



# Laerskool Paardekraal

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## Newsletter 11/10 April 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to all our learners and parents to the beginning of Term 2. Hopefully you are all well-rested and ready for the challenges that come with the second term.

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

### SCHOOL TIMES:

Please ensure that your child is at school by the latest 07:15, 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 with us when the child is late for school. Please understand that we will continue to follow protocols as prescribed to us, therefore, all late comers will be marked absent for the day. 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 RR – 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 before 14:00, as teachers will not be supervising children who are not fetched on time.

### 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.

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.

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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](mailto:joey@paardies.co.za)) as a matter of urgency, as all accounts in arrears are due for handover and collection soon.

### **CELL PHONES:**

Please note that *NO* cell phones are allowed at school. The school will not take responsibility for any cell phones that are stolen or lost. If a child is caught using a cell phone at school, the phone will be confiscated, and parents will have to come and fetch the phone from school. A R200,00 penalty is payable before a cell phone 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.

### **SICK LEARNERS:**

We request parents again not to send sick learners to school. We phone several parents every day, shortly after the start of the school day, to come and fetch sick children from school. Please keep sick children at home as we are not equipped to accommodate sick children in classes.

### **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 somewhere in or on the inside flap of the bookcase or the 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.

### **GRADE 7 – UPDATED INFORMATION:**

All grade 7 learners will receive printouts next week with all learner and family information as we have it on our system. Parents of grade 7 learners are requested to please check the information and correct the wrong information on the printout. The printout must then be sent back to school by Monday 20 April. We will then update the information on our system as soon as possible. The reason for this request is as follows:

The online applications process for the 2027 grade 8 group, will open soon. Should you lock into the system with a different telephone number, incorrect ID number or incorrect home address, the system will reject your application for grade 8. We are trying to get our system updated with your latest details in order to make the process easier for you. Please send the amended printouts back to school to leave us with enough time to amend the information before online applications open.

**ASSESSMENTS:**

The teachers are already busy with assessments, 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 when absent to be given a second opportunity to complete an assessment not done. It will also help if you could inform teachers of your child's absenteeism early on the day the child is absent.

**STATIONERY:**

We are experiencing problems with many children who come to school without stationery. Please ensure that stationery is topped up regularly, as the borrowing and lending of stationery causes many fights between children. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

**STEALING OF FOOD AND LUNCH BOXES:**

A few children are stealing food from other learners' lunch boxes, or sometimes the whole lunch box gets stolen. Please speak to your children about this very concerning matter and let them understand that there will be consequences when caught. If a child forgets his or her lunch at home, the child should inform the teacher who will arrange that the child will receive something to eat. Please help us to stop the stealing!

**CHESS PRACTISE:**

Chess practice will start on 15 April. Practice will be every Wednesday from 13:45 to 14:45 unless otherwise communicated. Please arrange transport accordingly as no supervision will be available after 14:45.

**NETBALL AND MINI NETBALL PRACTISE:**

Netball and Mini Netball practice will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April from 13:45 to 14:45. Please arrange transport accordingly. Players who are not collected timeously will unfortunately not be considered for team selection, as educators cannot be expected to supervise players outside of practice times. Please note that should it rain, practices will automatically be cancelled.

Girls must bring appropriate sporting clothes and Takkies. No player will be allowed on the court in their uniform with school shoes or barefoot. Learners who do not bring a change of clothes will be sent home with normal transport.

**SOCCER SELECTION:**

The selection of teams will happen as follows:

Tuesday 14 April - Under 11 boys - 13:45 to 15:00

Wednesday 15 April - Under 12 boys - 13:45 to 15:00

Thursday 16 April - Under 13 boys - 13:45 to 15:00

Please arrange your child's transport accordingly.

### MINI SOCCER:

Mini Soccer practise practices will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday starting on 15<sup>th</sup> of April from 13:45 to 14:45. Please make suitable arrangements for children to be fetched at 14:45, as no supervision will be available after practise time.

### GENERAL SPORT RULES:

All children participating in sport must wear comfortable tracksuit pants or shorts for practises. "Takkies" or other comfortable shoes are essential when practising. Coaches will give clear guidelines of their expectations during the first practise.

Learners should change during 2<sup>nd</sup> break to enable them to start the practise on time.

### GENERAL:

May all our parents, learners and staff have a wonderful weekend. Please be safe.

Kind regards



A Martignone  
Acting Principal

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

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- 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.