



Laerskool Paardekraal

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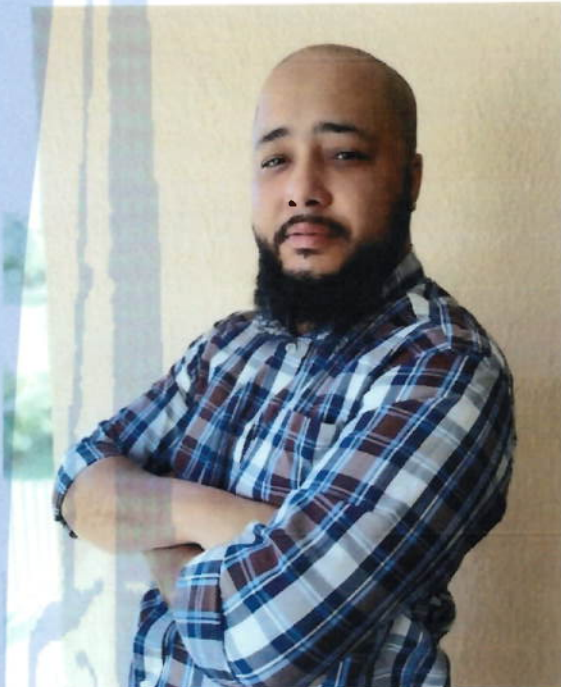
Newsletter 40/05 December 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

This will be the last Newsletter for the year...

**A Message of Thanks and Farewell from the Outgoing SGB Chairperson,
Mr M C Cunningham**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, Learners and the Paardekraal School Community,



As this chapter of my life draws to a close, I do so with a heart full of gratitude, appreciation, and fond memories. As many of you know, my journey as a parent at this wonderful school has reached its natural conclusion with my child completing Grade 7 this year. In line with SGB policy, this also brings my term as School Governing Body Chairperson to an end.

It has truly been one of the greatest honours of my life to serve this school community in this capacity. What began as a simple desire to give back to a school that has given my child so much, grew into a deeply meaningful journey of service, growth, and shared purpose. I have been privileged to walk alongside passionate educators, dedicated parents, hardworking staff, and inspired learners.

To the parents and guardians: thank you for your unwavering trust, loyalty, and support over the years. A school can only thrive when parents walk hand in hand with leadership, and your involvement, encouragement, and constructive engagement have played a decisive role in strengthening our school. Your commitment to your children's education and to this institution does not go unnoticed. I am truly grateful for every message of support, every difficult conversation handled with respect, and every shared celebration of success.

To our educators and support staff: your dedication continues to inspire me. The work you do each day shapes lives and futures far beyond what can be measured. Thank you for your professionalism, resilience, and deep care for our learners. It has been a privilege to serve a school staffed by individuals who go far beyond the call of duty for the sake of our children.

To the School Management Team and fellow SGB members, past and present: thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your tireless commitment.

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Leadership is never a one-person task—it is built on teamwork, mutual respect, integrity, and shared vision. I am deeply grateful for the robust discussions, hard decisions, long hours, and unified direction we shared. I leave knowing the school remains in capable and principled hands.

To the learners of Paardekraal: you have been at the heart of every decision we have ever made. Watching you grow, learn, lead, and succeed has been the greatest reward of this journey.

You embody the future, and I have no doubt that the values and foundations you have built here will carry you far.

As a parent, I am especially thankful for the role this school has played in shaping my own child's character, confidence, and love for learning. For that, I will forever be grateful. While our daily connection to the school now comes to an end, the pride, memories, and sense of belonging will always remain.

Stepping away is not easy, but it is done with peace of heart and immense pride in what has been achieved together. The strength of this school lies in its people—its staff, its parents, its governing structures, and most importantly, its learners. I am confident that Paardekraal will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. Thank you for your support, your patience, your trust, and your partnership over the years. I leave enriched, humbled, and deeply appreciative.

With sincere gratitude and warm farewell wishes to each one of you,

Mr M C Cunningham

Outgoing Chairperson

School Governing Body

FETCHING OF REPORT CARDS:

Please note that Wednesday the 10th of December is formally allocated for the fetching of report cards between 07:30 and 10:00. The payment office will be open for those parents who want to pay before collecting report cards. Please adhere to the stipulated times, as all staff members are still very busy with preparations for 2026 and cannot attend to the handing out of report cards after the stipulated times.

WHATSAPP GROUPS:

Just another reminder: Please do not delete yourself as yet from the WhatsApp groups that we are currently using for communication between the school and yourself. I will rename the different groups where applicable so that you can just continue into the new year. By NOT leaving the groups now, I will be able to send you important information regarding school matters etc. up to the end of December. Please visit the school's website at www.paardies.co.za at the end of December and thereafter where you can also click on links to become part of the 2025 groups.

My request is therefore that you do not leave the groups now, unless your child is leaving the school. Please know that you will receive no information from the school if you remove yourself from the groups at this stage.

Information regarding school matters 2025, will be communicated to you during the holiday as and when information becomes available.

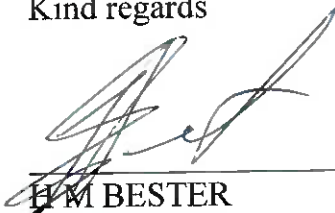
THANK YOU:

Please allow me the opportunity to thank all parents, guardians and learners for their continued support during 2025. We appreciate you very much. There were hard times as well, but with your commitment and support it was always possible to overcome the obstacles and concentrate on the teaching and learning in the school.

GENERAL:

Please enjoy a wonderful festive season with your families and friends and be safe. Although 2025 was a great year, I hope that 2026 will be the best one ever for the entire Paardies family and the community.

Kind regards



H M BESTER
Principal

"Sending you and your family warm and heartfelt wishes for an amazing Christmas"

- Paardies Staff

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.

