



Laerskool Paardekraal

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Newsletter 06/ 20 February 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope this message finds you all in good health and looking forward to a well-deserved weekend. After the rain we've had over the past week, I'm sure we're all hoping for a bit of sunshine.

This week, I would like to bring the following matters to your attention:

VALENTINE'S RAFFLE

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and learners who supported this fundraiser. We truly appreciate the effort you put into selling the raffle tickets. We raised an amazing amount of R 65 513,10, which will be allocated to areas where the school has the greatest need. Once again, THANK YOU for your ongoing support.

The lucky winners are as follows:

- R 3000.00 **First Prize** – Cordonia Totong
- R 2000.00 **Second Prize** – Gomolemo Diphoko
- R 1000.00 **Third Prize** – Sarah Moilounyane

Congratulations to all our winners. Enjoy your cash prizes!

The class that raised the most money is Grade RR, taught by Mrs. Viljoen. On average, each student contributed R 157,00. Well done to Grade RR!

The top individual contributors are:

- Princess Ntondini (Grade 7U) with R 760.00 – R150-00 goes to you for your effort.
- Mpendulo Nhlapo (Grade RR) with R 680.00 - R100-00 goes to you for your effort.
- Onkarabetse Monkoe (Grade RC) with R 540.00 - R50-00 goes to you for your effort.

Once again, THANK YOU to everyone for your continued support. Enjoy your prizes!

SCHOOL FEES

Today, I would like to express my gratitude to all the parents who consistently pay their school fees. Following our previous reminders, many non-payers have now started making payments, for which we are extremely thankful. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to settle all outstanding dues this month.

Parents who have not yet paid their school fees are urged to contact Mrs. Lynch immediately at joey@paardies.co.za.

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Please be aware that non-payment may result in your account being handed over to collections, which can incur additional interest and legal fees. To avoid this, please reach out to Mrs. Lynch, who can assist you with setting up an acceptable payment plan.

PREFECT'S SPUR EVENING PROJECT – 24 FEBRUARY

Our prefects will be shadow-waitering at SPUR Key West on the 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.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY BY-ELECTIONS – 25 FEBRUARY

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 on Wednesday 25 February at 14:00 in the school hall. 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.

For your convenience the relevant documents with crucial information are attached again at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

HOMEWORK

It is concerning to see how many children come to school without completing their homework. Much of the work left unfinished at home is classwork that wasn't completed during lessons. In many cases, incomplete classwork means children lack the necessary material to prepare for formal assessments. Teachers cannot be held accountable if students fail to complete assigned work at home.

Assessment schedules were sent home earlier this year, so parents know exactly when assessments are scheduled. However, many children still arrive on assessment days without the necessary materials. Teachers often offer additional opportunities, but these are frequently wasted because the children have not adequately prepared.

Please take the time to check your child's school bag on Fridays or over the weekend to review their work—or lack thereof—in their books. Incomplete work can negatively impact their grades at the end of the term and may contribute to the possibility of repeating a grade. We ask for your support in ensuring that all books are up to date. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment through the office to meet with a teacher.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

During the verification process for exemption applications, it was found that some parents submitted incorrect, conflicting, or even fraudulent information. Please note that the completed documents are legal, and any false or misleading information will result in the School Governing Body opening a fraud case against the applicant.

All exemption applications will undergo a thorough verification process, which may include checks by SARS, banks, the Department of Home Affairs, and other verification agencies. Once the School Governing Body begins conducting interviews with parents, legal action will follow in cases of false information.

If your exemption application contains any inaccuracies, we urge you to withdraw it immediately to avoid serious legal consequences.

STEALING OF LUNCH BOXES

Over the past week, several incidents have been reported where children's lunch boxes were stolen from their school bags. It deeply saddens me to learn that theft is not only limited to stationery but has now extended to food as well. When lunch boxes are taken, some children go without food for the entire day, and in some cases, it may have been their only meal. I find it truly upsetting that anyone would steal food from others. If there are any issues at home, preventing children from bringing food to school, please reach out to us. We would be happy to include the child in our feeding scheme, ensuring that those in need receive a sandwich to eat. Kindly remind your children that stealing has consequences, and any theft—whether of small or large items—will result in a formal case being opened against the responsible child.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Professional photos of all students were taken today. Purchasing the photos is entirely voluntary, and there is no obligation to buy. A sample photo along with an order form will be sent home shortly for your review. You will have the opportunity to decide whether to place an order once the forms are available. Please do not send any money to school yet.

LUNCH BOXES/STATIONERY/TRANSPORT FEES/KEYS/ETC

Students are reminded to bring the necessary items to school, as the administrative staff and security guards are unable to take on the responsibility of handling personal belongings. Parents are kindly asked not to drop off items such as money, lunch, or keys, as the admin staff cannot accept these items. If a child forgets their lunch at home, a sandwich will be provided through our feeding scheme.

If you wish to send cake for your child's birthday, please ensure it is pre-cut into squares. Additionally, if sending cold drinks in bottles, please provide polystyrene cups.

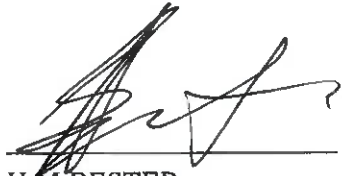
SICK LEARNERS

We kindly ask parents not to send sick children to school. If a child shows any flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home and inform the school of your decision. We are not equipped to accommodate sick children in class, so for the safety of both your child and others, you will be contacted to collect your child from school immediately. Some days, even before school starts, we need to phone parents already to fetch sick children. It is just not fair to send a sick child to school, as other children and teachers can also become sick because of an inconsiderate decision to send a sick child to school. ***PLEASE ASSIST US BY NOT SENDING SICK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.***

GENERAL

Thank you to all our parents for your ongoing support. Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead, filled with love, peace, and countless blessings.

Warm regards



H.M. BESTER

Principal

"Nothing can stop the man with the right attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

Thomas Jefferson

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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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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SGB-VOTER REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2026 PARENTS BY- ELECTIONS

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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: _____