



Laerskool Paardekraal

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Dear Parents/Guardians

And so quickly, another week comes to an end...

I would like to bring the following matters to your attention:

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY MATTERS:

Thank you to all the parents who attended the SGB by-election on Wednesday 25 February in the school hall. Your presence was part of the success of the election process. I am very pleased to announce the names of the three newly elected members:

- Ms Vernolia Malepe
- Ms Gopolang Taele
- Mr Buti Sithole

Welcome to the three newly elected parent members. We thank you for your availability and support to serve on the Governing Body.

Office Bearers will be elected soon and the portfolios of the Governing Body members will be communicated to all stakeholders as soon as possible.

SCHOOL TIMES

Please be reminded that the school gate opens at 06:45 in the morning. Please ensure that your child is at school in time as classes start at 07:20 already. Many of our learners still come to school late and then parents or transport providers are very upset when spoken to about the late coming. If parents notified the school that the child will be late for a legitimate reason, special arrangements will be made to collect a late comer from the gate by a staff member of the school.

In the afternoons, many learners wait for their transport until very late. All learners, grades R - 7, go home every day at 13:40. No learner will be allowed to leave the school premises before 13:40, unless signed out by a parent or legal guardian, who must identify him-/herself by means of a Green Bar-Coded Identification Document, Smart ID Card, or valid Passport. Please make suitable arrangements for your child to be fetched latest 14:00.

FETCHING OF CHILDREN IN THE AFTERNOON

Parents must please note that most of the children who are left at school after the stipulated time, are fetched late by mainly transport drivers. We experience a situation at school again, where children are being told by transport drivers NOT to wait in the waiting area, but to wait for transport elsewhere in town. Many children wait across the street in the shop, while others go behind the hardware store, or higher up into town to wait for their transport. One transport driver said that they do not want to be

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phoned by parents or the school when they are late, and therefore they told the children NOT to wait in the safety of the waiting areas.

Parents, please note that we cannot be held responsible for anything that happens to your child when they are told to wait elsewhere in town. These children run across the street without looking out for traffic, and then they are up to mischief wherever they wait for transport to arrive. Please familiarise yourself with where your children are waiting in the afternoons for transport.

Notice boards were erected on the school fence to legalise the fact that no adult supervision is available for children before 06:50 in the mornings and after 14:10 in the afternoons.

OFFICE HOURS AND PAYMENTS

N.B. Monday – Thursday: 07:30 – 14:00

Friday: 07:30 – 13:00

No money can be accepted after these specified times, for safety and security reasons. When making payments through the bank or via the internet, please use your ***child's name, surname, and grade*** as reference, as it is impossible to reconcile money received if only a name is put down. Please remember that there could be more than one child in the school with the same name.

EXEMPTION (Subsidy) APPLICATIONS:

Please note that the application period for exemptions ***closed already***. The total budget for possible exemptions is completely depleted, and no further applications can be received or considered. Applicants whose forms were handed in on time and the application was all in order, will be contacted individually to either have an interview with the governing body, or to discuss the outcome of the application. After this newsletter, no further correspondence regarding exemptions will follow.

SCHOOL FEES

Once again, thank you to the many parents who are paying the school fees on time. We appreciate your contributions as you are making it possible for the school to give each child the quality education they deserve. It is a privilege to work with dedicated parents like yourselves.

To the parents who are not paying their school fees, please remember that other parents are subsidising your child to receive the same, quality education that others are paying for. Should you have a problem to pay your school fees, please contact Ms Lynch (joey@paardies.co.za) as a matter of urgency, as all accounts in arrears are due for handover and collection soon.

ATHLETICS – KRUGERSDORP AND D2 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following learners on their excellent performance at the D2 Championships. We are so proud of them. Well done!

- ***Kutlhwano Phillips*** came second in long jump and will now represent the school at the Gauteng Championships. Congratulations Kutlhwano. We are very proud of your achievement.

Thank you to Mrs L Da Silva and her team for all arrangements, practises, etc. arranged for our athletes. We appreciate your hard work and dedication very much.

DROPPING OFF OF FORGOTTEN ITEMS

On a daily basis we have upset parents at the gate who want to drop off money, food, books and other belongings left at home by the children. Please understand that we are unable to accept those items at the gate because the security may not leave their posts at all. Teachers cannot be called to the gate to accept any items as they cannot leave their classes unattended. Office staff cannot take responsibility for those items either. Once items are forgotten at home, please contact the school and inform the secretary of the problem. The secretary will inform the teacher who will gladly accept the task, book, project etc. the following day.

When a child forgets a lunch tin at home, we will supply the child with a sandwich if we are made aware of the problem. We had cases before where strangers wanted to drop off food for children, claiming that the parents send them to school. There is no way we can verify the information and therefore we do not accept any items at the gate. We had parents this week complaining about food and drinks given to their children by friends. We will not accept any items brought to school after school has started. Please see this arrangement as a safety measure and not a way of being spiteful or uncooperative.

CLOTHING SHOP

Please note that all items of the school uniform can be bought at school at very competitive prices. Track suits for the winter will be delivered soon and be ready for selling. Please buy or order in advance as stock is limited. For all your school uniform needs, please contact Ms Meya via the office or send her an e-mail at monica@paardies.co.za.

CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

Please note that *NO* cell phones or smart watches are allowed at school. The school will not take responsibility for any cell phones or smart watch that get stolen or lost. If a child is caught using a cell phone or smart watch at school, the item will be confiscated, and parents will have to come and fetch the phone or smart watch from school. A R200,00 penalty is payable before the item will be returned to the parent. More and more learners are using cell phones during school hours to take photos etc. Parents should please also make sure what media their children are using and what they are watching on their cell phones.

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

There are still many children who do not know a parent's cell phone number, or do not have an emergency contact number written down in the school diary. In case of an emergency or even when there is an accident on the way to or from school, it is so much easier for any person to look in the bag, find a contact number and get hold of a parent or guardian immediately. Please make sure that you update your contact details regularly. It is very important for us to be able to get hold of you in case of an emergency.

STEALING OF FOOD

It is with regret that I must address the matter of stealing food from others, again. During the past week we had several incidents where food was stolen out of children's school bags, and the food as well as the lunch box was never found.

All cameras are monitored, and we will catch the culprit(s). Please note that a case of theft will be opened against any child caught stealing, irrespective the size or value of the item(s) stolen. Please assist us by explaining to your children that stealing is wrong and that there will be serious consequences when caught stealing.

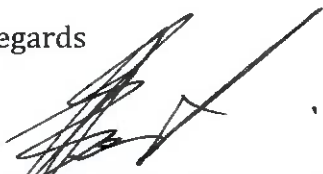
ASSESSMENTS

The teachers are busy with assessments in class, every day. Many children are absent on assessment days and thereafter on the days when second and even third opportunities were arranged. Please note that the child must have a legal excuse in the form of a doctor's letter or other legal proof when absent, to be given a second opportunity to complete assessments not done. It will also help if you could inform teachers of your child's absenteeism early on the day the child is absent. Please assist the school by helping your child to be well prepared for all assessments due. Time is limited and a lot of work must still be done in class before the end of this term. Thank you for your kind assistance.

GENERAL

May all our parents and learners have a wonderful weekend ahead. Enjoy quality family time together.

Kind regards



"Today, be thankful and remember how rich you are, your family is priceless, your time is gold, and your health is wealth." - Unknown

H M BESTER
Principal

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.

