Date:
22 July 2020

Issue no.:
9/20

CURRO
Durbanville

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians and Learners

The Isolation Station

Advice on how to cope with the pandemic

On Sunday, 12 July, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that the wearing of masks is mandatory for every South African. But, let's be honest, they aren't exactly the most comfortable things to wear. And, if you're one of the unlucky individuals who must wear glasses, well… you've just won the condensation lottery. They bend your ears forward, are constantly slipping off your nose and have given you pimples in places you've never had them before. Not to mention that awful moment when you run up the stairs (forgetting that lockdown has robbed you of your fitness levels) and you are breathing so fast that your mask decides that this is an excellent opportunity to jump down your throat and suffocate you. Masks aren't fun, but they are crucial.

We wear a mask to protect not only ourselves, but those around us. When you exhale, cough, or sneeze the mask serves as a layer of protection, preventing the droplets from infecting those around you. In a similar way, your mask helps to prevent others from infecting you. Wearing your mask correctly will help to ensure that the coronavirus does not continue to ruin what remains of 2020. When history looks back on the 2020 pandemic, those rectangular pieces of cloth will become the fashion statement of the year.

Here are some tips on how to wear your mask correctly:

- Always wash your hands before and after handling your mask.
- Make sure that when you are wearing your mask that your mouth, nose and chin are covered. If your nose is peaking out, you are defeating the purpose of the mask.
- Avoid touching the mask.
- Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head.
- Keep your mask on at all times.
- If you are eating, only remove the mask to take a bite and replace the mask as soon as possible.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT COMMUNITY

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent community. We appreciate your support, encouragement and understanding throughout this trying and ever-changing time. We know that this pandemic has not been easy for you either, but we truly value your continued championship of our school and the trust you place in us.

ACADEMICS

Welcome back to our Grade 8 and 9 learners

On Monday, 6 July and 20 July respectively, we welcomed our Grade 8 and 9 learners home after endless weeks of lockdown. Ms Amann and Ms Jansen, and their Grade 8 and 9 teams had some new style choices, hairstyles and celebratory balloons as they welcomed the Grade 8s and 9s with a special treat. Strict social distancing rules were adhered to, as well as mask-wearing and the regular washing and sanitising of hands.

Top 10 Term 2

Congratulations to the following learners who were the top achievers in their Grade for Term 2. We are extremely proud of your achievements and know that you have continued to work even harder during lockdown. We know that the skills you developed during this pandemic will help you through your school career. Well done!

GRADE 8

1	Mia Kotze	93.89%
2	Maria Inggs	92.37%
3	Colby Styles	91.78%
4	Ithike Gunter	91.64%
5	Michael la Grange	91.04%
6	Antonio Rusconi	90.98%
7	Ryan Fehrenbacher	90.40%
8	Ethan Trollip	89.69%
9	Bhaumik Patidar	88.87%
10	Mila Crous	88.56%

GRADE 9

1	Shaunique Kannemeyer	93.20%
2	Danielle Joshua	89.93%
3	Inühn Fourie	89.87%
4	Amber-Leigh Nel	89.41%
5	Megan Naude	89.27%
6	Christof Venter	87.97%
7	Marco van Schalkwyk	87.47%
8	Lisa Myburgh	87.35%
9	Joshua Beckley	87.16%
10	Zara Douglas	86.78%

GRADE 10

1	Jenna Rigby	94.78%
2	Anja Fourie	86.85%
3	Ruan Mostert	86.65%
4	Angelica Deel-Smith	85.15%
5	Donato Lorenco	86.14%
6	Tayla Esau	85.32%
7	Albert Diedericks	85.02%
8	Ethan de Wet	83.70%
9	Rian Maartens	83.61%
10	Dashayin Gilbert	83.47%

GRADE 11

1	Tiffany Gietzmann	90.43%
2	Emma Biskupsky	88.57%
3	Joshua Cupido	88.43%
4	Emma Beckley	87.14%
5	Zara Healey	85.79%
6	Anneri de Villiers	85.79%
7	Leeanne Gietzmann	84.86%
8	Nina Hipkin	82.00%
9	Ayanda Vilakazi	81.43%
10	Thalia Devan	81.29%

GRADE 12

	TERM 1	**%**
1	Jamie Willcox	89.26%
2	Marco Erlank	88.71%
3	Siyabonga Nhlapo	88.14%
4	Erin Cuff	88.05%
5	Kyle Janse van Rensburg	87.29%
6	Carlia Greyling	87.21%
7	Isabella Keeves	86.33%
8	Elona Fikani	86.05%
9	Bhavika Patidar	85.19%
10	Kiara De Gouveia	85.10%

CULTURE

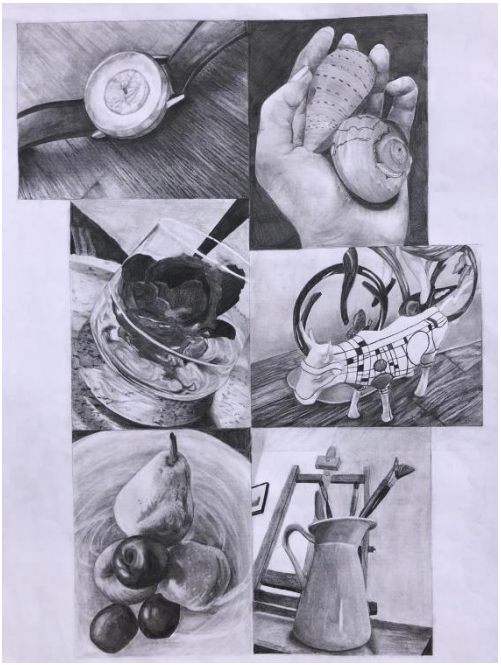
Culture Week

This week we celebrated everything that is culture at Curro. Each day of the week we shined the spotlight on a different aspect of all things cultural. The following artworks were submitted as part of the Curro Arts Superhero initiative that took place during lockdown level 1. Learners created artworks in various mediums and submitted them to be adjudicated by South African artist, Lientjie Wessels.

Anja Fourie (CAS: Make it)

Amber-Leigh Nel (CAS: Make it)

Camryn Robson (CAS: Make it)

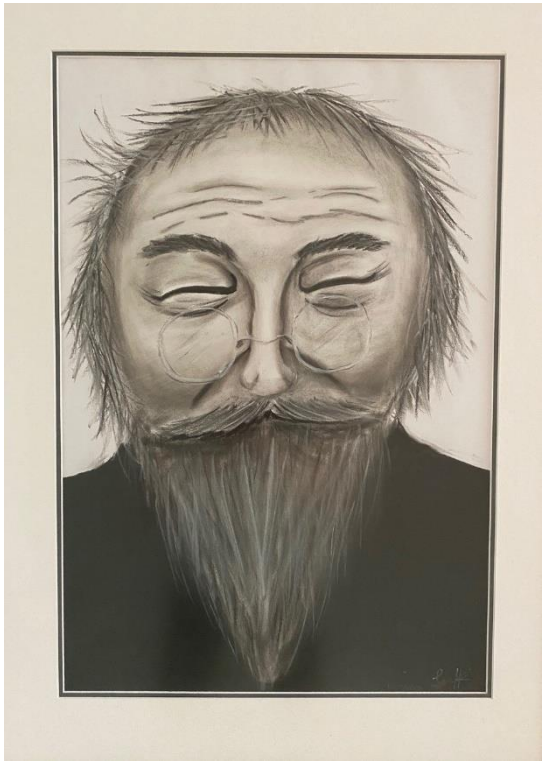


Isabella Keeves (CAS: Make it)

Leigh van Deventer (CAS: Make it)

Megan Naude (CAS: Collage Make it)

Liam Kloppers (CAS: Make it Pastels)



Keyna Gibbs (CAS: Make it)

This would have been the week in which we present our 2020 high school musical, *Alice*. However, this wasn't going to stop us from celebrating the acting talent at Curro. We decided to have a throwback Tuesday and upload our 2016 musical, *Snow,* to YouTube for the everyone's enjoyment. *Snow* was written and directed by our dynamic duo, Mr Deon van Zyl and Ms Lize-Meri Amann. This musical was a combination of various fairy-tales, ranging from Snow White to Beauty and the Beast.

You can view *Snow* by clicking on the link below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtNgzyLWpHg&t=37s

You can view our Facebook and Instagram pages for additional information on Culture Week and to see more performances from our talented learners in a variety of genres, from public speaking to dancing and everything in between.

Mr and Miss Curro

We unfortunately have had to cancel Mr and Miss Curro 2020. We waited as long as we could before making a decision. With the state of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the stringent protocol that is in place, it cannot take place. We are just as sad as you are, but your safety and health and that of the public is of paramount importance. We would like to acknowledge the twenty contestants one last time.

The ten girls: Erin Cuff, Cara du Plessis, Caitlin Eagar, Mijeané Fryer, Megan Gabrielse, Zara Healy, Shaina Hector, Klaudia Ornotowsha, Emma Rickets and Micia Smit.
The ten boys: Marno Carstens, Dash Gilbert, Shayne Joseph, Bukho Jukuda, Dylan Kotze, Cody Leader, Liam Mongie, Irah Mynhardt, Travis Procter and Jamie Willcox.

Thank you for being so patient in these trying times.

SPORT

Two Curro Durbanville boys in the SA under 17 Hockey Team

We are incredibly proud of Kenoé Christians (Grade 11) and Liam Glasby (Grade 10) who have been selected to the SA under 17 Hockey team. Last year, both boys were selected to the under 16A WP Hockey team. After a successful inter-provincial tournament, where their team obtained a silver medal, both Curro learners were chosen to the under 16 SA squad. This year, with the Covid-19 pandemic, all inter-provincial tournaments were cancelled. However, to our astonishment, based on merit, both boys have been selected to the under 17 SA Squad. Kenoé and Liam are currently being coached online by various national coaches around South Africa. We are exceptionally proud of these learners and wish them all the best going forward.

GENERAL

Reset of learner password

Keeping teachers, learners and our data safe is a priority for Curro. Many learners are still using their original passwords (1234) which creates a risk, especially for cyber-bullying. Learners are accessing other learner accounts using generic passwords and posting inappropriate messages and images. This is on the increase and we need to urgently address this. Even in times of crisis, we cannot compromise security and learners' well-being.

We request all learners to reset their passwords as soon as possible, especially if they are using original passwords created. Passwords need to be at least 8 characters long and include a combination of special characters, letters and numbers.

We have created a video that explains the learner password reset process. Click HERE to access the password reset video guidance.

Please note: **The school will not be able to reset any learner's password from now on.**

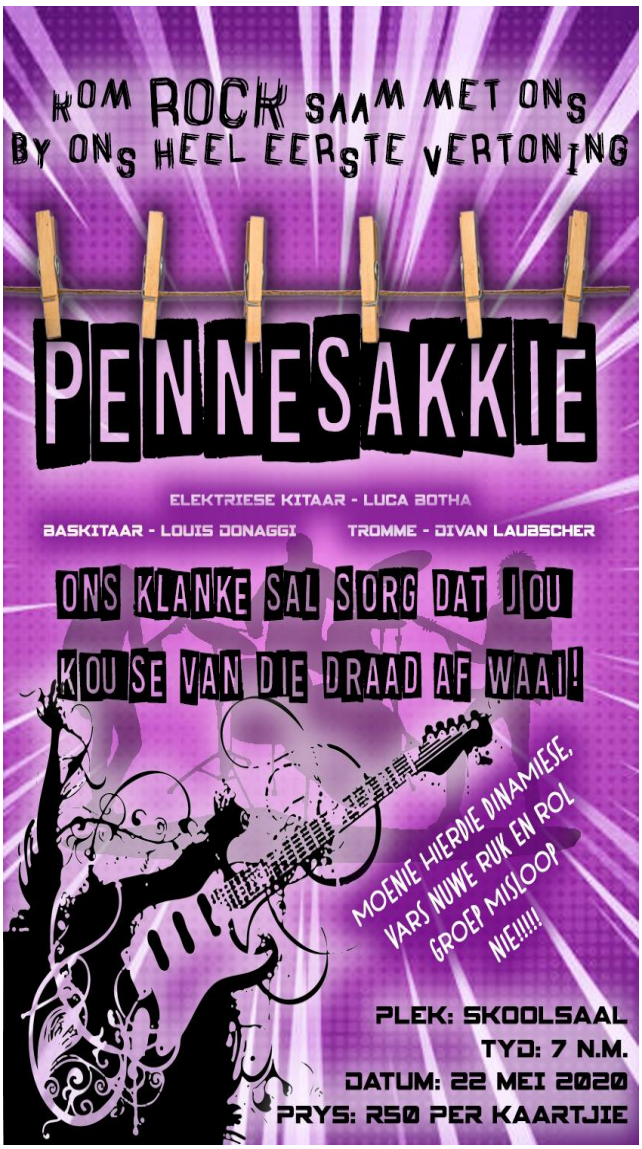
Windows-based Computing devices

We wish to remind parents/guardians not to purchase new Apple computing devices when it is time to upgrade their child's device. Apple products may require additional support that cannot be provided by the school. We have already informed parents of this situation but find that there are still learners who are using Apple devices at school.

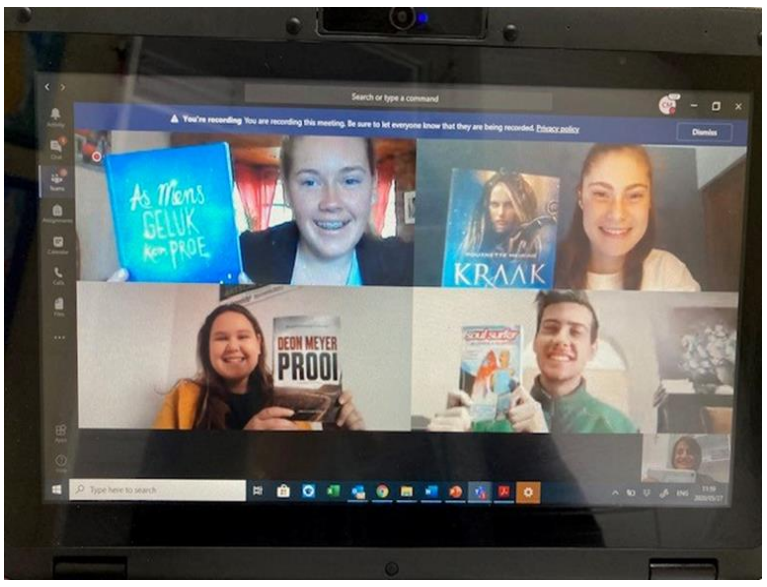
THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON… THE AFRIKAANS DEPARTMENT

The Afrikaans department has been very busy reading, writing and speaking Afrikaans throughout the lockdown period. Learners could express themselves creatively by means of orals and written work in various formats. We have received wonderful poetry, tips, short stories, dialogues and reviews from the learners.

The Grade 8s and 9s impressed us with their design skills and creative use of language in the posters they made based on their prescribed literature. Below is Shaunique Kannemeyer's (Grade 9) Basaar poster, as well as Luca Botha's (Grade 8) and Mia Kotze's (Grade 8) posters about an original Afrikaans music group's performance.



In the first week back at school, the Grade 11 Afrikaans Home Language learners were ready to present their prepared speeches based on their prescribed novel, *Hoopvol*, masks and all! The learners also did an online discussion about their matric book lists.



The Grade 10 Afrikaans Home Language learners learnt about dictionaries and had to 'create' a new Afrikaans word or 'borrow' a word from Afrikaans.com's *Covid Woordeboek* in order to make their own dictionary entry.

Slof '•fel•sok•kie

s.nw. (sloffelsokkies)

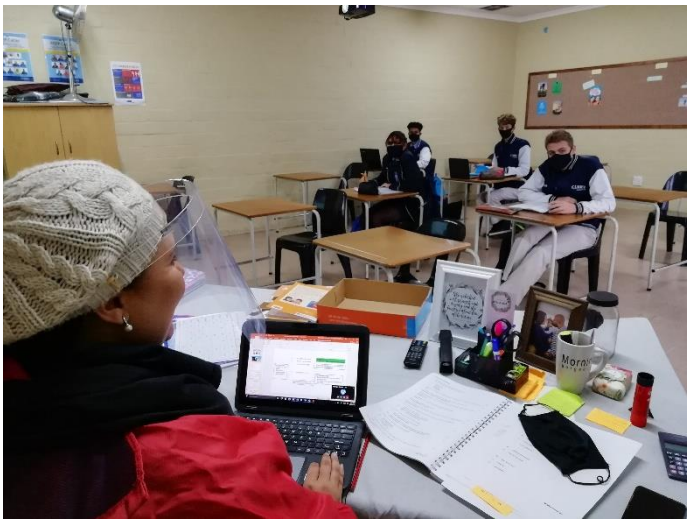
1. Sokkies wat n persoon dra by die huis tydens inperking in plaas van skoene.

ploe•ter•pak•'kie-s.nw. (ploeterpakkies) kleredrag waar iemand net die boonste helfte van hul lyf netjies aantrek terwyl die onderste helfte informeel is. *Ek was vanoggend so moeg dat ek myself net in my ploeterpakkie bedek het.*

co•vi`•dag-*s.nw.*(covidae) 1. Wanneer 'n mens so lank binne bly dat al jou dae in een in vorm en jy nie seker is watter dag van die week dit is nie. *Ek het my sin van tyd verloor, elke dag is nou al 'n covidag.* 2. (fig.) Wanneer jy baie moedeloos is. *Ag man, dis maar net een van daai covidae.*

It is lovely to have the learners back at school and in our classrooms again. All the grades are very busy working online or in contact sessions to keep their Afrikaans language skills sharp.

VLIEGTUIG OP 16DE NIE VOËLTJIE
REGTER HET
DIE BURGER
SCHALK EN JOE TEEN DIE BULLE



Uit die Sketsboek van 'n Ingeperkte tiener ~ Amber-Leigh Nel 9A2

Liewe 2020

Wat het van jou geword?

Eers was jy

'n opgewonde kind wat

kaalvoet vry in die state hardloop,

in modder speel en vlieërs in die vars buitelug laat vlieg,

sonder kettings, sonder boeie het jy floreer. (en interskole gewen)

Maar skielik,

Het jy onverwags verander:

Sonder waarskuwing en sommer oornag,

in 'n buierige tiener wat

moedeloos en magteloos sit,

weggesluit in haar eensame toring.

'n Nuwe sisteem het aan bewind gekom:

Drukkies is onwettig,

gesigsuitdrukkings is *onleesbaar*

en waar sy

siek en sat (gelukkig nie letterlik siek nie)

vir kieme is.

Maar hierdie tiener meisie

sit en kyk na die oorloggebiede van ver

en sy kan nie wag vir die hoogsverwagte dag

wanneer sy uiteindelik

gaan kan ontsnap

uit haar verheerlikde tronk.

Na die buitewêreld van tevore terugkeur,

waar mense hande skud en dans,

waar skool vryheid beteken (wie sou dit kon raai)

en wanneer alles weer normaal gaan wees...

Hoe hierdie sprokie gaan eindig?

Wel, my mede-Suid-Afrikaners,

ons sal maar moet wag,

en sien...

STAFF MATTERS

It is with great pleasure that we announce Mr Jaco Olivier's appointment as FET Phase Head at Curro Durbanville High School, effective 1 October 2020. He currently serves as the Executive Head at Curro Mossel Bay.

Mr Olivier holds a BSc degree specialising in Chemistry, Physics, Physiology and Mathematics, as well as a PGCE obtained from the University of Stellenbosch.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Mr Olivier on board with his extensive and comprehensive knowledge of both the curriculum and school management.

IMPORTANT DATES: TERM 3

July
31 Matric 40 days

August
5 – 6 Photo day
7 School closed
10 Women's Day
24 Matric prelims begin
31 Grade 8 – 10 exams begin

September
18 Term 3 ends
28 Term 4 begins

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Ms K Human
Newsletter: Coordinator

Ms J Swart
Editor

Mr R Stroebel
Head: High School

Mr DD van Zyl
Executive Head