foundation phase choral verse team achieved a gold plus with their poem 'My doggy ate my homework'. Two of the learners were category winners for their age group and division.

Nathan Mienie was the winner of a special certificate for Grade R poetry, scoring 91%. Nathan was also a category winner at the Stellenbosch Eisteddfod in March.

Amman Karrim was the certificate and medal winner for Grade 1 reading, scoring 96%.



Nathan Mienie, special certificate winner for Grade R poetry at the Stellenbosch and Helderberg Eisteddfod



Amman Karrim, special certificate and medal winner for reading at the Helderberg Eisteddfod.

On the Tip of Your Tongue

In May, three of Curro Sitari's foundation phase learners, Michayla Welthagen (Grade 2), Mia Scullard (Grade 2) and Benjamin Scullard (Grade 1), took part in the On the Tip of your Tongue orators' festival. All three learners scored amazing results on the day. Mia and Benjamin Scullard were both selected to participate in the finals in Pretoria on Tuesday, 16 October 2018. Mia and Benjamin both spoke about being water warriors and how to effectively save water during the worst drought Cape Town has seen. Mia came fourth overall in her age group and Benjamin came second.



From left: Benjamin Scullard (Grade one – second place) and Mia Scullard (Grade two – fourth place) at the On the Tip of Your Tongue public speaking finals

Hello, dolly!

People have lost the art of doing needlework and needlepoint. Thus, the Grade 8s started making handmade peasant dolls to revive this craft.

The learners raided the Crazy Store for needles and pins and embroidery tools. Mothers and Grans sent needlework kits. Some of the youngsters have never cut a pattern, have never sewn a stitch and they have great laughs in class ... tangled in crow nests of thread and confusion. The unifying colour is red, and somewhere on these dolls, a few stitches are in crimson red, a knot here or a small piece of cloth there. Learners have been transformed to 'boho' downtown designers, to make-do kids playing in a seamstress paradise. There was humming while sewing ... some murmured a melody in a miniature choir and the atmosphere was industrious and soothing.

Old T-shirts were cut to pieces, faces of 40s black and white images were printed, antique and folk art studied and they were on their way to make creatures which look oddly beautiful, esoterically intriguing and maybe somewhat scary-looking to the conservative – but certainly different. 'Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable'. (Cesar A Cruz)



Tumelo Chepape, Camryn Smith and Amy Britton. All Grade 8 learners at Curro Sitari, busy working.

Sitari's sizzling kryptonites

Wanda Jacobs could just as well turn the volume up in mile-high stilettos, dressed in electric-blue trousers, a fake fur jacket or be a low-key, girl-next-door in contradictory, snazzy sneakers.

With her lack of pretension, explosive energy and good looks, her act is a combination of eagerness and celebutante display. Wanda was awarded with a kryptonite, the highest honour bestowed on a drama/arts learner from Curro. Her quest to stretch her boundaries and penchant for theatrics, led to the workshops in Gauteng under the guiding eye of South-Africa's best of the best in theatre production and an affirmed place in the revue which is due to tour South Africa early 2019.

Sitari can't wait to watch Wanda as she claims the stage with a roar of laughter and some showbiz sizzle.

Rohan Cloete received a well-deserved kryptonite for his poetic skills. He has the whole rural intellectual thing going. He is an artist to his core – all unsure of his own brilliance, questioning his musical ability, his writing – which makes him artistic in every sense of the word, suitable for a large, unpredictable audience – unexpectedly soft-spoken, but single-minded.

Early-morning, one would find Rohan hanging around in the arts class with his guitar (he won himself a Black Raven for musical composition) and the modulated curve and flow of his playing. In the afternoons he might show a charged piece of writing and speak in verses – like a bird ready to fly at the slightest move of a leaf – back to his country roots and shaded terraces. Just to re-appear with a new find.



Curro Sitari kryptonites are from left Rohan Cloete and Wanda Jacobs

CURRO WATERFALL

High Notes – a musical revue

The Grade 4 learners enjoyed playing characters from the Wizard of Oz in the Grades 4 to 8 production, High Notes – a musical revue.



Scarecrows
From left: Yeeshai Naidoo, Raees Thomas, Sibusiso Shabangu and Tshepiso Segooa



All portraying Tin Man
From left: Ano Pfidze, Khanya Nxumalo, Urav Singh and Keaton Grobler



There was more than one Cowardly Lion in this production, but not one cowardly learner
From left: Angeline Moodley, Ose Resandt, Ayesha Wahab and Denayra Govender



CURRO WESTBROOK

Artist in the making

Congratulations to Akhil Moodley on winning the art competition that took place in Uitenhage in March 2018. Akhil drew the best eco-friendly car and won the competition. He was awarded a certificate and a voucher to Greenacres Shopping Centre. Well done, Curro Westbrook is proud of his willingness to take on the challenge.



Akhil Moodley receiving his certificate from Frans van der Walt (Executive Head)

Who's got talent?

This year's eisteddfod was voluntary and was held at the Dutch Reformed church Nooitgedacht on Wednesday, 22 August 2018. Learners could choose from a variety of categories and were awarded certificates for their performances. Well done to all the learners who performed so brilliantly at the event. The foundation phase and intermediate phase learners did a great job. Congratulations to all!



Daniel Hannie performed a song with his guitar.



From left: Sonwabiso Sobolo and Pershania Padayachy

Trinity College music exams

Trinity College London is a leading international exam board and independent education charity that has been providing assessments around the world since 1877.

For Alakhe Njamela (Grade 5), Morgan Wilson (Grade 4), Angeliqwe Beaton (Grade 5) and Emihle Potye (Grade 3) the initial practical violin examination was a highly-anticipated event. The level of competition was very high, but all of them received distinctions – proving how hard-working they are.



From left: Morgan Wilson, Emihle Potye and Angeliqwe Beaton

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CURRO AURORA

Legacy camp 2018

The annual voluntary legacy camp is an opportunity for the learners to serve others. They set a legacy by extending themselves on a physical and emotional level. Learners spent time at the Koningsdal Child and Youth Care Centre in KwaZulu-Natal. They planted a 100-m² vegetable garden, served lunch to the children and presented a new set of school shoes to each child. The camp saw them collecting firewood and water for a Zulu village elder. The dollar-a-day programme saw the learners realise how difficult it is for underprivileged people to survive on very little. The learners created an impact and came back wiser and stronger!



Learners gaining an understanding of the difficulties of surviving on very little.



Gathered outside, listening to the Zulu village elder.

Giving back to the community

As part of being a leader of Curro Aurora learners are taught to give back to the community.

Curro Aurora prefects went to Thorn Tree Academy on Saturday, 21 July 2018 on a charity mission. They left their handprints on the desks as a symbol of how many hands can do much more to try and make this world a better place. Not only did they leave their handprints, but their care and love will forever be imprinted in the hearts and minds of all the learners and staff at Thorn Tree Academy. Curro Aurora donated some desks to Thorn Tree Academy the previous year and the current prefects had to paint them to spice up the learning environment. Hot 91.1 FM sponsored the paint and paintbrushes for the job at hand.



Learners showing their hands that painted the tables.

CURRO BANKENVELD

Having fun whilst doing good

Curro Bankenveld hosted a cupcakes for CANSA day. Learners, parents and staff stepped up to the challenge and donated a huge number of cupcakes. Not only did they donate the cupcakes, they then bought it back the very next day. Local CANSA representatives joined them on the day to spray hair, creating more awareness for CANSA. The school raised a whopping R9 000 and then donated the left-over cupcakes to local welfare organisations and the local retirement home Immergroen. Thanks is extended to all involved to make this such a successful event.



Spray your hair for CANSA. The best fun you can have in your school uniform.



Cupcakes donated by learners, parents and staff.



CURRO BRACKENFELL

World Cleanup Day

In recognition of World Cleanup Day, the foundation phase learners were earnestly busy in term three designing and creating animals from recycled items. From little pigs to jellyfish, there was an array of animals to admire. The creativity this project inspired is wonderful and there was an amazing collaboration in the classes. Reuse, reduce, recycle.



Meet Mr Octagon - the proud creation, made from plastic bags, of the Grade 2 E2 class

CURRO CENTURY CITY

Through looking at the inspirational actions of Tata Madiba, Curro Century City appealed to all to help with the 'can make a difference' campaign by contributing a selection of goods to be donated to various organisations. This was done as part of the Mandela Day 100 appeal to celebrate Madiba's 100th birthday. Thank you to all of those who contributed to this worthy cause.

A group of interactors participated at the monthly beach cleanup at Milneron Lighthouse. It was a wonderful morning and the school managed to do their part to save the environment and clean up beaches. It is always a fun time and the more people, the better. If you have never experienced such a day, Curro Century City encourages you to give this a try.

Interact



From left: Emihle Kwakweni, Lisakhanya Mrwetyana Simamkele Koyana, Vuyo Kwakweni, Zsara Manuel, Sergio Cupido and Christopher James



Front, from left: Shemsedin and Zahir Maagbi
Back, from left: Christopher James, Vuyo Kwakweni, Cassandra Wallace, Karla van Schalkwyk and Tristan Matthews

CURRO HELDERWYK

Doing their part

Curro Helderwyk Primary School learners all contributed R5 towards blankets for the elderly residents of Red Cross Old-age Home.

Grade 7 prefects took the time during a school holiday to spend time with the residents and surprised them with a gift.



Koketso Motlhamme (left) and Relebogile Madingoane (right) with a Red Cross resident.

CURRO HILLCREST

From art classes to blood donation

An exciting and busy year for outreach, with a number of programmes.

- The SMILE Programme with Ukusakwabasha Primary School introduced art classes for Grade 7s run by Hillcrest's art department. Learners could proudly take their creations home.
- Grades 11 and 12 Business Studies learners partnered with the stepUp Foundation to raise money to buy non-perishables, which they packed at Watercrest Mall with Msizi James as the MC. These parcels are to be distributed to 50 child-headed households and will give each family three months of food.
- The Molweni street store was a success, with learners donating and packing all the clothing, as well as assisting on the day. This is a humbling experience to see people queue from 03:00 in order to get some clothes and food!
- The Blood Bank visited the school and educated the learners on why blood donation is so vital and a necessary service to the country. Many learners donated on the day.

The last event of the year is the painting and cleaning of Vusumuzi Primary School by learners, staff and parents, in conjunction with handing out food parcels. A fitting end to a good year!



The outreach team in action with learners, giving extra lessons. The art department had the learners create wonderful things to take home.



The Molweni street store team getting ready for helping families with clothing and food.



Shayla van der Merwe, Msizi James and Jenna Maree packing parcels at Watercrest Mall.

CURRO HERITAGE HOUSE

Community service

The school's learners had a great opportunity for community service in Durban. Just a few of the things they participated in were:

- painting local school classrooms;
- spending time at Bill Buchanan Association for the Aged, and
- visiting the SPCA, cleaning out kennels and spending time with the animals.



From left: Tushar Goutham and Morongoa Phahladira



From left: Nazly Desai, Priya Boodhoo, Hailey Naidoo, Lerato Tshabalala and Mangaliso Dangwane



From left: Netanya Kistan, Rebekah Gilbert, Thabo Peete and Jared Joseph

Helping others is what matters

A devastating fire resulted in the Edith Benson Children's Home burning down. Curro Heritage House answered the call for help and collected supplies to assist. A large variety of goods, ranging from clothing and bedding to food, bottles and baby formula were generously provided. These items were delivered by the Representative Council of Learners (RCL) to Child Welfare Durban and District on 16 April 2018.



From left: Matthew Rosa, Rishabh Goutham, Farah Simjee, Rachel Berry, Charli Gumedde, Kwanda Ngxukumeshe, Lerato Tshabalala, Roxanne Conacher and Francois Vermaak (RCL and social outreach coordinator)

CURRO HEUWELKRUIN

Anje Dorfling, Tyron Serradinho, Zené de Waal and Hendri Louw – Mr and Miss Heuvelkruin finalists – launched an outreach project on behalf of the SPCA. Their primary need is food for the animals in their care.

Helping our furry friends



From Left: Irene Kekana (SPCA volunteer), Selma Landman (SPCA manager), Zené de Waal, Tyron Serradinho, Anjé Dorfling and Hendri Louw

CURRO KRUGERSDORP

Love is in the air at FORA

What started as a collection and donation of pet food, ended in something completely different – an experience to remember forever. On Wednesday, 25 July 2018 seven learners from Curro Krugersdorp High School set off to FORA (friends of rescued animals) to deliver pet food which had been donated by the learners of the school.



Georgie Economakis and her new furry friend at FORA.

Helping the community

The Grades 4 to 7 learners, staff and parents of Curro Krugersdorp once again showed that they care. The residents of SAVF Mōreglans Ouetehuis came to visit the school for a morning of fun, spoils and cultural activities. This truly was a special morning that helped everyone realise that care, kindness and unconditional love can change someone's life for the better.



African drums entertaining the guests of honour.



Abby Johnson assisting one of the special guests.

CURRO MOSEL BAY

Curro cares!

The Curro Mossel Bay learners had numerous projects this year where they helped the community, either through fundraisers for the SPCA or running the 'toys for toffees' project.

At the SPCA learners handed over packets of cat and dog food, cleaned kennels and played a little with the puppies. The 'toys for toffees' project was held during the second term and all types and sizes of soft toys were collected. Learners were encouraged to bring soft toys in exchange for toffees!

The community club wanted to embrace the frail and elderly so senior citizens at Kenani were in for a treat when the learners served them tea and cupcakes and stayed the afternoon for some catching up and exchanging stories.

'It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless.' – LR Knost



Curro community club

From left: Mhilali Silwana, Keziah Frans, Chané Theron, Heike Hoting, Lara van Rooyen, Tonell Tobi and Mieke Hugo



From left: Kaliefie Gildenhuys, Lara van Rooyen, ACW representative, Chané Theron, Casey Groenewald and Riaan Stroebel (former Executive Head)



Casey Groenewald and Tonell Tobi with one of the Kenani residents, Ouma Poppy.

CURRO MONAGHAN

Mandela Day street store

Curro Monaghan was able to host a street store for the underprivileged in their community. This very successful event was organised by the parents committee. The event was a huge success and they were able to clothe over 100 very grateful beneficiaries from the local community.



Grade 1s setting up store.



The youngest street store beneficiary trying on a pair of shoes.



From left: Aruv Boodhram and Alan Olivier

Mandela Day street store beneficiaries browsing for the perfect outfit.

CURRO MOUNT RICHMORE

International Coastal Cleanup

Some learners from Grades 6 to 11 joined 300 other learners from schools all over KwaZulu-Natal for this big initiative where all the rubbish collected had to be recorded. All this information will be collated internationally and the school would receive the outcome by the end of the year to see what the biggest killers of the ocean life are.



Let's save the oceans
Curro Mount Richmore, together with other schools, and the honorary officers from the Tugela area.



From left: Tayla van Lille, Thailan von Allemann and Gabriella Ferreira



From left: Brian Heeley, Aidan Mey, Kyrton Hasanbashaj and Bryant Mouton



Rodney Visagie (one of the parents) and his twin daughters Amy and Megan Visagie capturing every little piece of rubbish they pick up.

Mandela Day

Mary Mdluli and Pinky Sishi from Curro Castle Mount Richmore sang with the Grade 1s at Sizani Primary School. Together they read a few stories, learnt some songs, painted the girls' and boys' bathrooms and made a hopscotch game for the learners. The Grades 5 and 7 learners of Curro Mount Richmore made sandwiches and packed this up along with some fruit. This was delivered by the Grade 7s to street vendors and less-fortunate people in the streets of Ballito. Some of the Grade 8 learners assisted the local Checkers in serving soup and bread to the Grades R and 1 learners of Ra Padayachee Primary School in the area while the foundation phase learners collected books which were donated to two different orphanages in the rural area.



Grade 5 learners packing their self-made sandwiches.



Moné Meiring (front) and Kelsey Jones (back) handing out soup and bread.



Grade 7 learners making and distributing sandwiches during their 67 minutes.



Santa Shoebox Project

This annual charity project is growing every year. This is the fourth year Curro Mount Richmore's families are contributing towards the initiative. Over 800 gift boxes from Mount Richmore and eco kidz were collected this year.



The foundation phase learners collected and donated books



Alexie Tselentis was one of the Grade 8 learners who served soup and bread to the Grades R and 1 learners of Ra Padayachee Primary School.



Foundation phase learners ready to hand in their boxes.



Intermediate phase learners gathering their boxes.



High school learners contributing towards this community initiative.

CURRO NELSPRUIT

Curro Nelspruit joins hands for a worthy cause

Luan Slabbert, a Grade 2 learner at Curro Nelspruit, was diagnosed with Common Variable Immune Deficiency (CVID). During his treatment in hospital he told his mother that he would like to raise money for one of his hospital friends, Antoiné Dingle, a 3-year-old patient with Congenital Central Hypoventilation Syndrome (CCHS). She had a tracheostomy and was attached to a ventilator during the night. The Grades 1 to 3 learners opened their hearts towards the project, joined hands and raised money by holding a cake sale. The learners' contributions towards this event made it a huge success and Curro Nelspruit is happy to announce that Antoiné had surgery and is now without a trachea pipe.



From left: Luan Slabbert and his friend Antoiné Dingle

CURRO SECUNDA

Mandela Day

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' – Nelson Mandela

The Curro learners and teachers celebrated Mandela Day by handing out stationery packs to the less fortunate schools. A great thanks to each learner, parent and teacher for their open hearts and contributions towards this day.



Tshego Mabidikama (right) sharing a smile with a learner receiving a stationery gift.



Learners receiving stationery packs.

CURRO SERENGETI

A school with a big heart

In 2018 Curro Serengeti was able to reach many people and animals from all walks of life through the generosity, involvement and kindness of the staff, learners and parents.

The school was able to donate over R19 000 to the Kempton Park SPCA to help their furry friends. Curro Serengeti also supported Casual Day, The National Blood Transfusion Council, Pigs and Paws as well as two orphanages and a shelter for abused women and children, to name a few.

One of the most successful outreach projects during 2018 was supporting and assisting in the needs of orphan babies at The Almond Tree. This was the initiative of the Grades 5 and 6 learners. Not only did they regularly deliver donated items, they also had the privilege to visit the babies for a play date.



From left: Divan Pretorius, Khayaletu Dlamini, Angelique Timms (teacher), Erin Knollys, Radha Roopchund, Kate Botha, Avanya Moonsamy, Ntsakisi Mabundza, Thobile Mkhizwe, Mechaela Benadie and Zina Rotherham (The Almond Tree)

Curro Serengeti supports International NF Awareness Day

Thursday, 17 May 2018 was International NF (neurofibromatosis) Awareness Day. Curro Serengeti would like to sincerely thank Brad Stanton who started an awareness campaign at school by selling blue and green ribbons. Through his efforts, and with the assistance of learners and staff, Brad managed to collect R7 000. This was paid over to the Children's Tumor Foundation who is committed to finding effective treatments for the millions of people worldwide living with neurofibromatosis.



From left: Johann du Toit (Head of High School), Brad Stanton and Sharitha Lalla (Executive Head)

CURRO SITARI

Mandela Day

On 20 June 2018, learners of Curro Sitari, big and small, came with arms open wide to bring gifts of bread, a lifeline, to the needy children of a winter-cold Helderberg.

Their first stop was Firgrove, their neighbouring school. They donated 3414n sandwiches which parents and children prepared with warm hearts.

Four blocks down, they reached The Gathering Church, and distributed enough bread to feed the soup kitchen which usually sees to the needs of at least 100 people.

On the N2 they proceeded to Tiny Bubbles in Chris Nissan Park. Dusty, the small ones waited against a wired fence. The bush telegram called everyone from the small dwellings onto the streets and soon the ship container which houses the crèche, was filled with little faces.



Helping hands ...

Interact Club activities

Curro Sitari has established its Interact Club this year. The learners have in total completed seven outreach or services programmes to date. Some of these included assisting the Castle by treating teachers and assistants with cake and time off, celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day, Women's Day and World Teachers' Day.



The Interact Club's first outreach was to their own Curro Castle. They wanted to treat the teachers and assistants with cake and time off while they were standing in for them, doing their caring, teaching and playing role. They also bought little presents for all of them.

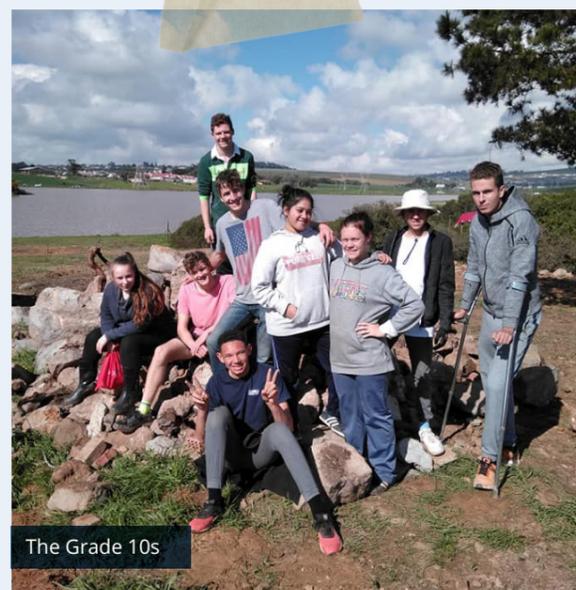


Celebrating World Teachers' Day! With a plant and note saying: 'Thank you for helping me grow'.



Serving the community

The Grades 10 and 11 learners served their community during a Life Orientation camp at Taaibosch campsite in Durbanville. The camp consisted of leadership skills training and fun team-building activities. The learners were challenged to make something special for a farm school, Attie van Wyk Primary. Both groups made fantastic flower boxes. The learners were challenged to make these boxes within groups, using tools that they might have not used before. The memories of this humbling experience will last a lifetime.



The Grade 10s



The Grade 11s

Mandela Day

Thatchfield's Mandela Day project for term 3 was inspired by the words of the late Nelson Mandela, i.e. 'Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all' and 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. In light of this, the primary school learners brought extra lunch packs with them to school on Wednesday, 18 July, which were distributed to the needy in the community.



The executive head and supporting staff accompanying the prefects to deliver food to the community.



The 2018 prefects were proud to be part of the delivery of this humble outreach project.

A new 'learner' at Curro Thatchfield

Curro Thatchfield is delighted to introduce and welcome the brand-new puppy, Jozi, to the Curro Thatchfield family. Jozi has been allocated to the school by the SA Guide Dogs Association because of Thatchfield's sponsorship in April.

Jozi is living with her puppy raising family for the next 12 to 14 months where they will teach her all sorts of things like 'sit', 'stay' and 'leave that'. She also goes to puppy-socialisation classes with her siblings every week where they learn basic obedience and how not to get distracted by their surroundings.



Jozi, the latest addition to the Curro Thatchfield family

Barefoot support

On 1 June 2018 Thatchfield celebrated their annual Barefoot Day to show their support to the less fortunate. On this day shoes were collected.

Furthermore, as part of the Mandela Day outreach, the school collected beanies, scarves and gloves. These were packaged with a little letter attached.

On 23 July 2018 learners set out with bags filled with warm winter goodies. They arrived at Bathabile Primary School and shared their gifts.

The faces of the children showed their gratitude and smiles could be seen all around.



The Mandela Day outreach goodies



Learners receiving their gift packs.



Back, from left: Patricia Mbuli (Curro), Leanie Malan (Curro), a Bathabile teacher, Nicolette Khumalo (Curro) and a Bathabile teacher



Shoes collected on Barefoot Day.



CURRO WATERFALL

Animal food drive

Curro Waterfall is passionate about outreach and focuses on a dedicated project each term. In term two they held an animal food and blanket drive. A lot of items were donated, including 23 bags and 12 tins of cat food, 64 bags and 60 tins of dog food, 31 boxes of dog biscuits and treats, a cat collar, cat scratcher and bag of cat litter, as well as a dog sweater, dog shampoo and two soft animal beds. Furthermore, 14 dog bowls and 50 animal blankets were donated. Donations were shared between Woodrock Animal Rescue and Love-a-Bull (a rescue and adoption sanctuary for pit bull terriers).

It's cool to be kind!



Curro Waterfall learners and staff with their donations
Back, from left: Graeme Waite (Executive Head), Jessica Brand (teacher), Ose Resandt (Grade 3), Glen Pfidze (Grade 7) and Bonolo Makgoga (Grade 8)
Front, from left: Ntsika Mhlambiso (Grade 2), Rachel Waite (Grade R), Olerato Tladi (Grade 1), Riyanka Naidu (Grade 2) and Jennifer Kinsella (teacher)

CURRO WESTBROOK

A visit to Louis Dubb Retirement Village

On 31 August 2018 some of the learners visited the Louis Dubb Retirement Village. The learners who were selected to go on the outing did very well in the eisteddfod. The learners did an oral presentation, recited a short poem and gave a reading. They also performed a few songs, the choir sang and the residents were given tea and cake. Everyone at the retirement village enjoyed the day and welcomed Curro Westbrook back any time.



Mhlali Moletsane having a cup of tea with one of the residents. 30/08/2018, 10:50



Minentle Mtshiselwa enjoying a glamorous moment with a happy resident. 30/08/2018, 10:49

Slipper Day and winter woolies

Over 200 learners came dressed in their awesome slippers in support of Reach for a Dream's Slipper Day initiative on 11 May 2018. Curro Westbrook prides themselves on being associated with this event annually. The school also had their fourth winter woolies drive for a local underprivileged school, Zoë's Little Lamp. The learners collected warm bedding and clothing over a period of a month. Curro Westbrook's foundation phase learners also wrote letters to the learners of Zoë's Little Lamp.

At the end of the collection, the learners managed to fill 10 boxes and 15 big bags with blankets and clothing items. Curro Westbrook is so thankful to be able to bring joy and warmth to those in need.



Mrs Juanita van der Merwe and her Grade 4 class supporting Slipper Day.



The children of Zoë's Little Lamp were excited to receive the warm winter woolies.



CURRO AURORA

International tour – Greece 2018

Curro Aurora visited the golden shores of Greece. The Greek culture is vibrant and the learners had an exceptional time! Learners were involved in adventurous and authentic cultural experiences as well as community service. During the visit to the Cerebral Palsy Centre for Children in Athens the learners dug deep and were inspirational in the manner in which they engaged with the children. The director commented that she was moved by Curro Aurora's learners – their passion for others was evident. This is what Curro Aurora stands for. This opportunity enriched the lives of the learners. Learning about the Grecian culture, sharing lots of laughter with new friends, learning to budget and shop in a foreign currency, digging deep when homesick, helping friends out, and packing and sharing rooms with people they are not usually friends with, were all part of the experience. The fourth international Currorian adventure was a special one.



Micah del Grosso (right) working on a potter's wheel under the guidance of Herziaq the potter.



Learners spending time with the cerebral palsy learners in Athens.

CURRO BLOEMFONTEIN

Curro Bloemfontein's fun day held on 27 March 2018 was a huge success and well supported. The day not only created an opportunity to build community, but to also have a lot of fun in the process.



Festive decorations for a fun-filled day.



Some of the jumping castles that were enjoyed by all who attended.

CURRO CENTURY CITY

The Grade 10s enjoyed a development and bonding camp at the Buffalo Drift campsite. The focus of the camp was leadership development, communication skills as well as trust building and teamwork. The learners took part in an obstacle course where they had to climb to the top of a swaying net. This tested confidence, teamwork and resilience.

Grade 10 camp



Team-building and strategy games to ensure the entire team stays safe and crosses with ease.



Learners embracing the mud and getting closer to nature.



WOW!

The final climb.

**Curro Durbanville
20-year
celebrations**

Curro Durbanville celebrated 20 years of excellence this year with several key birthday events.

In February the high school and primary school learners celebrated in grand style by having the biggest party ever in the form of a traditional circus-styled carnival.

In July they held a celebratory campus-wide assembly with special guests in attendance, including Dr Chris van der Merwe, other founder members, as well as some of the original teachers and staff members who were part of Curro Durbanville from the very beginning in 1998.



Curro Durbanville learners forming a guard of honour and waving flags in celebration of their school's birthday.



Twenty doves were released into the air.



Curro Durbanville's birthday cake.
From left: Jenna Eagar (head girl) and Joshua Beckley (head boy) of Curro Durbanville Primary School, with Janco Greyling (head boy) and Moya Marumo (head girl) of Curro Durbanville High School



The tornado ride at Curro Durbanville's carnival in February was the most popular and daring ride of them all!



Dr Chris van der Merwe and his wife, Stephanie, cut the birthday cake.



Curro Durbanville learners stood together to form a number 20. This was to mark the school's 20th birthday and to open their circus-themed carnival celebration in style.

**Welcome back
to school!**

Learners returning to school from termly breaks this year were enthusiastically greeted by Curro Durbanville Primary School's learner council members who held up posters with words of encouragement and greetings for all.



From left: Mia Dippenaar (Grade 7), Carl Vlok (Grade 7) and Megan Naudé (Grade 7), school learner council members of Curro Durbanville Primary School waving their posters.

**CURRO
HAZELDEAN**

**A night to
remember –
matric dance**

The Class of 2018 graced the red carpet this year at the matric dance. It was an elegant affair and one they will all remember as a highlight of their school career.



From left: Erin Holmes and Joshua Maartens



From left: Chase Nel and Lesedi Chiloane

CURRO HELDERWYK

Meet-and-greet

Teachers and parents of Curro Helderwyk High School enjoyed some casual time around the braai and took the opportunity to become better acquainted.



From left: Pieter Potgieter, Wayne Taylor, Gordon Pretorius and Mallory du Plooy (Executive Head)

CURRO HERITAGE HOUSE

The perfect fit on family day

This year's family day highlighted the very essence of the school. Everyone is different, but together they create a masterpiece. The centre of family day was knowing that, like puzzle pieces, everyone fits together perfectly. The learners enjoyed every moment of this momentous occasion, from preparing their artwork to performing their beautiful items, honouring their parents and grandparents.



Puzzle pieces – fitting together.

CURRO HERMANUS

Inauguration of the new high school

On 2 March 2018, Curro Hermanus celebrated the opening of the new high school building. The new building block provides new facilities and a much-improved learning environment. Teachers are increasingly aware of the interaction between physical spaces and the learning environment. Modern facilities also increase the school's learning culture.



Kaci van Romburgh (head girl) cutting the ribbon with Gabriel Stratford (head boy) and Pierre van der Westhuizen (Head of High school).



Celebrating the new high school building.

A brand-new aquatics club

The inauguration of the school's aquatics club and facility took place on 20 June 2018.

The 25-metre heated pool's temperature is regulated between 26 and 28 °C and has six lanes. The coaches are more than welcome to assist. Mrs Gretha Maleta and Mrs Marlice Stander will coach the foundation and intermediate phase learners, and Ms Estelle Immelman is the aquatics club manager. She is welcoming the entire Overberg community and will provide coaching and lessons to all ages. Mr Deon Kuhn and Mr Gerald van der Merwe will provide coaching to the high school learners.

Curro Hermanus looks forward to hosting galas on school and club level.



From left: Gretha Maleta, Marlice Stander, Estelle Immelman, Deon Kuhn and Gerald van der Merwe

CURRO HEUWELKRUIN

Heuwelkruin celebrates culture diversity

As part of Heritage Day, the school celebrated cultural diversity with traditional clothing, games and food.



From left: Natalie Rentroia and Elle Sambo



Musa Mafemane

Mr and Miss Heuwelkruin

Mr and Miss Curro Heuwelkruin were crowned in September.

Miss Heuwelkruin: Lara Prenzler

First princess: Yvonne Claassens

Second princess: Anje Dorfling

Mr Heuwelkruin: Deon Kriel

First prince: Tyron Serradinho

Second prince: Keanu Paulo

From left: Lara Prenzler and Deon Kriel



CURRO HILLCREST

Grade 7s sharing devotions

The Grade 7 leadership team shared early morning devotions with the learners in the foundation phase. Each leader prepared a special lesson for them and they had the opportunity of sharing their hearts and understanding of the Word with the learners. The foundation phase listened very carefully to the wise words shared with them.



Joanna Reardon making the Grade 1s feel comfortable whilst chatting to them.



Michael Phipps using technology to bring his message to his engrossed listeners.



Some artwork done by Isabella Ambrosio and Bongani Ngidi.



CURRO KLERKSDORP Journey's End

Each matric class wants to leave a legacy when they leave school. It is for this reason that the Class of 2018 initiated a new tradition called Journey's End. It is a celebration marking the end of their journey at Curro Klerksdorp. During this celebration, they experienced some of the key responsibility traditions such as the signing of the scroll and then a new exciting initiative going forward. The Grade 12 learners from 2018 also placed some special items in a box called their time capsule. The boxes were sealed and a plaque was cemented on top of the hole so that the Class of 2018 may open their time capsules in 2028 during their 10-year reunion.



A group of matrics placing their special items into the boxes.



Sihle Madondo holding the plaque that will indicate the time capsules of the Class of 2018. Jacques Nel, Executive Head, looks on.



Rowan Blair Hook posing at the buried boxes.

Zulu appreciation day

The Grade 6s were privileged to enjoy the annual Zulu appreciation day. They celebrated the Zulu culture through song, dance and a delicious lunch.



Learners enjoying a delicious meal whilst they ingratiate themselves with the Zulu culture, enjoying Zulu food, songs, dances and tradition.



Foundation phase movie day

Learners had to come to school with their own homemade 'box cars'. All learners had their cars parked in the school hall and everyone enjoyed a movie with snacks.



Watching a movie at the 'drive-in' cinema.



Learners sharing some stories from their 'cars'.
From left: Jane Grace Engelbrecht and Aimee-Lee Lötter

Educational outing

Letsatsi-la-Africa is located in the Free State near the Vaal River, where all learners came face to face with indigenous and exotic predators. The learners had a picnic after an exciting tour.



Some of the foundation phase learners enjoying the morning at Letsatsi-la-Africa.
From left: Queron Wilson, Langelihle Langa, Aimee-Lee Lötter, Diego Salame, Rebaone Modiboa, Josh Davids and Samuel Maphanga



From left: Aimee-Lee Lötter and Stacey Dunjana enjoying the wild life at Letsatsi-la-africa



Taking a break in shade.

The high school is expanding

Oh Yeah

Curro Krugersdorp is expanding its high school campus with an additional 4,3 hectares. The beautiful territory borders the sports fields at the back, which simplifies access. The facilities are being established over the course of a few years.

Sport and culture enhance the education of a child; therefore, the land will be utilised for the expansion of sports facilities. Along with the extra ten classrooms that will be added within the next two years, Curro Krugersdorp High School has a bright future – offering a stimulating learning environment.



Annemarie Lombard (Executive Head) is overjoyed by the additional land and opportunities.

Mr and Miss Curro Krugersdorp

On 18 October 2018 Curro Krugersdorp had their first Mr and Miss Curro Krugersdorp. It was a night of glitz and glamour. The models took to the catwalk and gave their best and Curro Krugersdorp is proud to announce that Lusandza Mncube is the first ever Miss Curro Krugersdorp and Ruben Grobbelaar the first Mr Curro Krugersdorp..



From left: Chrizaak Botha (judge), Lusandza Mncube, Ruben Grobbelaar and Daniella Steynvaardt (judge)

Curro competes in the Shell Eco-marathon

Curro Krugersdorp is one of three schools that competed in the Shell Eco-marathon. Since 1985, the Shell Eco-marathon has challenged teams around the world to design, build and drive the most energy-efficient cars. These teams usually consist of second- or third-year university students, but this did not hold Curro Krugersdorp back.

This was a great opportunity for new-comers to present and test their projects and, above all, experience the unique spirit with fellow competitors on a professional circuit. The learners and teachers worked hard and were excited to compete.



Front, from left: Delné Potta and Shaina Roodt
Middle, from left: Marko Jonker (teacher), Dean Cotton, Ruben Grobbelaar, Connor Boucher, Taylor Kotze and Christopher Steenkamp
Back, from left: Janus Schoeman, Keedan Dullisear and Liam Wilkerson

Night school

Curro Krugersdorp High School had their first night school and the learners had quite the experience. They made pizzas, dissected rats, watched scary movies with even scarier teachers, played fun and educational mathematics games and, most importantly, had fun while learning. The evening was topped off with a parents' braai. Thanks is extended to the amazing team of teachers and learners who made the night unforgettable.



Euneue Geldenhuys (teacher) and Deagan Bateman playing mathematical battleship.



A new kind of scary teacher.
From left: Jean Kirton and Peter Jacobs

Curro Krugersdorp turns five

Curro Krugersdorp celebrated their fifth birthday in February 2018 and Annemarie Lombard (Executive Head) spoke excitedly about how far the school has come in the last five years and what the future has in store. The learners enjoyed delicious doughnuts to top off the morning's festivities.



High school celebrations.



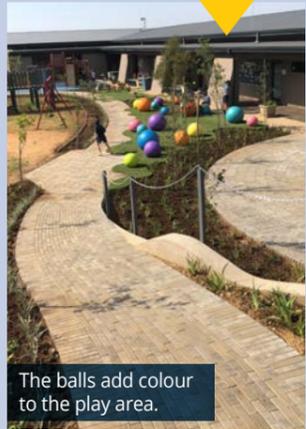
Annemarie Lombard (Executive Head) addressing the primary school learners

On the ball!

Monaghan's conversation balls have been a huge hit with the learners and staff in the upgraded foundation phase play area.



Tayla Havenga



The balls add colour to the play area.



Olivia Hawkins



Khloe Knezovich-Henwood



Nomaswazi Bambo, McKenzie Mitchell and Kylie Walker enjoying their lunch.

Diversity at its best

Curro Monaghan enjoyed celebrating the diversity of its wonderful learners and staff at their culture day.



From left: Giorgia Mackensie, Jenna Hart and Emma-Leigh Heeley



Chinese decor



From left: Dadawele Fihlani, Meghann Pearce and Paulina Phukubje (all teachers)



Rofhiwa Siminya (Grade 5) representing Venda.



From left: Samia Essop and Soha Boodhram dressed in Hindu attire



From left: Zizo Shugu, Nqobile Bambo and Latitha Msizi



Oratile Mashiyanyana tasting a mopane worm.



British decor



From left: Aryan Bux, Kayle Turner, Tyron Nadas and Sakihiwo Bunge

Family day at the beach

The first term ended off with a fun family day at Santos Beach in Mossel Bay. Families pitched with picnic baskets, camping chairs and broad smiles to enjoy some time with their Curro family. A happy, festive atmosphere highlighted the day.

Lots of fun and laughter followed throughout the day as everyone joined in a variety of competitions. Volleyball, touchies and a sandcastle competition kept young and old going for a long time. Teachers and parents also competed in volleyball and touchies matches and the girls proved that touchies is not just for boys!



Some of the sandcastle competition winners with Riaan Stroebel (former Executive Head) and Jaco Olivier (Executive Head). From left: Callan Meyer, Carla Violante, Laura Violante and Inus Ferreira



Riaan Stroebel (former Executive Head) with Jaco Olivier (Executive Head) at Santos beach.



Meecah Engel enjoying the sandcastle competition.



Teachers, parents and friends competing in volleyball matches.

CURRO MOUNT RICHMORE

Five-year celebrations

Curro Mount Richmore celebrated five years of excellence in various ways. The learners could wear silly socks and they formed the number 5 on the sports field.



Foundation phase learners
From left: Ethan Wagener, Marcel van der Linde, Armandt Coetzee and Rijk de Jager



Formation by the whole school on our sports field



Wearing silly socks – these learners have been with the school since the doors opened in 2014.



Formation by the whole school on the sports field



A few Grade 8 learners waiting to get in the circle for the celebrations.



From left: Kyla Dold, Alyssia Collazuol and Ritémari Burger



From left: Yolanda Geldenhuys, Christyn Ramsamy and Brooke Lawson

Heritage Day

The whole school could dress up for Heritage Day and each one could contribute a traditional eat or treat to be shared during break. The primary school learners had a show with some traditional songs and dances. This day was celebrated with loads of fun and education about the true meaning of the day. The Castle celebrated with dress up and a bring-and-share picnic of traditional South African foods.



From left: Sarah Missing, Michayla Roux, Ndoni Mgeyane, Neema Nzimande, Cara Towell, Nicole Teylor, Ezinhle Pato, Rachel David, Hannah Olujobi, Nosipho Khomo and Ansie Engelbrecht



From left: Simangaliso Khumalo, Mikaheel Hamid and Eduan de Kock



Aeron Smith (left) and Stembiso Zikhali, the bus driver, who also participated in this celebration.



From left: Josslyn Dold, Shreya Govender, Yuliya Govindsamy and Sameshan Kisten



From left: Tuscany Rungiah, Raqael Naidoo, Tyler Grey, Aliyanah Ramluckan and Noi Puttaluksa



From left: Thailan von Allemann and Kyron Hasanbshaj



Group 4
From left: Tyaag Sutar, Kayuri Subhan, Layton Dhaver, Lubanzi Nzimande and Jayden Wagener

CURRO NELSPRUIT

'Kom ons braai'

Heritage Day was celebrated in true South African style. All Grades 4 to 7 learners had a mass braai in the centre of the intermediate phase block. The smoke billowed up, the meat sizzled and the happy voices rang out as the learners and teachers did some serious braaiing. Everyone stood together as South Africans and gave the Swedish, Nigerian and other nationalities a glimpse of what it truly means to be South African!



Grade 5A boys - proudly South African for Heritage Day
From left: Rico Nel, Henry Rudder, Alexander Pakendorf, Franco Roccon and Dylan Stoltz

CURRO RIVONIA

First ever primary school prefects

Curro Rivonia is proud to have elected their first ever primary school prefects in 2018.

Ten Grade 7 learners were selected after a rigorous selection process of campaigning, being acting prefects and voting by both learners and teachers.

The ten Grade 7 prefects for 2018 are headed up by Advay Rooplall as head boy and Aithaopa Zitha as head girl.

These ground-breakers have taken the first steps into solidifying the culture of leadership and responsibility at Curro Rivonia.



From left: Aithaopa Zitha, Mr Brian O'Neil, Executive Head of Curro Rivonia, and Advay Rooplall

CURRO SERENGETI

Head leaders for 2019

Curro Serengeti is pleased to announce that the head leaders for 2019 have been chosen. Cassidy Weir has been selected head girl and Dumisani Mkwanazi head boy while Nontokozi Thibedi will be the deputy head girl in 2019 and Adam Dickinson the deputy head boy.

From left: Nontokozi Thibedi, Dumisani Mkwanazi, Cassidy Weir and Adam Dickinson



CURRO ROODEPLAAT

Memorable opening of the high school

Every day a new page is written in the story of Curro Roodeplaat. As co-authors, the learners are making this a bestseller. At the memorable opening of the high school, with the sound of chattering children and the ringing of the bell, everyone realised that a new chapter was about to unfold. On Thursday, 19 April 2018 the plaque was unveiled by the Deputy Minister of Sport, Gert Oosthuizen and Chief Financial Officer of Curro Holdings, Bernard van der Linde - declaring the school officially open.



Ruhan Janse van Rensburg (conductor) and choir



All staff and VIP guests at the opening of Curro Roodeplaat High School

Unveiling of the plaque
From left: Gert Oosthuizen (Deputy Minister of Sport) and Bernard van der Linde (Chief Financial Officer of Curro Holdings)



CURRO ROODEPLAAT

Grade 1 concert

The Grade 1s had a lot of fun with their concert on Wednesday, 24 October 2018. They got to show off how smart they have become in 'big school' this year.

'Here I am, at the end of Grade one.
I've done sums and reading and even some art
I played, I worked and gave my best,
And now I am ever to smart!'

WOW!



All the Grade 1s



Grade 1 learners



Out of this world
From left: Noah Marais, Bryan Agbanu and Teejin Naidu

Fundraising fun

Once again, the biggest annual fundraising project was a huge success. On Thursday, 20 September 2018 the annual soapbox derby was held at Curro Roodeplaat. Learners, teachers and parents alike just had fun, fun and more fun. The day started with all the different war cries from each class and then the official race took off. The fun was expanded with Ayoba's water activities, slides and carnival rides. It was a day that will surely be remembered by young and old.

The money raised will once again be used to the benefit of the beautiful school and the learners.



Fun at the mud hole

CURRO SECUNDA

Soapbox derby

In term 2 Curro Secunda had their first soapbox derby day (box carts). It was their annual fundraiser. The learners, parents and teachers had a lot of fun.



Caleb Durand



From left: Lesego Maroke, Rube Quinn, Romana Cassim, Caitlyn Caitlin Sing and Princess Dube (teacher)



From left: Ruby Quinn and Caitlyn Sing



Back, from left: Lesego Maroke and Caitlyn de Ponte
Front: Riley Delpport

Grade R pizza day

The Grade Rs had a fun pizza-making day on Friday, 3 August 2018. They pretended to be Italian chefs. One of the parents provided a pizza oven and every learner created their own special pizza – mmm!



Little chefs hard at work
From left: Daniel Schreuders and William Cooke



Just about ready
From left in centre: Mabutho Mthombeni, Callum Nicholson and Zane Smal



Grade Rs ready for the fun.

CURRO SITARI

Heritage Day celebrations

On 21 October Curro Sitari celebrated Heritage Day with a fun-packed sports day organised by the Representative Council of Learners (RCL). Learners competed in grade groups and the highlight of the day was when they ended off with a lovely braai.



Back row from left: Ashgar Wilson, Jana Coetzee, David Marx, Tjaart van der Walt, Teejay Kamwaro, Joshua Steyn, Mariska Burger, Rohan Cloete, Dylan Stander and Brandon Lennox
Front row from left: Joshua Strydom, Owen Rix, Joseph Jones, Jeniel Naude, Kyle Payes, Kevin Pontes, E-Loné Scheepers, Emihle Mzamo, Amy Wallace, Lieschen Adams, Anique Adams and Mellisa Zangwa

Mosa Nkwashu and Simrin Gilbert, both Grade 6 learners, made Curro Thatchfield extremely proud at the Miss Centurion Schools banquet at Doxa Deo in Midstream. Mosa was crowned Miss Pre-teen Centurion Schools for 2018 and Simrin received the Miss Pre-teen Personality award.



Mosa Nkwashu and Simrin Gilbert (Grade 6) were crowned Miss Pre-teen Centurion Schools for 2018 and Miss Pre-teen Personality respectively.

Soapbox and colour run

The soapbox derby and colour run took place on Saturday, 26 May 2018 at the high school grounds. Friends and family brought camping chairs and enjoyed watching or participating in the activities. The soapbox races were enjoyed by the learners, but throwing each other with paint at the colour run, was enjoyed by learners, parents and teachers alike!



Learners racing with soapboxes to do as many rounds as possible.



Colour everywhere! Learners, parents and staff running and throwing each other with colour paint.

Heritage Day was celebrated in style at Curro Waterfall. The learners and staff were encouraged to celebrate their culture and the diversity of their beliefs and traditions. A heritage function for the learners was held in the hall, showcasing cultural dances and allowing them the opportunity to taste traditional foods.



Enjoying a traditional feast
From left: Andreyra L'etang, Denayra Govender, Nokutenda Kariri and Ayesha Wahab



Teachers dressed up too
From left: Jennifer Kinsella, Kayleigh Wood and Chonelle Smith



Grade 5 learners proudly dressed up for Heritage Day
Front, from left: Tarik Panday, Dhruv Lalloo, Atang Mashile, Tsebo Mokhathi, Lingelihle Mabaso, Thabang Mothibedi and Nidhi Ramdhani
Middle, from left: Rameez Allie, Lehlogonolo Sekgala, Bohlokwa Molefe, Tumelo Makgeru, Senzo Mngomezulu, Wandile Dladla, Kiara Govender, Isabella Leonard, Mulumbe Mbilima and Ulonene Nghala
Back, from left: Chad Botha (teacher), Gabriella Pittorino, Boipelo Mathe, Chantelle Chifamba and Kgotso Setagane

Curro Thatchfield turned five this year

Curro Thatchfield celebrated its fifth birthday with a 5-km fun run/walk on Saturday, 1 September 2018. This was a joyous celebration where the learners displayed their dance and singing talent, ranging from a performance by the drummies as well as Thatchfield's Spur Rising Star Idol winner, Khanyizile Mabena.

Marlene Gerber, Executive Head, said: 'We have come a long way ... from textbooks to tablets; embracing 21st-century teaching. In 2017 we had our first group of matrics, with a pass rate of 99% – quite an achievement. We look back over the past five years with gratitude and we hope that the next five years and beyond will be spectacular.'

Curro Thatchfield opened its doors in January 2013 in Centurion with 820 learners and 45 teachers. Today it has grown to almost 2 500 learners and 200 staff members ranging from teachers, assistants and maintenance personnel. The school also boasts state-of-the-art sports facilities to train top sportsmen and women to compete with the best in the country.



Executive Head Marlene Gerber and Foundation Phase Head Delia Maritz cutting and serving the birthday cake to learners and parents.



Learners enjoying playing on the inflatables.



Hundreds of people starting the 5-km fun run.

Campus trail

Curro Westbrook held their annual family campus trail event on Saturday, 10 March 2018. It was a fun-filled, adventurous morning with loads of entertainment. The campus trail was a huge success and there were some fun activities along the route. There was a funky hair, face-painting and sticker point as well as balloon shakers, a photo boot and a cool drink/water point. This year there was also a point to splash powder paint, which added great entertainment to the walk. Thanks is extended to all for contributions and support! It was a magnificent event.



From left: Lea Hall and Shiloh Waterboer



Declan Thompson (middle) having a blast riding the go-karts.



Family and friends all ready for action.



Curro carnival

Curro Westbrook hosted their very first family carnival on 14 and 15 September. It was a fun-filled day with loads of entertainment and outrageous carnival rides. There were so many visitors who came and experienced the carnival rides at night with all the glitz and glamour! There was so much adrenaline pumping and excitement in the air.



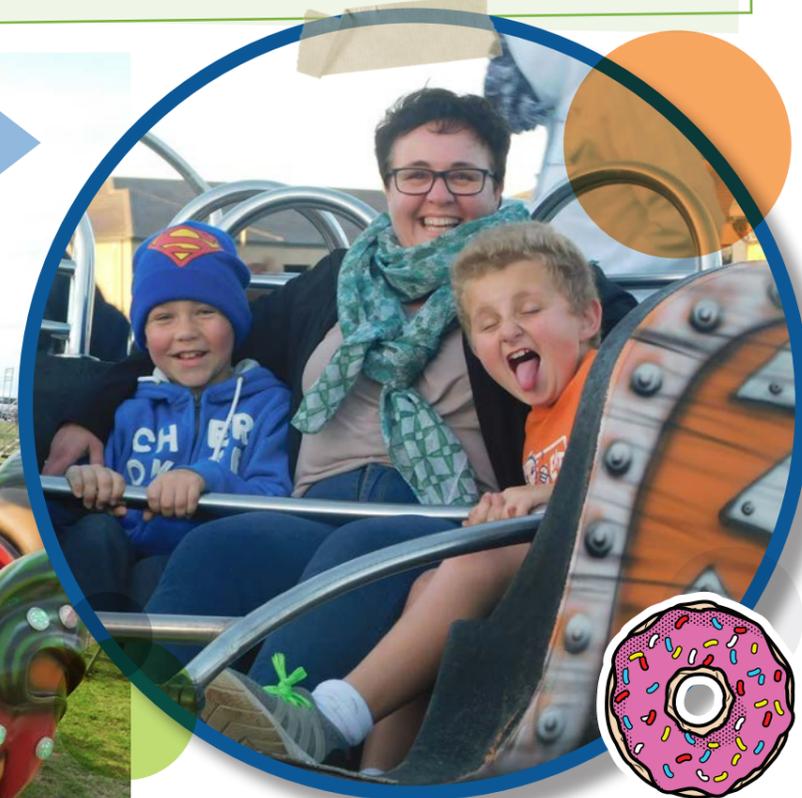
Colton Viljoen enjoying the pirate ship ride.



The disco dance was the most popular ride of all.



Arin Trenery is super excited for her dino ride.



Tayden Hershensohn, Wendy Knott-Craid and Nathan Knott-Craig enjoying the rides.



Spur shadow waiter evening

What a fabulous evening this was! The Grades 6s and 7s thoroughly enjoyed the evening and by the end of the night, their feet were sore. They got the opportunity to shadow waiter with the Spur waiters – carrying the food, taking orders, ringing up the bills and cleaning tables. Curro Westbrook is very proud of them as they did an amazing job and worked hard to raise funds for the Grade 7 tour.



Mrs Ronja Thirion being served by Pershania Padayachy and Sean Palmer at Spur.



Spur staff and Curro learners singing 'Happy Birthday'.



CURRO

CONTACT US:

T: 021 979 1204 | E: info@curro.co.za | www.curro.co.za