



Laerskool Paardekraal

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Newsletter 26/22 August 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had an enjoyable week and are looking forward to a quiet and peaceful weekend with your families and friends.

Please take note of the following:

A Message from the SGB Chairperson:

Good day Parents / Guardians



I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to all learners who have participated in RACA thus far. I am pleased to note that many have achieved Gold, Diamond, and Platinum awards in Reading, Poetry, and Dramatized Poetry. For those learners who have yet to perform at RACA, I wish you every success and remain confident that your accomplishments will be equally outstanding.

We are also awaiting the adjudication results for the art projects submitted in the RACA Art category. Best of luck to all participants in this area.

Congratulations to all participants on your exemplary performances. I am genuinely proud of each and every one of you. Keep up the excellent work.

Mr MC Cunningham
SGB Chairperson

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL:

Please be reminded that the school's policy strictly prohibits the use of cell phones on campus. Recently, there have been several incidents involving students taking inappropriate photos and videos within school premises and posting these on social media platforms. This behaviour is unacceptable and violates privacy standards. We urge you to discuss with your children the legal implications of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI Act) and the serious consequences of distributing personal images without consent.

Please be advised that **smartwatches** are not permitted at school due to their capabilities to make and receive calls, as well as capture photos and videos. However, fitness trackers such as **Fitbits**, which are used solely for step counting and displaying digital time, are allowed. We kindly request your cooperation in adhering to these school regulations.

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LATE ARRIVALS AND LATE PICK-UPS:

We regret having to address the ongoing issues with students arriving late to school and being picked up after hours. These delays disrupt the learning environment and place undue pressure on staff. To mitigate this, the following measures will be enforced effective immediately:

- Students arriving after 07:20 will be marked absent for the day. These absences will be recorded and reported to the Department of Education and will appear on report cards.
- Students not collected by 14:15 will be referred to social welfare authorities for investigation, as repeated late pick-ups constitute neglect and are legally punishable.

Please verify your child's arrival and departure times regularly and contact the school if you have any concerns.

ANNUAL FUN DAY REMINDER:

**COLOUR
FUN
2025**
19 SEPTEMBER

R80

Includes:

10 Obstacles
with foam machine and water fun

1 Packet of colour powder

A whole day of colour-fun and excitement

DISCIPLINE AND STUDENT CONDUCT:

We are deeply concerned about the decline in discipline within the school. Recent weeks have seen increased instances of disrespect toward staff, refusal to engage in lessons, verbal and physical aggression, and theft of student property. While teachers strive to maintain order, they cannot monitor every student continuously. We urge parents to reinforce with their children the importance of respect, responsibility, and honesty.

Moreover, some parents have reacted defensively when approached about their child's misconduct, which hinders our ability to support positive change. We ask for your cooperation in addressing behavioural issues promptly. Our well-behaved students deserve an environment conducive to learning, free from disruption. We will not hesitate to apply strict disciplinary measures, including suspension or expulsion, to uphold school standards.

SCHOOL FEES:

We thank the parents who have recently settled outstanding school fees. Your timely payments enable us to maintain the high-quality education we provide. Prompt fee payment also models financial responsibility for your children. We encourage all parents to fulfil their financial commitments to support the school's ongoing operations. Special thanks to our regular payers—your continued support is invaluable.

SPORTS DAY – 16 AUGUST:

A sincere thank you to all parents who attended and supported our recent Sports Day. The event was a great success, with exciting netball and soccer matches enjoyed by all.

Raffle Winners:

- Third Prize (R500): Michelle Molobo (ticket sold by Oarabile, Grade 5P)
- Second Prize (R1,000): T Molefe (ticket sold by Onthatile, Grade RK)
- First Prize (Laptop): Manqoba Lunga (Grade 1E)

Congratulations to our winners!

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES – “LUCKY JUICE”:

It has come to our attention, through reports from Grade 4 learners, that a substance referred to as “Lucky Juice” is currently circulating within the Krugersdorp community. This substance is described in two ways: some indicate that it consists of crushed tablets that are inhaled to induce a so-called “pleasant” sensation, while others suggest it is a liquid concoction consumed to achieve a euphoric effect. Regardless of its form, it is important to emphasize that “Lucky Juice” is classified as an illegal and potentially harmful substance.

We kindly urge parents and guardians to engage in open and thoughtful conversations with their children regarding this matter, as identifying the source of this concerning trend is a collective responsibility. The safety and well-being of our learners remain our highest priority.

Please be advised that any student found in possession of illegal substances on school premises will face immediate suspension, followed by a formal disciplinary hearing. Furthermore, such incidents will be reported to law enforcement authorities for further investigation.

We sincerely request your cooperation in maintaining a safe, healthy, and drug-free environment for all our children. Together, we can protect their future and ensure their continued well-being.

SIGNS OF POSSIBLE DRUG USE:

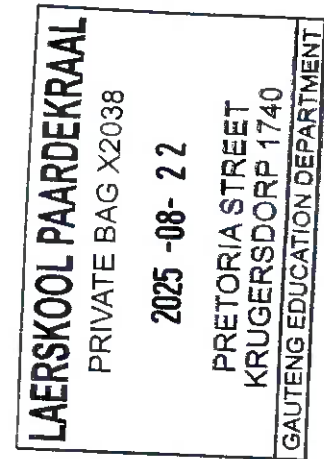
Although there are certain emotional and physical symptoms of substance use, do not immediately assume that the person is on drugs. There could be other reasons why he or she behaves unusually.

Emotional and social signs:

- Moodiness, excitement, anger, hostility, depression
- Constant lying and stealing
- Refusing to admit to the harmful effects of drugs
- Avoiding old friends or people who could confront them about behaviour changes
- Being secretive about phone calls
- Having friends, they do not want you to meet or talk about
- Being evasive about their whereabouts
- Loss of motivation
- No interest in everyday life
- Playing truant from school

Physical signs:

- Drowsiness
- Trembling
- Red eyes, dilated pupils
- Lack of interest in personal hygiene and appearance
- Slurred speech
- Loss of, or increase in appetite
- Uncoordinated movements
- Circles under the eyes
- Irregular sleeping habits
- Frequent colds and coughs
- Weight loss

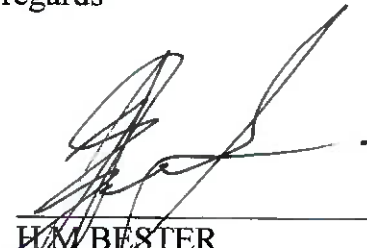


GENERAL:

We wish all our families a safe, warm, and restful weekend. Please take the opportunity to spend quality time together.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards



H.M. BESTER
Principal

"Rudeness is the weak person's imitation of strength." Eric Hoffer

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.