



Laerskool **Paardekraal**

Registration Number (EMIS): 700250803

Pay Point Number: 902076 / School ID Number: 4028002050009

Newsletter 23/01 August 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had an enjoyable week and are looking forward to a quiet and peaceful weekend. Please take note of the following:

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Many children are absent regularly and they are missing out on important schoolwork. Please let the school know when your child is not attending school so that alternative arrangements can be made for the child to catch up on lost work. Please note that we have to remove a child from the school's record when he or she is absent for ten or more days without notification to the school. Should a child return after the ten days, a new enrolment form must be submitted as a person on the waiting list could have taken up that space already. It is therefore important to let the school know when your child is absent.

GRADE 1 AND GRADE 8 APPLICATIONS FOR 2025:

Please be reminded that the admissions for grade 1 and 8 for 2026 are closing on 29 August 2025. Documents to be verified can still be taken to schools. Please ensure that you follow all Departmental guidelines regarding this process, to ensure that your child has a space in grade 1 or grade 8 for 2026.

SPORTS DAY – 16 AUGUST 2025:

On 16 August we will be having our annual Sports Day at school. More information will be shared in the next correspondence to you.

On the Sports Day, there will be a soccer match between staff members and parents. Interested parents can contact Mr Tumi Masiza on his email at itumelengmasiza@gmail.com

SOCCER PRACTICE:

Soccer practice for the week will be as follows:

U/13 – Monday from 13:45 until 15:00

U/12 – Tuesday from 13:45 until 15:00

U/11 - Thursday from 13:45 until 15:00

Please arrange your child's transport accordingly.

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MANDELA DAY CONTRIBUTIONS:

We were amazed by our parent's generosity with the Mandela Day food contributions. From the School Governing Body as well as from all staff at the school, we want to thank you for all donations of non-perishable food. We can assure you that every donation, no matter how small, will make a huge difference in the lives of underprivileged people. We want you to know that all donations will be utilised to better the circumstances of the people who have less than us. Once again, a huge thank you to every person who has contributed towards this worthy course.

HOW TO TALK TO THE DEMANDING CHILD:

12 TIPS TO USE RIGHT AWAY:

Some children demand constant attention and will not take "no" for an answer. Just as children need to learn the importance of saying "please" and "thank you," they need to learn how to appropriately make requests.

If you're the parent of a demanding child, rest assured that this is not a new problem and there are many, many people in the same boat. Demanding behaviour from children is common — most parents must deal with it to some degree.

Remember, though, a demanding child provides a parent with an opportunity to teach. Here are some helpful tips to coach your child to become less demanding and more polite when making requests.

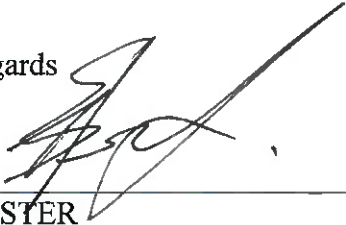
- 1. Sit down with your child and discuss the difference between demanding behaviour and polite, respectful requests. It's appropriate for a parent to let that child know that he or she is being demanding and need to rephrase or change their voice tone when asking for something.*
- 2. Let your child know that they are going to get some of their requests met with the answer "yes" and some met with the answer "no." It's okay to say "no."*
- 3. It's important for parents to model appropriate requests when interacting with others. Parents who demonstrate demanding behaviours in front of their children only promote and reinforce this behaviour. Talk to your children in a manner that you want them to speak to you.*
- 4. Teach your child the manners of "please" and "thank you."*
- 5. Be calm and do not appear to be surprised when your child becomes demanding. Then say, "Is there another way that you can say that?" Sometimes children do not know that they are being demanding.*
- 6. Do not give in to your child's demands.*
- 7. Ignore your child's demanding behaviours. Respond to your child's polite requests. Over time, responding only to polite behaviour will reinforce the behaviour expected.*
- 8. Communicate with the other parent or adults in your family when your child's behaviour takes on demanding tendencies. This will prevent the child from going to others with their inappropriate demands.*

9. *Make sure that your child gets your attention when he or she is acting appropriately. Demanding children often display this behaviour to get the parent's attention.*
10. *Before bringing your child to the store or mall, review with the child your expectations of this trip and what you expect of them. It's okay to let the child know "that we do not have the money to buy you a game on this trip to the store."*
11. *Let your child know that it's not appropriate to make demands of you in front of their friends or in public. Make a rule in your house that says, "When you make demands of mom or dad in front of your friends, the answer to the demand will always be 'no'."*
12. *Do not use physical force in response to your child's demands. This may only influence the child to become more physically demanding on you later in their lives. Remember... stay calm.*

GENERAL:

This was a quiet week with no more news to share. Please stay healthy, warm, and safe.

Kind regards



"Win if you can, lose if you must, but NEVER QUIT"

- Cameron Trammell

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Principal

VISION & MISSION OF LAERSKOOI PAARDEKRAAL

- Our vision is a smart delivery of quality public education, which promotes a dynamic citizenship for socio-economic growth and development in Gauteng and South Africa.
- We will be at the cutting edge of curriculum delivery and provide access to quality lifelong learning opportunities.

