



# Laerskool Paardekraal

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## Newsletter 36/ 07 November 2025

### Dear Parents and Guardians

The Grade 7 learners began their final examinations today, marking the start of the 2025 year-end exams. We are now in the final stretch of what has been a demanding and productive school year.

As we approach the end of the year, we need to draw your attention to several important matters that require your understanding and cooperation.

### HONOURS CEREMONIES:

Our Honours Ceremonies took place on 5 and 6 November. Congratulations to all our prize winners — your dedication, perseverance, and hard work have paid off. We are extremely proud of each of you. Continue to give your best and finish the year with the same commitment and pride that brought you this far.

### SCHOOL TIMES AND PUNCTUALITY:

We are still facing serious challenges with learners arriving late in the mornings and being fetched late in the afternoons. This has become a daily disruption to the school programme and affects not only the child who is late but also the smooth running of classes and administration.

Parents, please understand that **punctuality is not optional** — it is an essential part of discipline and respect for others.

Learners who arrive after registration are automatically marked “absent” on the Department of Education system, and these records **cannot be changed**. These absences are reflected on your child’s report card.

We ask parents to take this matter seriously and to speak to their children — some parents are unaware of how frequently their children arrive late.

During exams, latecomers will have **only the remaining time** in that session to complete their papers.

### EXAM ARRANGEMENTS:

Learners must bring the necessary textbooks and notes for both the day’s exam and the following day’s subject. There will be time allocated for studying at school, but this is only possible if learners have their books with them.

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Please ensure your child has all the required stationery — **no borrowing or lending** will be allowed during the exams.

The **Code of Conduct remains fully in effect** during the exam period. Learners are expected to wear the correct school uniform and maintain respectful behaviour at all times. Any learner who disrupts an exam session will be **immediately suspended**, and parents will be contacted to fetch their child. Every learner deserves a quiet, focused environment in which to perform their best — please help us make this possible.

We wish every learner the very best for their exams. Remember, preparation and good planning are the best ways to reduce stress.

#### **DEMARCATATIONS:**

Demarcations for Grades 4 to 7 were distributed two weeks ago to assist learners in focusing their studies. These documents clearly outline the sections of work that will be assessed.

Parents are urged to check that their children are using these demarcations when preparing — they are valuable tools designed to make study time more efficient and effective.

#### **CLOSING TIMES DURING EXAMS:**

From **Friday, 7 November**, the school will close daily at **13:00** for all learners. Please ensure your child is fetched promptly at this time.

There will be **no supervision after 13:00**, and the school cannot take responsibility for learners who remain outside the premises after this time.

Kindly communicate the new time with your transport providers.

#### **FETCHING OF CHILDREN IN THE AFTERNOONS:**

This issue has become a **major concern**. Increasing numbers of learners refuse to wait inside the designated waiting area after school. Many are crossing the busy road at random points or loitering around town — particularly behind Build-it, near President Hyper, and at the Shell garage.

These unsupervised gatherings often lead to **fights and unruly behaviour**, forcing staff members, shop owners, and even SGB members to intervene. This situation is **unacceptable and unsafe**.

#### **Please note:**

- School rules require learners to remain on the premises until their transport arrives.
- Transport drivers who instruct learners to wait elsewhere are **acting against school policy**.
- Once a learner leaves school grounds, **the school cannot be held responsible** for their safety.

Parents, we need your full cooperation. There are real dangers outside our gates, and your support is vital in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of every learner.

**IN CLOSING:**

We thank all parents who continue to support the school and uphold our standards. Together, we can ensure that our children finish this year on a positive and disciplined note.

Please enjoy a peaceful and safe weekend with your families.

Warm regards

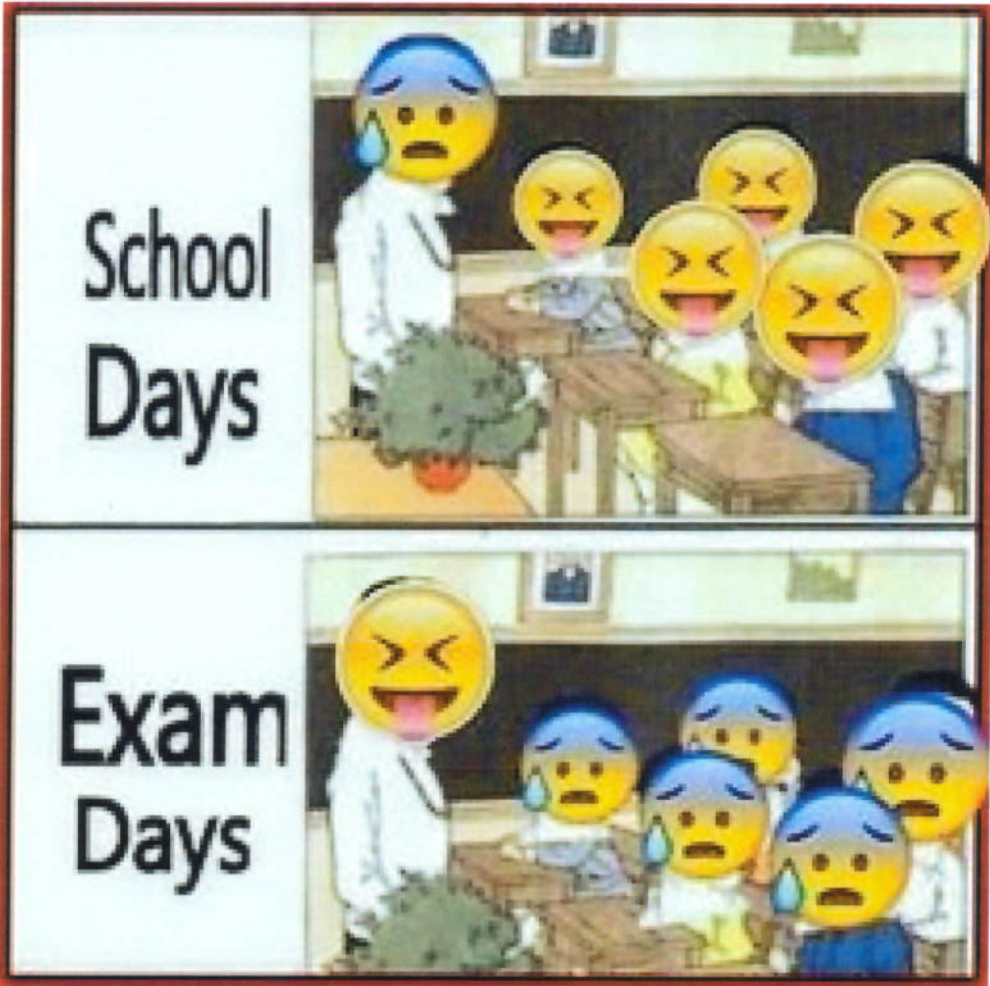


H. M. Bester  
Principal

“You don’t have to close the book to start a new chapter... just turn the page.”  
- Billy Cox

**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 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 a majority of 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 2025 will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025, where the meeting will be concluded irrespective whether a quorum is present or not.***

Details for the meeting is 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

