



Laerskool **Paardekraal**

Registration Number (EMIS): 700250803

Pay Point Number: 902076 / School ID Number: 4028002050009

Newsletter 24/31 July 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had an enjoyable week and are looking forward to a quiet and peaceful weekend. Please take note of the following:

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Many children are absent regularly and they are missing out on important schoolwork. Please let the school know when your child is not attending school so that alternative arrangements can be made for the child to catch up on lost work. Please note that we have to remove a child from the school's record when he or she is absent for ten or more days without notification to the school. Should a child return after the ten days, a new enrolment form must be submitted as a person on the waiting list could have taken up that space already. It is therefore important to let the school know when your child is absent.

GRADE 1 AND GRADE 8 APPLICATIONS FOR 2027:

Please be reminded that applications for Grade 1 and Grade 8 for 2027 will open on Tuesday, 5 August 2026 and close on Friday, 4 September 2026. Supporting documents must be taken to the school of application for verification.

We kindly request that all parents follow the Department of Education guidelines to ensure your child secures a place for 2027. Important for Grade R parents: Your child will not be automatically placed at our school for Grade 1. You must complete the application process during the dates above. For any assistance or clarity, please feel free to contact the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is very important that all our learners come to school dressed in the correct school uniform. Unfortunately, many learners arrive in clothing that does not form part of the official uniform, which is not acceptable. We rely on our parents' cooperation to ensure that learners are neatly dressed in a clean school uniform each day.

We receive daily requests for children to be allowed to wear "tekkies" or alternative shoes due to lost footwear. Please note that if your child's school shoes are misplaced, they should rather attend school barefoot than wear inappropriate footwear. This approach encourages learners to take better responsibility for their belongings.

Recently, we have noticed some inappropriate and unusual hairstyles among our learners. Please be reminded that our school rules do not permit extreme or unusual hairstyles. No signs, symbols, or lines may be shaved into hair or eyebrows. Boys' hair must be short and neat. Styles where the sides are shaved and only a patch of hair remains on top are not allowed. Afro hairstyles are discouraged, as they may obstruct the view of learners seated behind. Boys are not permitted to plait their hair or wear extensions.

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Girls' hair must always be neat. Long hair should be tied back using ribbons or elastics in the school colours only. Hair should not be tied on top of the head, as this can also obstruct the view of learners behind them. Parents are kindly requested to accompany their children to the barber to ensure hairstyles comply with school rules.

Boys are not permitted to wear any jewellery except a standard wristwatch. Girls may wear a small sleeper or stud in each ear, in gold or silver only. Coloured or diamond-styled studs are not allowed. Any jewellery that does not conform to the school's guidelines will need to be removed.

Please remember that these rules are in place to promote a safe and disciplined learning environment. If learners are allowed complete freedom in matters of uniform, hairstyles, and jewellery, it becomes more difficult to maintain discipline at school. These rules apply equally to Grade RR and Grade R learners.

PRACTISES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Chess:

The Final stages of our Internal Chess League is here and the excitement is building!

♟️ Semi-Finals & Finals

Date: Wednesday, 5 August 2026

Time: 13:50 – 15:00

Venue: Mr Ueckermann's classroom

Attendance: Only qualifying players listed on Mr Ueckermann's door may participate.

We wish all our finalists the best of luck!

Netball:

Mini Netball & Senior Netball

Who: Girls born 2014 – 2020

When: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Time: 13:45 – 14:30 (unless specified otherwise)

What to bring: Sports clothes, tekkies, water bottle

Note: No short or revealing clothing is permitted.

Cross Country:

Cross country practise will take place this term.

Practice Days: Every Wednesday and Thursday (unless specified otherwise)

Time: 13:45 – 14:30

All learners need to attend practise with the proper running shoes.

For all after school activities:

Please ensure that all learners are fetched on time

HOW TO TALK TO THE DEMANDING CHILD: 12 TIPS TO USE RIGHT AWAY:

Some children demand constant attention and will not take "no" for an answer. Just as children need to learn the importance of saying "please" and "thank you," they need to learn how to appropriately make requests.

If you're the parent of a demanding child, rest assured that this is not a new problem and there are many, many people in the same boat. Demanding behaviour from children is common — most parents must deal with it to some degree.

Remember, though, a demanding child provides a parent with an opportunity to teach. Here are some helpful tips to coach your child to become less demanding and more polite when making requests.

- 1. Sit down with your child and discuss the difference between demanding behaviour and polite, respectful requests. It's appropriate for a parent to let that child know that he or she is being demanding and need to rephrase or change their voice tone when asking for something.*
- 2. Let your child know that they are going to get some of their requests met with the answer "yes" and some met with the answer "no." It's okay to say "no."*
- 3. It's important for parents to model appropriate requests when interacting with others. Parents who demonstrate demanding behaviours in front of their children only promote and reinforce this behaviour. Talk to your children in a manner that you want them to speak to you.*
- 4. Teach your child the manners of "please" and "thank you."*
- 5. Be calm and do not appear to be surprised when your child becomes demanding. Then say, "Is there another way that you can say that?" Sometimes children do not know that they are being demanding.*
- 6. Do not give in to your child's demands.*
- 7. Ignore your child's demanding behaviours. Respond to your child's polite requests. Over time, responding only to polite behaviour will reinforce the behaviour expected.*
- 8. Communicate with the other parent or adults in your family when your child's behaviour takes on demanding tendencies. This will prevent the child from going to others with their inappropriate demands.*
- 9. Make sure that your child gets your attention when he or she is acting appropriately. Demanding children often display this behaviour to get the parent's attention.*
- 10. Before bringing your child to the store or mall, review with the child your expectations of this trip and what you expect of them. It's okay to let the child know "that we do not have the money to buy you a game on this trip to the store."*
- 11. Let your child know that it's not appropriate to make demands of you in front of their friends or in public. Make a rule in your house that says, "When you make demands of mom or dad in front of your friends, the answer to the demand will always be 'no'."*

12. Do not use physical force in response to your child's demands. This may only influence the child to become more physically demanding on you later in their lives. Remember... stay calm.

GENERAL:

This was a quiet week with no more news to share. Please stay healthy, warm, and safe.

Kind regards

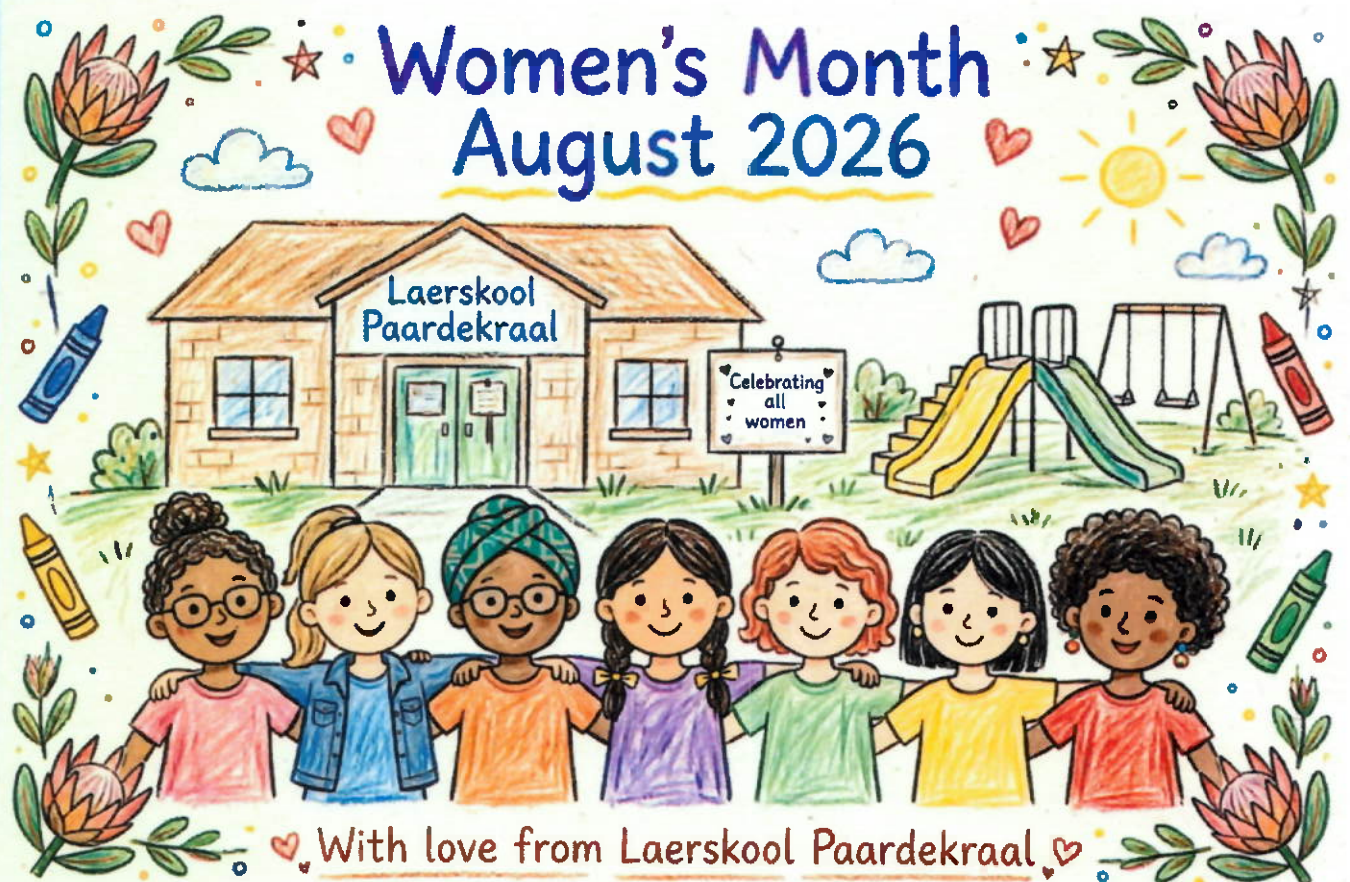


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Acting Principal

*"Win if you can, lose if you must, but NEVER
QUIT"
– Cameron Trammell*

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.



2027 ONLINE ADMISSIONS

FOR GRADE 1 AND 8



**THE 2027 ONLINE ADMISSIONS
WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY,
05 AUGUST 2026 AND CLOSE
ON FRIDAY, 04 SEPTEMBER 2026.**

Prepare all necessary documents!

**Remember to apply ONLINE for Grade 1
and/or Grade 8 to secure space for your
child at a Gauteng public school.**

Original and certified documents listed below should be prepared by parents/ guardians. They are:

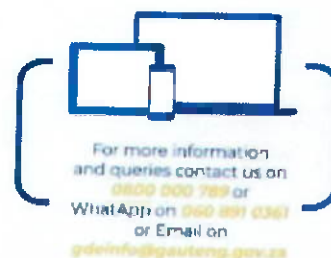
- Parent I.D. / Passport / Refugee Permit / Asylum Seeker Permit / Permanent Residence Permit / Study Permit,
- Child SA Birth Certificate,
- Proof-of-Home Address (municipal account not older than three [3] months, in the name of the parent / A legal lease agreement showing that the applicant will be living at the address in the year of admission, signed by the landlord and tenant, proof of rent payment and statement addressed to the tenant, at the same physical address),
- Proof of work address,
- Latest school report,
- Clinic, vaccination and immunisation card.



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APPLY ON TIME!**

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