



Laerskool Paardekraal

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Newsletter 03/ 30 January 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are now at the end of week three already, and all learners and teachers are busy with learning and teaching every day.

Please take note of the following matters:

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY MATTERS

Since three of our Governing Body members' children left the school at the end of 2025, three vacancies were created for new Governing Body members. By-elections will be conducted soon, and all relevant information will be shared on the grade groups to inform all parents of the relevant processes to be followed. Please support this process fully, as it is very important to have a well established and functional Governing Body who puts the welfare and well-being of all stakeholders as their main priority. More information will follow soon...

SCHOOL TIMES

This week we suddenly started having an alarming number of learners coming late for school, or being fetched late, again. Late-coming-letters are handed out and the parents of children who are regularly late, will be contacted personally. Certain transport drivers are late almost every day, and I am sure that many parents do not know about it. Please also ensure that your child is fetched on time after school. Many afternoons there are still learners at school by 16:00 or later, waiting to be fetched. Children ***MUST BE FETCHED BY 13:40, BUT NOT LATER THAN 14:00.*** Please parents, this is unacceptable as it is evident from the news and the newspapers that our children are being targeted by sick people out there. Please assist us to keep them safe by fetching them on time. It is unfair to expect from the teachers to look after your children after school when teachers are having meetings and family matters to attend to as well.

Please consider enrolling your child in a school closer to home if you are unable to bring your child to school on time or to fetch your child on time. The school can assist you in transferring your child to a school closer to home. We really ask for your kind assistance and cooperation regarding this matter. Please note that, with immediate effect, that there will be ***NO SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN AFTER 14:30.***

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LUNCH BOXES / REFRESHMENTS

Parents, please make sure that you pack a healthy lunch for you child. There is no need to pack fancy foods like Kentucky or Pizza. A healthy sandwich is more than enough. I request you to also not send children to school with energy drinks as it tends to make them hyperactive. The school rules are clear that chewing gum is not permitted at school, yet many children come to school chewing gum. Please assist us to stop this bad habit.

VALENTINE'S RAFFLE

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we have decided to do the annual Valentine's raffle again this year. There are big cash prizes up for grabs and any person can be a winner. Please support us with this fundraiser. Please do not allow your children to go from door to door to sell raffle tickets, as it is not safe. Thank you for your valued support.

PREFECT'S SPUR EVENING PROJECT – 24 FEBRUARY

Our prefects will be shadow-waitering at SPUR Key West on Tuesday 24th of February in an attempt to raise much needed funds for the school. They will be receiving 10% of the takings at SPUR for that evening. To raise a substantial amount of money, we want to invite our parents and learners to make the 24th a family night where they go to spur and enjoy something to eat or drink.

Please diarise this date as we would really love to see our parents supporting the prefects.

ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 03 February we will be taking part in the Cluster meeting at Laerskool Millennium. Please note that only athletes who received formal letters from the school will take part at this meeting.

On Tuesday 03 February there will be NO SCHOOL for grades 1 to 7, as the teachers will be officiating at the meeting. Please ensure that you arrange reliable supervision for your children who stay at home.

Normal school will resume on 04 February at 07:20. I thank you for your kind assistance and understanding.

SCHOOL FEES

This is just a friendly reminder to parents that the school fees amount increased from 2025 to 2026 by R50-00 per month. Please note that the monthly amount payable is therefore R1 300-00.

Please make sure that the full outstanding amount of school fees is paid monthly. Many parents have outstanding amounts reflecting on their accounts before the next invoice run is done. That means that the full outstanding amount, as well as the next month's

fees become payable immediately. Should any outstanding amount reflect on your account, you will receive an SMS to remind you of the overdue payment. Should the SMS be ignored, a phone call will follow. If there is no response, cooperation or arrangement forthcoming, these accounts in default will then be handed over for collection. All extra costs incurred due to non-payment or short payment of accounts, will be for the defaulter's account. Should you be in doubt, please contact Mrs Lynch without delay for assistance. (joey@paardies.co.za)

Thank you to our many parents who pay their school fees regularly and on time. We value your commitment towards your child's quality education offered at Laerskool Paardekraal. Without the monthly contributions from parents, we will be in danger of losing teachers. When losing teachers, non-payers will be asked to please seek alternative accommodation for their children, as there will be too many children for the number of remaining teachers. Parents, please take the payment of school fees seriously, as Laerskool Paardekraal is a registered **FEE-PAYING** school. Therefore, all families enrolling their children into the school, must pay the set school fees. Parents have the choice to pay the fees, or to enrol their children into a school with cheaper rates. (There is only one school cheaper than us.) Please know that there are also no-fee-paying schools in the area. Should you need more information regarding such schools, please feel free to contact the school for assistance with placement in such schools.

We have received several applications for financial assistance from parents. Please note that you have indicated on the enrolment forms that you are able to pay school fees when you enrolled your child into this school. If you pay for transport to get your child to school, please understand that it is unfair to pay for the child to be taken to the education, but you can't pay for the education. The state made it clear that parents who enrolled their children into fee-paying schools, **MUST** pay the fees to ensure the smooth running of the school, as the state cannot subsidise fee-paying schools any longer. These applications will have to be referred to the School Governing Body for intervention and will most probably be declined. Please avail yourself when asked to attend meetings with the SGB regarding exemption applications.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

We are currently experiencing very bad behaviour and attitudes from certain learners at school. I have personally spoken to many children previously and I was shocked by the arrogance, attitude and level of intimidation that these pupils displayed. There was also a lack of respect and self-respect. Most of these children are targeting teachers and learners and make their fellow pupils', as well as their teachers' lives, hell at school. The constant swearing of "mothers' private parts", bullying, back chatting, late coming, threatening of teachers, swearing at teachers, laughing in teachers faces and intimidation of teachers and learners, can and will not be tolerated any longer. I have indicated before that these learners will face suspension. We do not have space in the school for children who refuse to cooperate. I ask parents to please send all complaints against these children straight to me, for me to build up solid cases against the

perpetrators. The bullying and intimidation of other children and teachers will have to stop immediately. Please parents, explain this serious matter to your children and make them understand that they are at school to learn and not to make other people feel scared and uncomfortable. Serious disciplinary action will now be taken with serious consequences for the perpetrators.

I also want to thank the majority of learners who come to school well dressed, well-mannered and ready to learn. It is a privilege to have them at school. Please work with us to get rid of the elements who make your children's lives miserable. Children should report perpetrators to teachers and parents, in order for us to act. A school should be a safe haven for all, free from bullies, troublemakers and intimidators. Parents, please take a stand against these unruly children, in order for normality and peace to return to our classrooms. We owe it to our children who want to learn and our teachers who want to teach.

ABSENTEEISM OF LEARNERS

Many of our learners are absent on a regular basis. In most cases the school is not informed of the reason for the absenteeism, and the child is then marked as *"absent without a valid reason."* Should there ever be a query about the child's school attendance, "absence without a valid reason" can seriously count against a child. There were cases before where children decided to bunk school, without their parents finding out. Please let the school know when your child is absent, for us to give the most appropriate reason for the absenteeism.

Something that starts to escalate at school now, is children "falling ill" at school. In many cases it was established that those learners were not prepared for an assessment, or they did not do the homework for the day. By law we must phone you when your child falls ill at school, but please take note that we have several potential actors and actresses amongst us, and they will surely abuse the situation when they feel like it.

HOMEWORK

The teachers are very concerned about the number of children not doing their homework. There is just not enough time in a day to do all the work at school. Many children come to school without any homework done. Homework serves as reinforcement for the work done at school. Should a child neglect the homework, he or she will surely fall behind. Please note that teachers cannot and will not take responsibility for a child's marks if he or she does not do the homework as requested. Please parents, assist us by checking your child's homework regularly. Constant neglect of homework is unacceptable, and children should be taught to take responsibility for their actions as well as for the preparations for their future. Many children are still under the impression that they cannot "fail" and will be transferred into the next grade. Nothing can be further from the truth, as it is evident that children who were not ready to be promoted at the end of 2025, are now repeating their grades.

ASSESSMENT PLANS

All assessment plans for grades 4 to 7 will be sent home soon. Please familiarise yourself with the content of the notice and diarise the allocated dates for assessments. The tear-off slip must please be sent back to school for filing. Please ensure that your children are well prepared for these formal assessments, as the assessments count for their final marks for term one. Please encourage your children to work hard from the beginning of the year and be well prepared for all assessments. We appreciate your support and assistance.

HPV VACCINATIONS

Medical consent forms were sent out to the grade 5 girls who was supposed to be receiving the HPV vaccination at school on Tuesday 03 February. These forms are for parents to give consent for the vaccinations to be administered by the Department of Health, annually. Please fill the form in and send it back to school for filing.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HPV INNOCULATION IS POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2026.

PS: Please note that the HPV inoculations are for grade 5 girls only.

S.A JKA (JAPAN KARATE ASSOCIATION)

The KJA Club from Kagiso 1 invites girls and boys to train and do Karate lessons. The club is motivated to fight against bullying amongst learners. The club aims to not only equip children with self-defence skills, but teach them discipline, self-respect, self-confidence, independence and to respect authority in general.

Should you require more information, please contact Mr Lucas Rotya directly on 0829613906 or on his email address lucasrotya60@gmail.com.

GENERAL

Thank you to the many parents who support the school in such a positive manner. It is a privilege to have you as parents of our school. You surely make our work easier with your positive attitudes and financial contributions towards the school. I salute you!

I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed weekend.

Kind regards



H.M. Bester
Principal

"The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well."

Sir William Osler

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.



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WHEN:

Saturday Mornings

DETAILS:

SOCCER - 08:30 - 09:15 (Junior boys, Grade 0 - Grade 3)

SOCCER - 09:15 - 10:30 (Senior boys, Grade 4 - Grade 8)

**Trinityhouse Little Falls / Pinnacle College Ridge View /
Panorama Primary / Monument Primary / Ridgevale Primary /
Avianto Estate Private School / Randpark Primary**

NETBALL - 08:30 - 09:45 (Junior and Senior girls, Grade 0 - Grade 8)
Pinnacle College Ridge View

CRICKET - 10:00 - 11:00 (Junior and Senior Boys & Girls, Grade 0 - Grade 8)
Pinnacle College Ridge View

GIRLS SOCCER - 08:30 - 09:15 (Junior and Senior Girls, Grade 0 - Grade 8)
Pinnacle College Ridge View

HOCKEY - 09:30 - 10:45 (Junior and Senior Boys & Girls, Grade 0 - Grade 8)
Pinnacle College Ridge View

RUGBY - 15:00pm - 15:45pm (Junior Boys & Girls, Grade 0 - Grade 3)

RUGBY - 15:45pm - 17:00pm (Senior Boys & Girls, Grade 4 - Grade 8)

Avianto Estate Private School

