



Laerskool Paardekraal

Registration Number (EMIS): 700250803

Pay Point Number: 902076 / School ID Number: 4028002050009

Newsletter 05/ 13 February 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

After a busy week, where Valentine's day was celebrated as well, I would like to bring the following important matters to your attention:

VALENTINE'S DAY

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the learners who collected money on their raffle lists for the Valentines fundraiser. The draw will take place on Monday 16 February to allow the forgotten lists to be brought to school. Have you thought about what you will buy if you are a winner of one of the cash prizes?

Once again, **THANK YOU** for your participation in this fundraiser. Without you it would not have been possible.

I hope you will all have a splendid Valentine's Day tomorrow.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This is just a reminder that professional photos will be taken of all learners on Friday 20 February. Thereafter you will have the opportunity to order the photos if you wish to do so. We would like to give all children the chance of being photographed professionally. By giving you notice now, you can make sure that the hair and uniforms are neat for the photos. We ask that children dress in their summer uniform on the 20th.

You are under no obligation to buy the photos. It will be your decision once the order forms become available. There is no need to send any money to school yet. All photos will be taken on the 20th of February and then an order form with a sample of the photos will be send home for your consideration. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY FOR PHOTOS TO SCHOOL, YET.**

SICK CHILDREN

We are still having children being sent to school when they are sick. Please keep them at home until they are better. Daily, we have children vomiting on themselves or even mess their pants because of an illness. Those children are embarrassed when these "accidents" happen in front of their peers and teachers. Parents are then inconvenienced because they need to come and fetch those children from school.

When a child was absent from school, please send a note to the teacher explaining the absence of the child. It just makes it easier for teachers to plan second opportunities for children who were absent with a valid reason.

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RINGWORM

Ringworm is starting to surface at school again. Ringworm is highly contagious and if your child is infected, please keep him or her at home until they are healed. By keeping a child at home, it prevents other children becoming infected, and the problem can be eradicated quicker. Thank you for your kind assistance.

SCHOOL FEES MATTERS

Thank you to the many parents whose school fees are up to date. We appreciate your commitment to your child's education.

Please note that all school fees in arrears will be handed over to our collection agency for collection. This company blacklist immediately when an account is handed over and follow the collections process up to judgements and court appearances. Please be reminded that judgements stay against a person's name for 30 years.

Should you experience any challenges with the payment of the school fees, please contact Mrs J Lynch by sending an e-mail to joey@paardies.co.za. Alternatively, please contact her on the school's telephone number.

Please do the right thing and pay your school fees on time.

Please note that the application period for exemptions is now closed.

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

The safety of our children is our main priority, but this priority is being compromised when children are being fetched late. During the week many children were waiting for transport who fetched some children only at 16:30. Are our parents aware that those children were left at school until late? We also experience some parents fetching children very late, and those children were waiting around school until they are fetched. This is not a very safe area and children should never be put in a position where they feel insecure or threatened. Please parents, speak to your transport providers and make sure you know at what time your children arrive at home.

We are experiencing a problem where children are instructed by transport drivers to wait after school at the garage, at the shop across the road, behind Built-it or elsewhere in town, to be picked up later in the afternoon. Parents must please understand that the school cannot be held responsible should a child leave the school premises to walk to another pick-up point. Many children are "hanging" around in town waiting to be fetched by their transport.

Another problem is the fact that transport drivers arrive at the opposite side of the road and hoots for the children. As soon as they see their transport, they all ran towards the transport without looking for any oncoming transport. Children should never be put into a situation where they have to run across a very busy road to reach their transport. Please address this matter with your children as well as with the transport providers, to ensure the safety of our children.

Please note that the school gates open at 06:50 only. There is no supervision for children being dropped off way earlier. In the afternoons, no supervision is available after 14:10. Please make sure your child is fetched before 14:10, as it is not a safe environment for them to wait alone for late transport.

LATE COMING

Daily we have children coming late to school. During this week some transport arrived at school by 08:15 only, and registers were marked already. When parents let us know that children will be late, then alternative arrangements can be made. Our concern is that transport arrive very late and just drop the children off and leave them to fend for themselves on the pavement. We are then unable to return those children home as per our rules. In future, should any child arrive late after the registers were marked, such a child will remain absent on the class register and those absenteeism will reflect on the data sent to the Department of Education every Friday, as well as on the child's report card at the end of the term. Please assist us by ensuring your child arrive at school before 07:20, as school starts promptly at 07:20. Please do not negotiate with our security people at the gate to allow late comers onto the premises. Late comers disrupt the entire class when arriving and that is unfair towards the children who are on time. Please make sure your child arrives on time for school.

LOST CLOTHING AND OTHER PROPERTY

We have three crates full of lost property, including jerseys, pants, jackets, beanies, shoes, and socks. There are many lunch tins and cold drink bottles as well. Most of the items are not marked and can therefore not be returned to the rightful owners. All lost property not collected by next Friday 20 February, will be removed from the crates and will be donated to charity. Thereafter, the crates will be emptied every Friday to ensure the lost property area stays neat and tidy.

If your children lost any clothing or lunch tins, please tell them to go and see whether the items were not placed into the lost-and-found bins. Some of the clothing in the crates are visibly brand new and cost a lot of money. Please mark all items clearly so that property can be returned to the owner once found.

ATHLETICS

Many of our athletes took part in the cluster meeting yesterday at Hoërskool Noordheuwel, and I am pleased to announce that all the athletes performed exceptionally well, and their behaviour was also impeccable. Congratulations to all of you.

We are thrilled that five of our athletes will participate at the Krugersdorp Championships soon. Congratulations to those five achievers. We are very proud of you.

GENERAL

May you all have a blessed and restful weekend ahead. Please be safe and enjoy Valentine's day with your loved ones.

Kind regards


H. M. BESTER
Principal

"Discipline doesn't break a child's spirit half as often as the lack of discipline breaks a parent's heart." - Unknown

VISION & MISSION OF LAERSKOOI 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**.



*With Love... Principal
& Staff
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GAUTENG EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

03 February 2026

Dear Parents,

Notice is hereby given that a meeting for the nomination of candidates for the by-election of **PARENT MEMBERS** of the School Governing Body for Laerskool Paardekraal will be held on **Wednesday 25 February at 14:00 in the School Hall.**

Please attend the meeting to nominate and elect **PARENT MEMBERS** for our School Governing Body. The Governing Body decides on Policy and Plans to improve our school and it is important for parents to take part in this process. Eligible parents of learners may nominate and vote for **PARENT MEMBERS** of the School Governing Body.

When nominating a parent to be a member of the Governing Body of the school, parents must consider a parent who shall add value to the functionality of the School Governing Body. (Regulation 22)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

IF YOU NOMINATE A PERSON, PLEASE CHECK AND MAKE SURE THAT THE CANDIDATE IS AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

A person **WILL NOT** be eligible to be a member of a Governing Body if he or she:

- Is not the **biological** parent or **legal** guardian / care giver of the child. (**Court documents** are needed for proof of **LEGAL guardianship** over a learner.)
- Is mentally ill and has been declared as such by a court with competent jurisdiction.
- Is an un-rehabilitated insolvent.
- Has been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine for a period exceeding six months, or has not yet served his or her full period of imprisonment; or
- Has been declared unsuitable to work with children, as provided for under the Children's Act, 2005 (Act No. 38 of 2005).
- Does not fall within one of the categories of members who make up a Governing Body.
- No longer falls within the category of members that he or she represented at the time of the election.
- Has been blacklisted.
- Has been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty (Amendment of regulation 16)
- Has had his or her Governing Body membership terminated by the Head of Department in terms of The Act.

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A candidate may be nominated in two ways:

- a. By lodging a nomination form duly completed by the proposer, seconder and the candidate with the Election Officer not more than seven days and not less than a day before the nomination meeting: or
- b. By proposing a parent as a member during the nomination meeting, provided that another parent present seconds the nomination and a nomination form duly completed by the proposer, seconder and candidate is lodged with the Election Officer within the time allotted in the nomination meeting by the Election Officer for the purpose.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL ON REQUEST.

If more candidates are nominated than the number of **PARENT MEMBERS** to be elected, a poll will be held on **25 February 2026 at 14:30 in the School Hall.**

Two eligible parents may vote per family. If you are the main person responsible for the child / children at the school, please make sure you will be able to vote by filling in the registration form and sending it back to school so that your name will be on the voters roll.

Please bring your Identification Document or Identification Card, Passport or other **LEGALLY** accepted form of identification to the nomination and election meeting.

Please note that there will be **NO Proxy Votes** allowed during the entire election process.

Date: 03 February 2026

Signature of Election Officer: _____



Mr F Welkom

Address of Election Officer: Mr F Welkom, Krugersdorp Town School, CNR Buiten – and Gerrie Visser Streets, Krugersdorp North, 1739

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SGE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2026 PARENTS BY- ELECTIONS

GAUTENG EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

To register for the School Governing Body voting and be included on the voters roll, please complete this form and return it to the register teacher at least seven (7) days before the nomination and election meeting. Only 2 parents / legal guardians may vote per family.

Children's Names: _____ Class: _____

PRIMARY PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN:

SECONDARY PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Surname: _____	Surname: _____
ID Number: _____	ID Number: _____
Occupation: _____	Occupation: _____
Company: _____	Company: _____
Telephone Number: _____	Telephone Number: _____
Cell number: _____	Cell number: _____
Marital Status: _____	Marital Status: _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

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**ALTERNATE GUARDIAN
(EMERGENCY CONTACT) 1:**

**ALTERNATE GUARDIAN
(EMERGENCY CONTACT) 2:**

Full Name: _____	Full Name: _____
Relationship: _____	Relationship: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____