



Laerskool Paardekraal

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Newsletter 25/15 August 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

Yet another week of term 3 is gone already, and all learners and teachers are very busy with teaching and learning. Please take note of the following matters for the coming week.

ACHIEVEMENTS:



Vuyiswa Phendu will be representing Laerskool Paardekraal at the annual Cluster-level Reading Comprehension Competition, scheduled to take place at Millennium Primary School on August 15th.



Oratile Diane will be representing Laerskool Paardekraal at the annual Cluster-level Spell-a-thon Competition, scheduled to take place at Millennium Primary School on August 22nd.

Well done to both of you. You made us very proud. Good luck!

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SPORTS DAY – 16 AUGUST:

Please be reminded that the annual Sports Day will take place on Saturday, 16 August. Neighbouring schools will be joining us for a day filled with netball and soccer. Please remember this date, as we would love our parents to come and support the school tomorrow. As usual, it promises to be a day filled with lots of sport, fun, food and laughter.

ILL-MANNERED CHILDREN:

As has been stated repeatedly, there remain children within the school who exhibit blatant defiance and a complete refusal to cooperate. These students disrupt the learning environment by singing and humming during instructional time, arriving late to classes, and responding with verbal abuse when their behaviour is questioned. This list of infractions is far from exhaustive.

At present, the most severe issues are concentrated in grades 7O and 7E, with similar disturbances occurring in grades 4, 5, and 6. Just today, over twenty grade 4 learners were placed in detention for various breaches of discipline. Disturbingly, these problems appear to be escalating. Meanwhile, numerous well-behaved students suffer as a direct result of the actions of those who refuse to comply with school rules. The continuous disruption is not only unacceptable but also an enormous strain on both the teaching staff and management.

Yesterday, I personally addressed eight learners in grade 7O who openly admitted to being the “troublemakers” in their classes. Alarming, they appear to take pride in their disruptive behaviour, a mindset that is wholly unacceptable.

Parents are hereby asked to have serious discussions with their children regarding this deplorable situation. The school’s disciplinary measures are limited to detention or suspension. Be advised that any student suspended will be prohibited from attending school for the specified duration, including during examination periods. Should a suspension cause a student to miss assessments, a zero will be recorded with no opportunity for remediation.

We request your full cooperation in impressing upon your children the grave consequences of their actions. This matter will be dealt with firmly and without leniency.

SCHOOL FEES AND RECENT HANDOVERS:

We extend a sincere and profound thank you to the many parents who consistently pay their school fees promptly each month. Your timely contributions are critical to the school’s financial stability, especially during periods when funds are severely limited and urgent bills must be settled. Without your regular payments, the employment of many teachers would be jeopardized, directly impacting the quality of education and forcing children to seek alternative schooling arrangements. Your support is not only appreciated—it is indispensable. Once again, THANK YOU.

Be advised that all outstanding school fee balances, where no valid or honoured arrangements have been made, have been referred to the Collection Agency.

Outstanding accounts for Grade R were also handed over this past Wednesday, due to

a lack of response following repeated reminders. Please be aware that Blacklisting is compulsory in such cases. The process to clear your name thereafter is expensive, and all associated costs will be borne by the defaulter.

Furthermore, any payments received at the school will be applied solely to the current term's fees; payments intended for the Collection Agency will not be accepted at the school office. To avoid further escalation, it is imperative that you contact Ms. Lynch immediately at joey@paardies.co.za to make appropriate arrangements.

OFFICE HOURS:

N.B. Monday – Thursday: **07:30 – 14:00**

Friday: **07:30 – 13:00**

No money can be accepted after these specified times, for safety and security reasons.

Please remember that there are card facilities available at school. It is a more convenient and a safer way of making payments at school. Please make use of this facility or make payments via the internet or direct bank deposits. The school's banking details are as follows:

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ABSA

Current Account no – 01005000153

Please use your child's name, surname and class as a reference and fax the deposit slip to the school to 011 953 1390 or by email to joey@paardies.co.za.

GENERAL:

Enjoy the weekend with your friends and families and stay warm and safe.

Kind regards



H.M. BESTER
Principal

"It is not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It is our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless"

— L. R. Knost

VISION & MISSION OF LAERSKOOL 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.

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