

High School CAB Term 3

CURRO
Aurora

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Dear Parents, Guardians & Learners

We have come to the end of a busy third term, where many days have been long and cold and often without electricity...

Our young people and school have still managed to enjoy a high level of success and achievement, despite the barriers and challenges that were put in our way. Our learners excelled at various activities, and we saw the growth of provincial, national and even international participation across the various disciplines. Term three offered a whole new range of sports, cultural and service opportunities and it was encouraging to see so many learners involved.

Our learners did us extremely proud in all spheres of school life as is evident in the sport, culture and service feedback reports below.

Words can move you... at times to tears at times to laughter. They can encourage, give hope, and bring clarity in the storms of life. But, sometimes, words fail us, and we need to delve deep to express how we feel.



Today is such a day for me as we bid our Executive Headmaster, Mr. JC Engelbrecht, farewell. I can honestly say that I have not worked with many people with his dedication, passion for working with children, vision for education and attention to detail. Whether next to the sports field, during a cultural event, at a service initiative or busy with the next development Mr JC was passionately **involved, invested and interested.**

We thank him for his service since he joined us in 2016 and wish him all the very best for his future.

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Kelsey Gallon (Head of English) and Miss Nqobile Hadebe (Consumer Studies). We are immensely grateful for their service and for the valuable contribution they have made to Curro Aurora.

I am pleased to announce that we are fully staffed for October and have Miss Zoe Coen joining us in the English department and Mr. Bradley Theunissen joining us in the Business Studies department as Mrs. Anita Bornman is moving to the Consumer studies department to follow one of her passions.

Naturally, this means that timetables will need to be adjusted and learners will receive their new timetables electronically on the day before school opens. We endeavour to have as few changes as possible to ensure academic integrity.

We wish all our Matric learners the very best as they start their final preparations for their final examinations – you are in our thoughts and prayers. Remember, help is at hand, so please ask for assistance where you may need guidance and support.

I would like to thank the staff for their effort and dedication to our learners over the term and thank the learners for their commitment, enthusiasm and school spirit. Thanks also to our supportive parents for the many ways in which you assist. There is a real sense of community at Curro Aurora which is thanks to the compassion and understanding that is exhibited on a daily basis.

Please note that school starts again on Monday, 10 October.

We wish you a fantastic holiday and trust that our learners will come back ready to discover new growth opportunities.

CULTURE

Mrs Saskia Snyders

Term 3 was an exciting and eventful term for CULTURE. From choir festivals to one-act play festivals, to ATKV Redenaars and monologue competitions – you name it, and our culture learners did it! It was such an honour and privilege to witness our learners grab all the opportunities presented to them with such passion and enthusiasm. Term 3 came, and the culture learners conquered it!

CHOIR



The High School Choir participated at three festivals this term: NG Weltevreden Choir festival, The Celebration of Choirs at Curro Aurora, and The Constantiakruin Choir festival. It proved to be a very busy term for our choir learners.

At all three events, our learners performed beautifully.

On 12 August, Curro Aurora presented the first inter-Curro choir festival. Curro Aurora's High School choir and marimba band performed

alongside Curro Hazeldean, Woodhill College, Curro Krugersdorp, Northriding College, Curro Serengeti and Curro Midrand (Sagewood). It was a spectacular celebration of our learners' talents, passion and dedication. The evening ended with a special mass choir, where all learners took the stage with Mr JC Engelbrecht and sang the national anthem.



A special thank you to Mr JC Engelbrecht for his continued and steadfast support and motivation for all cultural activities on our campus. Thank you to the Curro Aurora APT for your assistance and donations. Thank you to Teixeira Murray, Estelle Trovato, Chanel Ludek, Liezel Joubert, Thandeka Mbebe, Janus Venter, Mags Tandree, Josie Magagula, and Cindy Duma for your assistance in making this dream a reality. Thank you to Riaan Rautenbach, Willie Mogashoa and all the maintenance staff that assisted with the set-up. Thank you to the Sanitech staff. Thank you to the Sound and Lighting Crew from Curro Aurora High School.



To all our choir families, thank you for your passion, support and encouragement.

And lastly, but definitely most importantly, to all our choir learners, you are stars! Thank you for your commitment, joy, creativity, and determination. May the music continue to make your journey ahead blissful and blessed.

CURRO CREATE AMP

Curro CAS saw almost 10 000 Curro learners across the country and in our neighbouring countries share their talents and passion. From those thousands of learners, twenty-two learners across the country were handpicked to participate in Curro Create's Advanced Mentorship Programme (AMP).

We are thrilled and extremely proud to announce that FOUR of the Curro Aurora High School creatives have been selected to participate in AMP!



The learners are:

- Matthew Wentworth (Move It)
- Rebecca Arthur (Sing It)
- Christabel Akpoduado (Act It)
- Marubini Mulaudzi (Act It)

Being part of this specialised project is an incredible achievement – you can be truly proud of yourself!

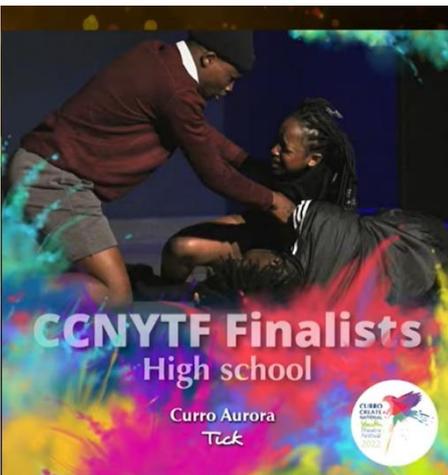
CURRO CREATE ACTING MENTORSHIP



On 15 and 16 August, the acclaimed actor and Curro Create acting mentor, Stian Bam, worked with our Grade 12 Dramatic Arts learners in preparation for their upcoming preliminary and final practical examination.

Stian Bam’s insight, talent, experience and humanity was greatly appreciated and welcomed.

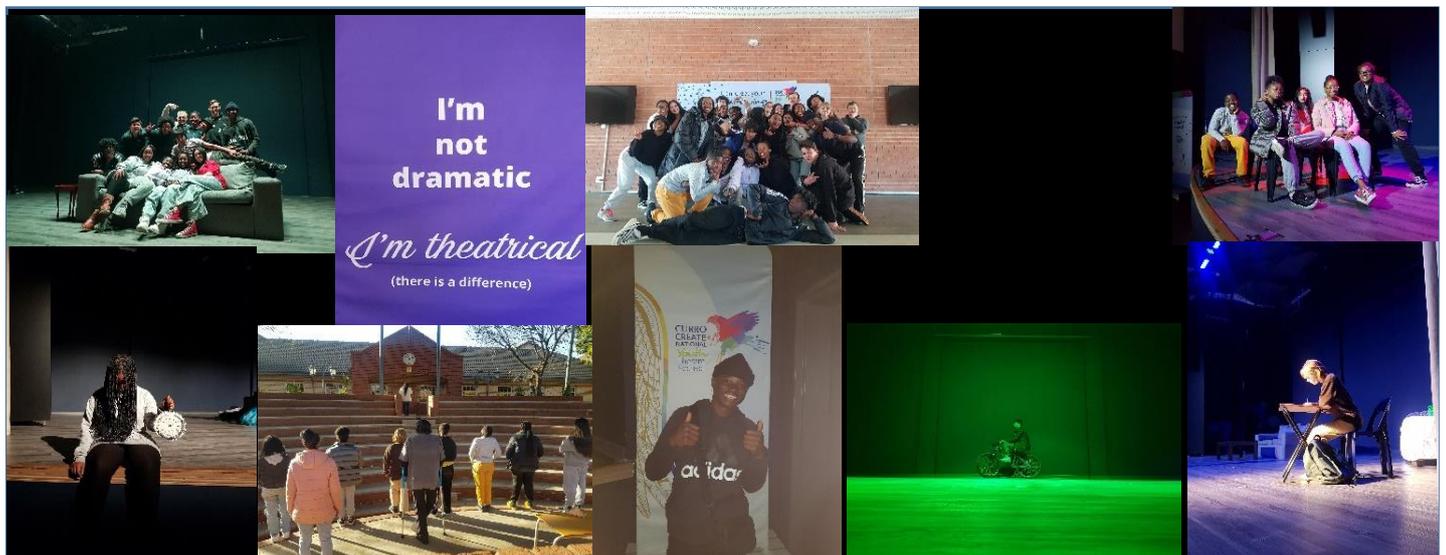
CURRO CREATE NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE FESTIVAL 2022



On Saturday, 20 August 2022, two self-written and learner directed plays performed at the Woodhillian Theatre at Woodhill College. The plays were *Blurred Eyes*, written and directed by Christabel Akpoduado, and *Tick*, written and directed by Khanya Khoza and Berk Turgut.

The learners involved were S’Qalo Amandla Nhleko, Rebecca Arthur, Thembelihle Hlophe, Hilton Botha, Sivatho Koyana, Owami van Stigt, Megan Ras, Bathabile Moyo, Diana Hassam, Gabriel Kuzmanich, Danica Myburgh, Shriya Tandree, Shenade Mccunu, Rachel Libera, Marubini Mulaudzi, Tanaka Paradza, Galaletsang Phalatse, Julian Andrews, Mishka Behari, Mudiwa

Zharare, Kopano Kutama, Paul Harber, Salome Ole, Tiaan Hattingh, Richard du Plessis, Luke Fourie and Danielle Rocha.



The cast and crew of both plays work tirelessly to get their plays on stage, putting in long hours and a lot of effort. All their hard work paid off when they received wonderful feedback and fantastic results. The support that the casts showed for each other was wonderful to see and represented true Blue Pride.

Congratulations to every learner. Thank you to all the parents and family members for their continued support and allowing the learners to be part of this process.

We were also thrilled to hear the announcement that *Tick* (written and directed by Berk Turgut and Khanya Khoza) was selected as one of the finalists for this year's Curro Create National Youth Theatre Festival. The learners are already working on polishing their performance and will compete in the finals in the week of the 4th – 8th of October at the Woodhillian Theatre at Woodhill College. As part of their preparation, the acclaimed theatre maker and director, Toni Morkel, will be working with the cast. This is an incredibly exciting time for these learners, and we are behind them all the way.

CURRO CREATE #STRAIGHT2CAMERA MONOLOGUE FESTIVAL

On Friday, 2 September 2022, Curro Create hosted their #Straight2Camera Monologue Festival Award Ceremony. In this ceremony, they announced the winners for the different categories.



For the #Straight2Camera Monologue Festival, Curro Aurora was proud to have three learners in the Top 10 for The Stars Category (Grade 11 and 12). S'Qalo Amandla Nhleko placed in the Top 10. Hilton Botha placed in the Top 5. Christabel Akpoduado placed third overall. We are immensely proud of these learners.

CURRO CREATE KRYPTONITE CONCERT 2022



“From more than 9 000 national entries, a select few Kryptonite-awarded singers, instrumentalists, dancers and actors were invited to showcase their extraordinary skills in this spectacular, once-off professionally directed concert. These young creatives are mentored (and sometimes joined on stage) by the best professional talent available, including Stian Bam, Pedro Kruger and Trudy Fredericks, to hone their talents, to grab you by the heart, and make you part of the Curro Create journey.”



Curro Aurora High School had eight learners invited to take part in this show-stopping performance. Karla Lotz, Christabel Akpoduado, Rebecca Arthur, Thembelihle Hlophe, Marubini Mulaudzi, Julian Andrews, Ishveer Lakhani and Tanaka Paradza all accepted the invitation and performed to audiences at The Woodhillian Theatre at Woodhill College on 30 July.

The learners spent a week at The Woodhillian rehearsing and perfecting their performances. It was an immense honour to watch them take stage and wow audiences. We are so proud of these learners. (Photo credit: Riana Willemse)



SOUTH AFRICAN BODY OF DANCE

It gives us great pleasure to share the wonderful news that Kalinda Harmse (Grade 9) has been selected by the South African Body of Dance to represent South Africa in Germany and Egypt for the IDO world championships in Showdance and Modern.

Kalinda Harmse placed second nationally for her showdance and third nationally for her modern. It was a gruelling and competitive process in which Kalinda also achieved her provincial colours for the second time. This achievement will see Kalinda travel to Egypt and Germany at the end of the

year to represent South Africa. To top off this already astounding achievement, Kalinda will officially be awarded with her Protea Colours for representing the South African Team.

We are extremely proud of you, Kalinda!

ATKV REDENAARS- NASIONALE KOMPETISIE

In August, Jada Reddy and Isabella Plange represented Curro Aurora at the ATKV Redenaars finals for 2022. Both learners spoke well and represented Curro Aurora with pride whilst placing in the top 10 for their respective grade-groups.

Ons is trots op julle!

MARIMBA BAND



The Marimba band continues to grow and develop. Under the watchful eye of Ms Habib and the musical genius that is Alicia Ferguson, the Marimba band has grown from strength to strength and continues to impress audiences wherever they perform.

THE ART CLUB

Under the creative eye of Miss Odendaal, the Art Club learners had the opportunity to work on design concepts to make the Curro Aurora Lion come to life. Thank you for your effort, time and passion, Miss Odendaal. The artwork is inspiring.



At the end of such an eventful term, we must reflect and appreciate the opportunities, talents and sacrifices that have been made to have all these achievements become a reality.

Thank you very much to every learner, teacher, parent, and guardian who supported the cultural activities throughout this term and into the holidays. We appreciate your commitment, passion and time. Thank you for allowing the learners to grow, develop and create. Until Term 4, remember to aspire to inspire before you expire!

SPORT

Mr Adrian Ferreira

CURRO CUP SOCCER:



Waterstone College hosted the boys' soccer from Wednesday, 29 June until Sunday, 03 July. The 1st boys' team won two of their three pool matches against Woodhill College (4-0) and Curro Hillcrest (3-0) and drew with The King's School Linbro Park (1-1). They won their quarter-final against Curro Academy Savanna City (3-1 on penalties after match ended 1-1) and the semi-final against Curro Hazeldean (1-0). They met Curro Century City in the final, drawing 0-0. They lost the ensuing penalty shoot-out 3-2 to finish as silver medalists.

Woodhill College hosted the girls' soccer from Wednesday, 29 June until Saturday, 02 July. The 1st girls' team won four of their five pool matches against Curro Academy Clayville (3-0), Curro Serengeti (3-0), Curro Hazeldean (5-0) and The King's School Linbro Park (4-1) and drew with Waterstone College (2-2). They lost 1-0 to Woodhill College in the quarter-finals.

CURRO CUP GOLF:



Curro Aurora hosted the golf at Randpark Golf Club on Tuesday, 12 and Wednesday, 13 July.

The 'A' & 'B' teams were part of the nine-school field of 36 players that competed over three rounds (54 holes).

The 'A' team won the tournament by 44 shots.

The 'B' team finished 8th.

The four 'A' team members were placed in the Top 10 of the individual competition.

- 1st: Stephano Marchetti (+14 with rounds of 76, 77 & 77)
- 2nd: Casey Twidale (+15 with rounds of 76, 79 & 76)
- 3rd: Kael Strydom (+18 with rounds of 82, 78 & 74)
- 10th: Arnoux van der Merwe (+38 with rounds of 82, 79 & 93)

The four 'B' team members achieved the following placings in the individual competition.

- 20th: Tae'yn Plaatjies (+67 with rounds of 99, 97 & 87)
- Tie-25th: Berk Turgut (+100 with rounds of 111, 99 & 106)
- Tie-25th: Webster Nzara (+100 with rounds of 99, 111 & 106)
- 35th: Daniel Buckle (+125 with rounds of 116, 111 & 114)

CURRO CUP CHESS:

The Curro Cup Chess Tournament took place on Saturday, 27 August. The players competed online against players from Curro schools. There were three high school age-groups (u/16, u/18 & u20).

The following teams and players are congratulated on their results and participation:

- u/20: Webster Nzara and Oghenetega Akpoduado - (1st)
- u/18: Aditya Huri, Divyan Govender, Ethan Naidoo, Jessica van Rooijen, Kian Koeberg and Diego Camara - (1st)
- u/16: Emma Brinckmann, Daniel Brinckmann, Tanaka Makuva and Kayleigh Freeman

CURRO CUP SWIMMING:

Curro Aurora will be hosting the Curro Cup Swimming Gala on Monday, 26 and Tuesday, 27 September.

CURRO CUP TENNIS:

The boys' 'A' team will be playing at the Curro Cup Tennis Tournament at Sun City from Monday, 26 until Friday, 30 September.

We wish both our swimmers and tennis players the best of luck!

ATHLETICS:

The athletes competed in four athletics meetings that took place ahead of the Inter-High 'D' League that took place at Northcliff High School on Wednesday, 24 August. The 'Blue Pride' spirit was evident in the way the athletes sang war cries and participated enthusiastically!

Results:

- 1st: Northcliff High School 'B'

- 2nd: Curro Aurora
- 3rd: King David Linksfield
- 4th: Glenvista High School

The Johannesburg co-ed schools Prestige athletics meeting took place at Germiston Stadium on Wednesday, 31 August. The top-two placed individuals and relay winners from the eight leagues (A-H) competed. Although our athletes finished outside the Top 3 placings, they certainly competed well.

The following Curro Aurora athletes qualified (Inter-High placings in brackets) and competed.:

Boys:

- Cameron Greeves (u/16): 800m & 1500m (1st) and 200m (2nd)
- Jordan Maucher (u/17): 1500m (1st)
- Rankin Janse van Rensburg (u/15): 100m (2nd)
- Lethu Ntlanganiso (u/16): 100m (2nd)
- Jaejun Ogle (u/17): 100m (2nd)
- Joshua van Niekerk (Open): 400m (2nd)
- Connor Lipp u/16: 1500m (2nd)
- u/16 4x100m relay (1st): Lethokuhle Magagula, Cameron Greeves, Cadyn Chirnside and Lethu Ntlanganiso

Girls:

- Cassidy Steenveld (u/15):100m (2nd)
- Liseli Mufana (u/16):200m (2nd)
- Gositang Motshegwe (u/17): 200m (2nd)
- Keira Pugh (u/15): junior 800m (2nd)

SOCCER:



The boys' teams played in the Johannesburg Boys Football League and the girls in the JvW Girls Schools League. They also played friendly matches.

The boys' 1st and u/15 teams advanced from their pools into the playoffs. The u/15s lost 2-0 against Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel in the quarter-finals. The 1st team beat Cooper College 2-0 in the quarter-finals and Edenvale High School 2-1 in the semi-finals. The Discovery Cup (Johannesburg Boys Football League) finals took place at Reddam House Bedfordview on Thursday, 15 September. They played Reddam House Bedfordview and lost 1-0, which saw them win the silver medals for the league.

The girls' 1st team have qualified for the JvW Girls Schools League play-offs taking place at Germiston Football Club during the holidays.

Summary of results for boys' and girls' soccer:

| GIRLS | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Date | Opposition | 1st | u15/A | u/15B | |
| Thursday, 28 July | Glenvista High School | Won 7-2 | Won 5-0 | | |
| Monday, 1 August | Krugersdorp High School | Won 5-0 | Lost 6-1 | | |
| Thursday, 4 August | Reddford House Northcliff | | Won 3-0 | | |
| Thursday, 4 August | Fourways High School | | - | Drew 2-2 | |
| Thursday, 11 August | Trinityhouse Glenvista | | Lost 1-0 | | |
| Monday, 15 August | Parktown High School for Girls | Won 6-0 | Lost 8-2 | | |
| Monday, 15 August | Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge | | | Won 2-1 | |
| Monday, 22 August | Mondeor High School | Won 8-5 | Lost 4-0 | - | |
| Monday, 22 August | Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge | | | Lost 2-1 | |
| Thursday, 25 August | St Barnabas | Won 3-0 | - | | |
| Thursday, 25 August | Redhill School | | Lost 1-0 | | |
| Thursday, 1 September | Rand Girls' High School | Won 8-5 | | | |
| Thursday, 1 September | The King's School West Rand | | Lost 5-0 | | |
| Monday, 5 September | Curro Krugersdorp | Won 15-0 | | | |
| Thursday, 8 September | Vorentoe High School | Won 4-3 | | | |
| Thursday, 8 September | Grace Trinity School for Girls | | Won 6-1 | | |
| Monday, 12 September | Fourways High School | | | Lost 3-1 | |
| BOYS | | | | | |
| Date | Opposition | 1st | 2nd | u/15 | u/14 |
| Thursday, 28 July | Reddam House Waterfall | Won 7-0 | | | - |
| Thursday, 28 July | Yeshiva College | - | | | Lost 5-0 |
| Friday, 29 July | Benoni High School | Lost 2-1 | | | |
| Saturday, 30 July | Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge | Won 1-0 | | | |
| Saturday, 30 July | Benoni High School | Lost 2-0 | | | |
| Thursday, 4 August | Fourways High School | Won 5-0 | Lost 5-0 | Lost 4-0 | Lost 2-0 |
| Thursday, 11 August | Roosevelt High School | Won 5-0 | | Won 3-2 | Lost 5-0 |
| Monday, 15 August | Pinnacle College Founders Hill | Won 4-0 | Won 3-2 | | Won 4-3 |
| Thursday, 18 August | Meridian Cosmo City | Won 3-2 | | Lost 5-0 | Lost 4-1 |
| Thursday, 18 August | Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel | - | Lost 5-0 | - | |
| Thursday, 25 August | Reddam House Helderfontein | Won 10-0 | | - | Won 6-3 |
| Thursday, 25 August | Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge | - | | Drew 0-0 | |
| Thursday, 1 September | Cooper College | Won 2-0 | | - | |
| Thursday, 1 September | Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel | - | | Lost 2-0 | |
| Thursday, 8 September | Edenvale High School | Won 2-1 | | - | |
| Monday, 12 September | King David Victory Park | Won 3-0 | Won 3-1 | Drew 0-0 | Won 8-1 |
| Thursday, 15 September | Reddam House Bedfordview | Lost 1-0 | | | |

Congratulations to all our soccer teams on their results to date.

We wish our girls' 1st team the very best of luck for the finals, and look forward to seeing Blue Pride support at the Germiston Football Club!

SOFTBALL:



The 1st team played in the 'Top Schools Tournament' hosted by the Johannesburg Softball Association, held at Trinityhouse Little Falls, on Saturday, 17 September. Schools from the various leagues in Johannesburg competed at this tournament.

Results:

- vs Trinityhouse Randpark Ridge: drew 4-4
- vs Parktown High Schools for Girls: won 7-6
- vs President High School: won 21-1

By virtue of these results, the team is congratulating on winning the tournament, which means they are Johannesburg champions! This achievement realizes qualification for the Gauteng Championships taking place at Crafford Stadium in Tshwane on Saturday, 29 October.

The following players are congratulated on their selection for Johannesburg Softball Associations district teams that will play at the Inter-Regional Tournament in December.

- Ameerah Hank (girls u/19)
- Zoe Pestana, Seyana Singh and Kyra Meinecke (girls u/15)

EQUESTRIAN:



The SANESA Gauteng Regionals took place at Kyalami Equestrian Park on Saturday, 6 and Sunday, 7 August:

Results:

Kayla-Lee de Vos (riding Regal Legend)

- Prix Caprilli Level 1 Test A: (9th)
- Prix Caprilli Level 1 Test B: (6th)

Megan Ras (riding Tyson G)

- Dressage Test A Level 2: (2nd)
- Dressage Test B Level 2: (3rd)
- Equitation Level 4: (3rd)
- Working Hunter Level 5: (5th)

The annual SANESA Gauteng West school awards evening took place on Tuesday, 13 September. Kayla-Lee de Vos is congratulated on being awarded the gold medal for Prix Caprilli (level 1-7)!



Megan and Kayla-Lee have qualified and will compete for Gauteng at SANESA Nationals taking place at Kyalami Equestrian Park from Friday, 30 September until Monday, 3 October. They will be competing in the following classes:

Kayla-Lee de Vos (riding Regal Legent)

- 'C' Team Prix Caprilli Level 1 Test A
- 'B' Team Prix Caprilli Level 1 Test B

Megan Ras (riding Tyson G)

- 'A' Team Dressage Test A Level 2
- 'A' Team Dressage Test B Level 2
- 'A' Team Equitation Level 4 Intermediate
- 'B' Team Working Hunter Level 5 Fox

CHEERLEADING:

The third competition of the year took place at De La Salle Holy Cross College on Saturday, 30 July.

- High Partner Stunts: Curro Aurora Blue Hurricane - 2nd
- High Co-ed Large: Curro Aurora Blue Storm - 4th
- High All Girl Large: Curro Aurora Blue Ice - 2nd
- Group Stunts: Curro Aurora Blue Thunder - 1st
- Group Stunts: Curro Aurora Blue Flash - 4th

The fourth competition of the year took place at Edenglen High School on Saturday, 13 August.

- High Co-ed Large: Curro Aurora Blue Storm - 1st
- High All Girl Small: Curro Aurora Blue Ice - 1st

The fifth competition of the year took place at Belvedere School on Saturday, 27 August.

- High Co-ed Large: Curro Aurora Blue Storm - 1st
- High All Girl Small: Curro Aurora Blue Ice - 1st
- High Group Stunts - Curro Aurora Blue Thunder - 1st
- High Partner Stunts - Curro Aurora Blue Hurricane - 3rd

The GMCA provincials took place at St Dominics Catholic School for Girls on Saturday, 10 September.

- High Co-ed Large: Curro Aurora Blue Storm - 1st
- High All Girl Small: Curro Aurora Blue Ice - 1st
- High Group Stunts - Curro Aurora Blue Thunder - 2nd
- High Partner Stunts - Curro Aurora Blue Hurricane - 3rd



The cheerleaders will be competing at the SAMCA Nationals taking place in Polokwane on Friday, 7 and Saturday, 8 October.

HOCKEY:



The third annual Joburg Hockey League Series took place in August. The JHL is a prestigious franchised league, where six franchises across Johannesburg compete across various age groups at multiple venues.

Seven of our Curro Aurora Hockey players were drafted into the Mzansi Hawks franchise, owned by our head of hockey, Mrs Nadia van Biljon.

Congratulations to the following learners who participated in their relevant age groups:

- u/14 girls: Megan Ras
- u/14 boys: Jayden Cloete, Manav Jungbahadur, Darshan Moodley & Busisa Mabaso
- u/16 boys: Diego Camara & Joshua Heydenrych

In addition to our player selections, two of our Curro Aurora coaching staff were identified and selected to be head coaches within the Hawks franchise.

Congratulations to Mr. Jono Wernich, who coached the u/13 boys, and external coach Brent Barendsen who coached the u/14 boys' side. Megan Ras' team proceeded to the finals of the tournament, where they faced a very strong Sporting Superheroes side. After a tough final, they went 1-2 down, but walked away with a silver medal. We are so proud of our Curro Aurora Hockey players. They continue to put our name on the map, and we are excited at the continuous growth in our hockey section.

TENNIS:

The boys' 'A' team played their first league match of the season, hosting Bryanston High School 'B', on Friday, 9 September and won 76-23. A mixed girls' and boys' team hosted Future Nation Schools Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 14 September.

There was no winning team as it was a friendly match in which the players used the opportunity to get some match-practice.

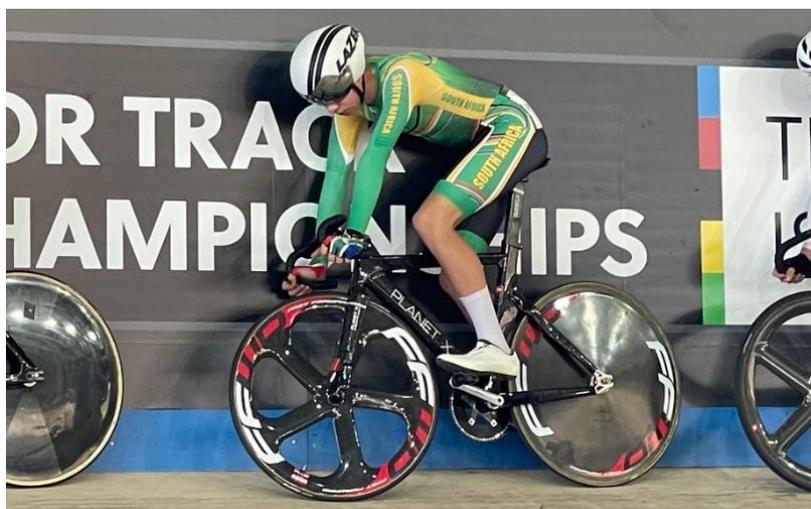
CYCLE TRACK CYCLING:

Joshua Dike represented the South African junior mens' team at the CAC Track African Continental Championships in Abuja, Nigeria that took place from Sunday, 14 until Wednesday, 17 July.

Joshua won four medals. He won gold in the Elimination race and silver in the Points race. His team won gold in the Team Pursuit. He and his partner took gold in the Madison event.

He represented the South African junior mens' team at the Junior World Track Cycling Championship in Tel Aviv, Israel from Tuesday, 23 until Sunday, 28 August.

He and his team broke the South African record for the Team Pursuit, finishing 10th in the world. He finished 15th in the Individual Points race and he and his partner finished 11th in the Madison. Joshua is congratulated on these excellent achievements!



NETBALL:

Kamilah Hank represented one of the Gauteng u/18 teams that played in the Telkom Challenge Champs (Inter-Provincial Tournament) that took place in Emalahleni from Sunday, 10 to Friday, 15 July.

Her team made the final, losing to Western Province. She is congratulated on her achievement!



GOLF:



The golf team played their first league fixture of the season at South Downs Country Club on Monday, 19 September.

Result:

1. St Sithians College
2. Waterstone College
3. Curro Aurora
4. St Peter's College

Casey Twidale is congratulated on her selection for the Central Gauteng team that will play in the SA Women Inter-Provincial Championship!

The championship will be taking place at Silver Lakes Country Club from Sunday, 2 to Friday, 7 October. Curro Aurora alumni, Cara Ford, is also part of the team.

SWIMMING:

The McCabe swimming siblings are making waves yet again. Tyrone and Alexia both recently competed in the Cape Coastal Grand Pix event held in Port Elizabeth and performed exceptionally well. Tyrone won silver in his 800m freestyle event, while Alexia won gold in her 400m freestyle event as well as gold in her 800m freestyle event.



Congratulations to all our teams, players, staff and parents for their 'Blue Pride' passion, application and dedication throughout the term!

SERVICE

Mrs. Susan van Dyk

JULY – JARS OF HOPE

“Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu – it means you must serve your fellow man”
Nelson Mandela

Our Grade 8 to 12 learners and future leaders donated Jars of hope. These jars create a nourishing dish that can feed a small family by just adding water and boiling it. It contains lentils, rice, soup mix and stock cubes.

Over 200 jars were collected and distributed by Just One Thing 365.





AUGUST – PAD DRIVE FOR WOMEN’S MONTH

“Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women.”

- MAYA ANGELOU

As part of the initiative to #keepgirlsinschool, the Curro Aurora Diversity Committee in conjunction with the Community Service team, barked on a drive to collect pads for girls in need of sanitary towels.

An enormous number of pads were collected from our generous learners and parents. These will be distributed to St Laurence’s Home in Discovery for their girls, and to the inner-city outreach, Dladla Nje.



SEPTEMBER – LITTLE FOREST CENTRE



A devastating fire destroyed this school for kids with special needs. A list went out and, within a few hours, our support started rolling in. From books to containers, cleaning products and toys. We are so proud of the giving nature of our learners.



REMINDER! Christmas is coming!

Maybe Christmas, he
thought, doesn't come
from a store. Maybe
Christmas...perhaps...
means a little bit more!

-Dr. Seuss



As always, Term 4 sees the launch of our Curro Christmas Cause.

We are looking forward to working with all our learners to bring Christmas cheer to those most in need of it!

#watchthisspace

LEGACY CAMP

Mr. Gerard Appelman

We were privileged enough to be able to go on our annual Legacy camps this year as for the past 2 years this was not possible due to Covid.



The Legacy camp is a voluntary community service camp where each learner is given an opportunity to do their part for the environment, whether it is cleaning, or sorting rubbish into recyclable groups. This year, we decided to take part in the #TrashTag challenge. This challenge

involves us finding an area that needs cleaning, taking a before picture, cleaning the area, taking a picture afterwards and then posting it on social media with the #TrashTag hashtag.



Our Grade 8 and 9 learners were tasked with cleaning the Roodeplaat dam that has been severely affected by a very invasive species of dam and river plant called Hyacinths, and they ended up clearing a section of the dam in six hours that would have taken the community two weeks to clear! The kids not only cleaned the dam but also the surrounding area as the dam is situated in a nature reserve.



Our Grade 10 and 11 learners had a fun filled trip to St. Lucia where they were tasked with cleaning some of the beaches in the St. Lucia nature reserve. In the three days of cleaning, they managed to clean the Main beach and the Isimangaliso nature reserve where we assisted the community in the fight against pollution due to the high number of tourists.

The most satisfying part of this Legacy camp was seeing how all of our kids got involved, especially those who were taking an interest in keeping the environment clean.

When teens get bored, it is the worst thing that could happen at home or on camp, so this experience was amazing for our learners, and maybe they will pick up the challenge and do something positive in their own communities.





Grade 8 2023- Welcome Day

Mrs. Donne Valkenburg

On Saturday our new Cubs, the Matric group of 2027, joined us for a fun-filled morning around the campus.

The 2023 Matric group and councillors showed them all the wonderful aspects of the high school. They organised an action-filled and messy morning, full of flour, food, fun (not to mention copious amounts of water and water balloons) and bad sandwiches, that were created and had to be eaten.

Amongst the running, dodging and obstacles, there was much laughter and excitement from not only the younger grade but the Grade 11 group too. It was lovely to see everyone come together and “play”.



New friendships and a bond between the entire group, was forged, that will stand them in good stead next year.

One of our new parents even remained behind for a bit to sit and watch (and join in) on her daughter's excitement at starting this new journey.



I can certainly confirm that our Cubs are in good hands and will have an awesome high school experience at Curro Aurora, because of the vibey and committed group of senior pride members. I think it safe to say that they are in for an awesome 2023 experience because they have a positive and vibey group to lead them.

We are looking forward to 2023 and to see what they, in turn, will bring to our High School.

DIVERSITY - Azibuyele Emasisweni (Return to the roots)

Mrs. Michelle Dlamini

Following an insightful debate that I engaged in with a number of my learners about the preservation of heritage in our society, it soon became clear how mixed the views would be. However, what was undeniably similar in all the views expressed was the concern displayed by the learners regarding *how* we could preserve heritage whilst remaining in line with the trajectory of globalisation. I am certain this is a view many might share, the idea that globalisation seeks to only move us in one direction, where we are all engaging in more or less the same practices. And as such, there is little to no room for embracing what is different about us.



Oftentimes, when listing the benefits of globalisation, sharing of culture and heritage hardly tops the charts. Instead, we gravitate towards the socioeconomic factors. We need to (first and foremost) adopt the understanding that globalisation is cognisant of heritage across the globe. What this means is that we need to start recognising globalisation as a tool to preserve culture and tradition as opposed to the latter. A way in which this can be done is through sharing of heritage with our fellow classmates, teachers, colleagues, community members etc.

In a diverse country like our own, this is a golden opportunity that we really must start taking advantage of. Heritage Day aims at creating a platform precisely for this, but it is equally important to ensure that these practices and sharing of our roots is crocheted into our daily lives. My wish is that some day soon, we start to view what is different amongst us as opportunities to extend our horizon and not necessarily as obstacles that further divide us. The great former president Rolihlahla Mandela once said, “Our rich and varied cultural heritage has a profound power to help build our nation”.

TERM 3 DIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

Miss Hayley Dawson

This term, the high school learners were given several opportunities to share in our country’s rich heritage and our school’s diverse community. The term started with a celebration of Mandela Day, where our learners spent their 67 minutes creating Jars of Hope to donate to our local community. To enhance this celebration, the learners spent time in tutor class on 29 July learning about the differences in their cultures.

Every learner in the high school was given the following questionnaire:

1. What culture do you belong to?
2. Do you perform special ceremonies and rituals with your families? Describe one ceremony/ritual that is important and most celebrated in your culture with your family.
3. Do you eat any special food or meals in your culture? If so, name some of these foods and explain what other foods might be eliminated.
4. Is English your primary or secondary language at home? What other languages do you speak at home with your family? What is your first language?
5. What behaviour within your culture is considered disrespectful and why?
6. Does your culture experience racism or prejudice? How would you handle these issues if you are challenged with them?

The purpose of the questionnaire was to create relationships and build bonds amongst our learners and to discover something new about their peers. This was a great success, and it was such a pleasure to see our learners meeting new people and understanding the differences that make our nation so unique.

In August, our goal was to create awareness on the continued issues with Gender Based Violence in South Africa. In addition, we wanted to highlight the plight of underprivileged females in the broader community by supporting the sanitary pad community service initiative. Together, we collected and donated over 150 packs of sanitary pads. To create awareness for Gender Based Violence and to show our support, we asked the learners to participate in a silent protest on 12 August outside the Galaxy Hall. This protest exceeded our expectations; our learners made posters to express their opinions and concerns and we could not be prouder of their efforts.

Finally, on Friday, 23 September the high school is hosting a Heritage Day Festival – there will be tables displaying different cultures where students can learn more about the cultures in South Africa and of our international learners, and to taste some of the delicacies. We look forward to seeing all our learners dress in their cultural clothing, and to celebrating the depth in our diversity.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP Start of term extended hours

Please take note of the 2nd Hand shop hours over the school term break.

September 2022

26 September 2022 08h00 - 14h00
27 September 2022 08h00 – 14h00

October 2022

05 October 2022 08h00 – 14h00
06 October 2022 08h00 – 14h00
07 October 2022 08h00 – 14h00
10 October 2022 07h00 – 14h00
11 October 2022 07h00 - 14h00



12 October 2022 11h00 – 14h00

Normal operating hours will resume from 17 October 2022

Donations of school clothing or consignment clothing is always welcome and may also be dropped off either at the shop or at the main reception during these hours.

Please note that there will be building alterations in progress in the reception area over the holidays and access to the shop will be through the sports office directly behind the main reception block.

As always, please book an appointment with the shop coordinator Andy Watkins via WhatsApp 0837833653 prior to your arrival.

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



Yours in education,

Dion Kotze
Head of High School

A vibrant poster for a disco event. The background is dark blue with a grid pattern, a glowing purple globe, and a pink cassette tape. The title 'A Night to Remember' is in large, 3D, purple-outlined letters. Below it, the text 'The APT invites you to a disco for the grown-ups!' is in white. A green trapezoidal box at the bottom left contains event details. A yellow circle on the right contains 'DJ Raffles and loads of prizes to be won'. The CURRO Aurora logo is at the bottom right.

A Night to Remember
The APT invites you to a disco for the grown-ups!

Date: Friday, 21 October 2022
Time: 18:30 for 19:00
Venue: Cosmic Hall
Dress code: 80s
Tickets: R50 per person
Cash bar available | Food on sale

DJ
Raffles and loads of prizes to be won

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