



Laerskool Paardekraal

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are now officially in the Spring season, and I am sure many of you are very grateful for the warmer weather.

Please take note of the following important matters for next week:



"A Message from the SGB Chairperson"

Good Luck to our children who are occupied with assessments. Believe in yourself then you will achieve nothing less than greatness.

"Put the best effort in the exam and God will surely crown you with success. My good wishes will always be with you."

Keep up the good work, stay calm and give it your best shot.

Kind regards

Mr M Cunningham

UPCOMING END-OF-YEAR EXAM:

We are now in the final few weeks of this year, and there is still a formal examination waiting to be completed. The teachers are working very hard in class to make sure that all children are properly equipped with all the skills to complete these exams with great success. Unfortunately, the teachers cannot write the exams on the children's behalf. The children alone will determine the outcome of their results. Please assist your child at home to prepare well for the exams, and make sure they attend school regularly and on time. A healthy lunchbox with a sandwich and a fruit will assist them to get through a busy day.

Good luck to all learners with the preparations for the exams. With hard work and dedication, you will succeed. Keep on trying and doing your best.

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How To Study Effectively:

- Get organized. Always carry a homework planner.
- Pay attention in class.
- Steer clear of distractions.
- Make sure notes are complete.
- Ask questions if you don't understand.
- Make a study schedule/plan.
- Review notes from class every day.
- Talk to teachers.

DEMARCATIONS:

Please note that the demarcations were handed out to all grade 4 to 7 learners, to enable them to prepare properly for the year end exams. Please ensure that you see the demarcation, as it shows the exact work that the children must prepare for the exam.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

All accounts in arrears are now handed over to CEEBEE for collection.

Just some feedback to all parents who enquired about the non-payers at our school:

- Most of the nonpayers see the payment of school fees as an option and not as compulsory.
- Most of the cases that were handed over has already been blacklisted.
- We are awaiting court dates for the summoning of nearly 80 accounts.
- The last of our "Final Demand letters" went out already, and those parents who did not settle their arrears accounts, or made arrangements on their arrears accounts, are the people who were handed over to CEEBEE for collection.

A word of *Thanks* to our many parents who pay their dues on time every month. Because of you we can still continue to run the school despite the fact that other parents do not pay. We are in the process to convince the Department of Education to assist us with placement into no-fee-paying schools for those children of parents who do not fulfil their obligations.

Should you have any queries concerning your fees, please contact Ms Lynch on joey@paardies.co.za.

SCHOOL TIMES:

We are still experiencing problems with many children being dropped off very late in the mornings and others being fetched very late in the afternoons. It is unacceptable to disrupt the school programme by being late. Please consider the fact that many other people are disrupted and inconvenienced by someone else being late.

Many children leave the safety of the waiting area in the afternoons to spend time with their friends. When those friends are leaving, then those children want to return to school to wait for their transport. In most cases no one is left to look after those children. Please note that

the school cannot be held responsible for the safety of learners who are not prepared to wait in the waiting areas provided. Please assist us to combat this problem. Repeat offenders will be contacted individually to discuss alternatives, as the problem cannot continue.

HONOURS CEREMONIES:

Our Honours Ceremonies are taking place soon. All learners who should attend the ceremonies will receive their invitations soon. Please note that we limit the attendance of family members to two people per child, due to limited space available in the school hall. Please adhere to the times on the invitation, as we will start promptly at the given times.

STATIONERY:

Please ensure that your child's stationery is topped up regularly. No borrowing or lending of stationery is permitted, as it causes fights when not returned. Please mark the stationery so that it can be returned to the owner when lost.

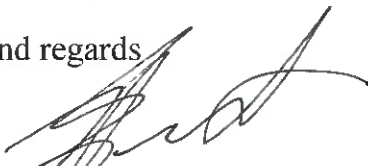
STEALING:

Stealing is becoming a huge problem again. Money and other personal belongings get stolen daily. There is also an increase in the stealing of food from suitcases. Please speak to your children to immediately report any form of stealing. When caught stealing anything, it doesn't matter how small, the child will be on suspension until a formal hearing is held by the School Governing Body. Please remind the children that criminal cases will be opened against them when caught stealing.

GENERAL:

Please enjoy a peaceful weekend with your loved ones. Please be safe.

Kind regards



H M BESTER
Principal

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.

**Please find below a reminder for our upcoming AGM
/ Budget meeting.**

**AGM / BUDGET PRESENTATION MEETING:
(Thursday 30 October and / or Thursday 13 November 2025)**

Dear Parents

**The South African Schools Act states as follows:
sec. 37(3) of Act 84 of 1996 prior to amendment by Act 57 of 2001**

38. Annual budget of public school. — (1) A governing body of a public school must prepare a budget each year according to prescriptions determined by the Member of the Executive Council in a Provincial Gazette, which shows the estimated income and expenditure of the school for the following financial year.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 7 of Act No. 57 of 2001.]

Wording of Sections:

(2) Before a budget referred to in subsection (1) is approved by the governing body, it must be presented to a general meeting of parents convened on at least 30 days' notice, for consideration and approval by most parents present and voting.

(3) The notice contemplated in subsection (2) must also inform the parents that the budget will be available for inspection at the school at least 14 days prior to the meeting. [Sub-s. (3) Added by s. 7 of Act No. 50 of 2002.]

A General Meeting for Parents to approve the Budget for 2026 will take place on Thursday 30 October 2025. Should it be necessary to amend the budget, or if a quorum is not present at the meeting on the 30th, notice is hereby given for the next meeting to take place on Thursday 13 November 2025, where the meeting will be concluded irrespective whether a quorum is present or not.

Details for both meetings are as follows:

Place: School Hall- Laerskool Paardekraal

Time: 14:00

Agenda for meeting:

- **Opening and welcome**
- **Register and Apologies**
- **Chairperson's Address**
- **Financial Report (Audited Financial Statements)**
- **Budget Presentation**
- **Exemptions**
- **Resolutions**
- **Closure**

Kind Regards

**Mr M C Cunningham
SGB Chairperson**

