



Laerskool **Paardekraal**

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Newsletter 28/05 September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are through the first week of September already and we desperately need the renewal that comes with Spring. Let's hope for a pleasant weekend with some warmer temperatures that comes with Spring...

Please take note of the following important matters:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER – GRADE 5:

We would like to welcome Mrs D Terblanche back at Laerskool Paardekraal, after the sudden resignation of Mrs C Da Silva. Thank You Mrs Terblanche for coming back from Cape Town immediately to assist the school. I hope that you will be treated with more respect by the children, and that you will not be subjected to the same rude behaviour Mrs Da Silva (and other teachers) are going through daily. May the four months you will be back at Laerskool Paardekraal be a good experience for you.

Welcome back!

SICK CHILDREN:

We are dealing with a huge number of sick children sent to school on a daily basis. Those children normally infect other children who become sick as well. At this stage we have many children who suffer from a stomach bug as well as excessive vomiting. It is a huge problem to deal with sick children at school. PLEASE KEEP SICK CHILDREN AT HOME. We cannot continue to phone parents shortly after school has started to fetch sick children from school. We are regularly informed by parents that the sick child was sent to school because there is no supervision at home. We are told to just look after the sick child. I feel that the approach is unacceptable as the child's parents are responsible for the health and safety of their children. We are not equipped to have sick children at school.

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Many children complain of headache or a sore tummy and want the secretaries to phone their parents to fetch them from school. Many of those children did not prepare for assessments or did not do their homework and want a way out of class. In future we are not going to phone parents to fetch children with headaches and stomach aches. Once again, **PLEASE KEEP SICK CHILDREN AT HOME...**

RACA RESULTS:

Many of our children took part in RACA over the past few weeks. I am delighted to inform you that our children performed exceptionally well, and Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond awards were obtained. Well done to all participants. We are very proud of you all. Keep up the good work.

Best wishes for the children who must still take part in RACA. You are the best in town! Go out and show the other contestants how it should be done.

TD VACCINATIONS – GRADE 5 BOYS AND GIRLS:

TD vaccinations for grade 5 boys and girls will take place on *Tuesday 09 September 2025*, at school. Parents of all *grade 5 boys* need to complete the consent forms as soon as possible and send it back to school. Consent forms for grade 5 girls were already completed and received back at school earlier this year during the HPV campaign. We apologise for the rather unfriendly time frame, but we only received the notification today from Health Services. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

SUSPENSIONS:

Please be advised that multiple students from Grades 4 through 7 have been suspended this week due to a range of infractions, including disruption of classes, disrespectful behaviour, vaping, and other forms of unacceptable conduct. The tolerance for such behaviour has reached its limit. Effective immediately, suspensions will be enforced rigorously until discipline and order are fully restored within the school environment. No exceptions will be made; any student found engaging in unacceptable behaviour will face suspension, regardless of age, gender, or parental background. We strongly urge you to discuss this matter with your children and emphasize the serious consequences associated with such conduct. Your cooperation in upholding these standards is appreciated.

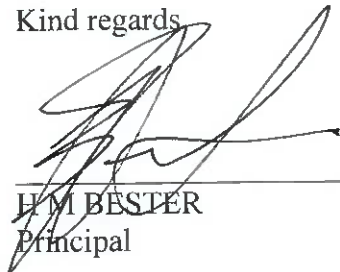
COLOUR FUN DAY REMINDER– 19 SEPTEMBER 2025:



GENERAL:

I hope you will all enjoy a warm and splendid weekend with your families.

Kind regards



H.M. BESTER
Principal

*"I believe in process. I believe in four seasons.
I believe that winter is tough, but spring is
coming. I believe that there is a growing season.
And I think that you realize that in life, you
grow. You get better."
Steve Southerland*

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.