



Laerskool Paardekraal

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Newsletter 12/17 April 2026

Happy Friday! We've made it to the end of another busy, wonderful week together. I trust you're all doing well. Please allow me to bring the following important matters to your attention:

BULLYING:

We are still having very real cases of bullying in our school, although our Code of Conduct is very clear that **NO FORM OF BULLYING** will be tolerated at all. The school has a zero-tolerance policy against bullies. Some children, however, are very scared and intimidated by bullies and do not report the bullying so that we can intervene.

Please explain to you children that bullying is not acceptable and should not be condoned. We rely on parents and children reporting cases of bullying so that the perpetrators can be identified. Thank you for your kind assistance regarding this matter.

ACADEMIC CONCERNS

We are still experiencing a concerning lack of commitment to schoolwork from many learners. This attitude was clearly reflected in the Term 1 report cards. Many children continue to come to school unprepared for assessments or without having completed homework. When questioned, they often shrug and walk away.

Teachers cannot award marks for incomplete or missing work. Please encourage your children to take responsibility for their learning and approach their education with the seriousness it deserves.

LEARNER BEHAVIOUR

We are increasingly concerned about the rise in disrespectful and defiant behaviour among some learners. Teachers are reaching their limits, as learners challenge authority, make rude comments to staff and peers, use inappropriate

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language, and arrive late to class after breaks.

When disciplined, some learners openly mock and defy staff. **This behaviour is unacceptable and will no longer be tolerated.** I will personally contact parents to collect children who display such behaviour, and suspensions may follow.

We ask all parents to have conversations with their children about respectful and responsible behaviour. We also want to express our gratitude to the many learners who consistently demonstrate excellent manners and respect.

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure your contact details are always up to date. We have been unable to reach several parents recently due to incorrect or outdated numbers. Kindly update your details with the school and in your child's diary as soon as any changes occur. Thank you for your cooperation.

OUR SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT – WEEKLY FOCUS

Each week we'll highlight a section of our school Code of Conduct in the newsletter to help everyone stay on the same page.

This week's focus: LEARNERS' PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Looking neat and wearing our uniform with pride shows respect for ourselves and our school. Please read through the guidelines below with your child so we can all start the week looking smart and ready to learn.

How to Look Smart at School

1. Wear your uniform every day: Come to school in your full school uniform. Keep it neat and tidy. If it's torn, fix it — sew on buttons, mend your jersey.
2. Shirts and shoes - Boys: Tuck your shirt in. Wear black shoes with laces tied. Pull your socks up. Girls: In summer, tuck your shirt into your culottes. All: Wear a plain white vest under your shirt, not a colourful t-shirt. Boys: Keep your shirt on after school while you wait for your transport. No running around with no shirt.
3. Hair - Keep your hair neat. Long hair: Tie it back neatly. Only use blue, black or white hairbands or clips. No dreadlocks, dyed hair, or braids for boys. Girls can have braids or extensions, but they must be tied back neatly.
4. Jewellery - You're only allowed to wear: A watch. One small pair of earrings or sleepers — for girls only, a signet ring, Medic Alert bracelet, 1st Communion chain, or virgin ring. No other piercings like belly, tongue or nose rings. Boys can't wear earrings.
5. Nails and make-up – Keep your nails short and clean. No nail polish or make-up at school.

BASICALLY: BE NEAT, BE TIDY, AND KEEP IT SIMPLE.

PRACTISES FOR NEXT WEEK:

NETBALL AND MINI NETBALL PRACTISE:

Netball and Mini Netball practice will take place every Wednesday and Thursday, from 13:45 until 14:45 (Unless specified otherwise). Please arrange transport accordingly. Players who are not collected timeously will unfortunately not be considered for team selection, as educators cannot be expected to babysit 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 PRACTISE:

Soccer practise will take place as follows:

Monday 20 April – Under 11 boys – 13:45 until 15:00

Tuesday 21 April – Under 13 boys – 13:45 until 15:00

Wednesday 22 April – Under 11 boys – 13:45 until 15:00

Thursday 23 April – Under 13 boys - 13:45 until 15:00

Please arrange your child's transport accordingly. Should it rain, practices will automatically be cancelled. Boy's must bring appropriate sporting clothes for practicing. No player will be allowed on the field in their uniform with school shoe.

MINI SOCCER:

Mini Soccer practise practises will take place every Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 13:45 until 14:45 (Unless specified otherwise). Please make suitable arrangements for children to be fetched at 14:45, as no supervision will be available after practise time. Should it rain, practices will automatically be cancelled.

CHESS:

Chess practise will take place every Wednesdays 13:45 until 14:45 (Unless specified otherwise). Please make suitable arrangements for children to be fetched at 14:45, as no supervision will be available after practise time.

RACA:

Practice for all categories starts this week. Please check the WhatsApp groups for more details as they are shared. Parents, kindly make the necessary transport arrangements so your child is picked up on time after practice.

GENERAL

Thank you to all our parents for their support to the school. I hope you all have an enjoyable long weekend with your families. Please be safe and stay warm.

Kind regards



A Martignone
Acting Principal

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people." — Chinese proverb

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.

The difference between
school and **life**?
In school, you're
taught a lesson and
then given a **test**. In life,
you're given a test that
teaches you a **lesson**.

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— Tom Bodett



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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

