



Laerskool **Paardekraal**

Registration Number (EMIS): 700250803

Pay Point Number: 902076 / School ID Number: 4028002050009

Newsletter 25/07 August 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Another week of term 3 is gone already, and all learners and teachers are very busy with teaching and learning. Please take note of the following matters for the coming week.

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS:

We are experiencing ongoing difficulties reaching some parents due to outdated or invalid contact details. Additionally, very few students can provide an emergency contact number when needed.

To ensure your child's safety, please make sure they carry a valid contact number for a parent or guardian in both their school bag and diary. Emergencies can happen at any time, and it is essential that we are able to contact you without delay.

If your contact information has changed, we kindly ask that you update your details with the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

We continue to face significant challenges with punctuality in the mornings. Several learners are being dropped off late—some as late as 08:30—directly at the school gate. Please note that the late arrival forms completed at the gate are being documented as evidence of our ongoing efforts to promote punctuality.

Regular late arrivals negatively impact your child's education and disrupt the learning environment. If you consistently pass other schools on your way to Paardekraal, we urge you to reconsider whether this is the most appropriate school for your child. Enrolling your child in a school closer to home may provide the opportunity to walk to and from school, significantly reducing the issue of late arrivals.

Persistent lateness will be reported to the Gauteng Department of Education. In such cases, transfers to a school closer to your home may be arranged, as it is ultimately in the best interest of the learner, who suffers most when valuable learning time is lost.

• Afternoon Pick-Up Concerns

Late collection of learners in the afternoon also remains a serious concern. On many days, school staff are left supervising children well beyond 16:30. It is unfair to expect our staff to remain on duty indefinitely. This often results in staff members being contacted by their own children's schools, as they are late to collect their own families

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We kindly ask all parents and transport providers to respect the school's operational hours and ensure that learners are picked up on time. Please remember that our staff have families and obligations of their own.

To date, we have refrained from involving Social Services or the Police, as we are mindful of the distress this could cause for learners. However, if late collections persist, we will have no option but to escalate the matter to the relevant authorities to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children.

- **A Note of Appreciation**

We extend our sincere thanks to most parents who consistently drop off and collect their children on time. Your continued support and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT CERTAIN LEARNERS' SAFETY:

It has come to our attention that several of our learners are leaving the school premises at dismissal time and making their way to various locations in town—unsupervised—to wait for their transport. We understand that in some cases, transport providers are collecting high school learners first, returning only later to collect primary school children.

Please be aware that these unsupervised children are at risk, as they are not under the care of the school or any responsible adult during this time.

We have received a formal complaint from the Shell Petrol Station located next to the school. Management has reported that many of our learners are gathering on their premises while waiting for transport. This has led to several serious safety concerns, including children running and playing in the forecourt, which has resulted in near-accidents involving vehicles entering or exiting the station.

In addition, children have been seen playing with sticks, cans, and other objects—some of which have been thrown at vehicles. The petrol station has made it clear that they cannot accept responsibility for children on their property, as they do not have permission to wait there. They have also stated that any damage caused will be the financial responsibility of the parents concerned.

We urge all parents to ensure they are fully informed about where their children are waiting in the afternoons and to verify the instructions given by transport providers. If transport arrangements require your child to wait for extended periods, it is essential that this is done in a safe, supervised location.

The safety and well-being of our learners is a top priority, and we request your immediate attention and cooperation in addressing this matter.

Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM, JEWELLERY, HAIR AND NAILS:

We have noticed an increasing number of learners arriving at school wearing clothing items that do not form part of the official school uniform. This includes jackets, trousers, and shirts in various colours. While we understand that the colder weather may require

additional layers, we kindly request that any non-uniform items be worn underneath the school uniform, not over it.

Additionally, we encourage all parents to ensure that school uniforms are kept clean and presentable. Some learners are arriving at school in uniforms that are visibly dirty and, in some cases, have an unpleasant odour. Regular washing of uniforms is essential for maintaining a hygienic and respectful school environment.

❖ **Jewellery and Grooming Guidelines:**

- **Girls** may wear one pair of small gold or silver stud earrings, or small gold or silver sleepers. Earrings featuring the school emblem (available from the front office) are also permitted.
- The only other jewellery allowed for girls is a **signet ring** and a **watch**.
- **Boys** are not permitted to wear earrings. The only jewellery allowed is a **watch**.

❖ **Hair and Nails:**

- Hair must be neat, clean, and appropriate for school at all times.
- Long hair must be tied back securely.
- Hair spraying, colouring, or any hairstyle that does not comply with school regulations is not permitted.
- Nails must be clean, short, and without any nail polish.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards of appearance and discipline. These guidelines not only reflect pride in our school but also promote a sense of equality and readiness for learning.

Thank you for your cooperation.

GRADE 1 AND GRADE 8 APPLICATIONS FOR 2027:

Applications for Grade 1 and grade 8 for 2027 are still open. Please ensure that you apply online if you are seeking space for your child into grade 1 and grade 8 for 2027. Please remember that space is limited in most school, so please do not delay this very important process.

CURRICULUM MATTERS:

The **assessment plans for Grades 1 to 7** have already been distributed to learners. If you have not yet done so, please sign the **tear-off slip** at the bottom of the plan and return it to school as soon as possible.

We urge all parents to take note of the important assessment dates listed in the plan. If a learner is absent on the day of an assessment, a **doctor's certificate** will be required in order for the learner to be granted a second opportunity. This policy is in place due to a pattern of learners becoming "ill" specifically on assessment days.

Your support in helping your child prepare for these assessments is essential.

Many learners will need to put in significant effort to ensure they meet the promotion requirements by the end of the academic year. The good news is that there is still ample time to work hard and improve.

Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's education.

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

Please arrange transport accordingly. Players who are not collected timeously will unfortunately be removed from the team, as educators cannot be expected to look after players outside of practice times. Please note that should it rain practices will automatically be cancelled.

WOMEN'S DAY – 09 AUGUST:

On this special day – 9 August, National Women's Day – we extend our heartfelt appreciation and admiration to each one of you.

Today, we honour your strength, your resilience, your wisdom, and the many ways you inspire and uplift our school community every day.

Whether you're a student, teacher, staff member, parent, or supporter – your presence and contributions are deeply valued and make a lasting difference.

As we reflect on the significance of this day and the powerful legacy of the women who came before us, we also celebrate your courage, your dreams, and the unique paths you walk. May you continue to grow, thrive, and lead with confidence and pride.

Happy Women's Day – today and every day, we celebrate you... with respect and gratitude.

10 August – PUBLIC HOLIDAY in Celebration of Women's day

GENERAL:

Enjoy the long weekend with your friends and families. Please stay warm and safe.

Kind regards



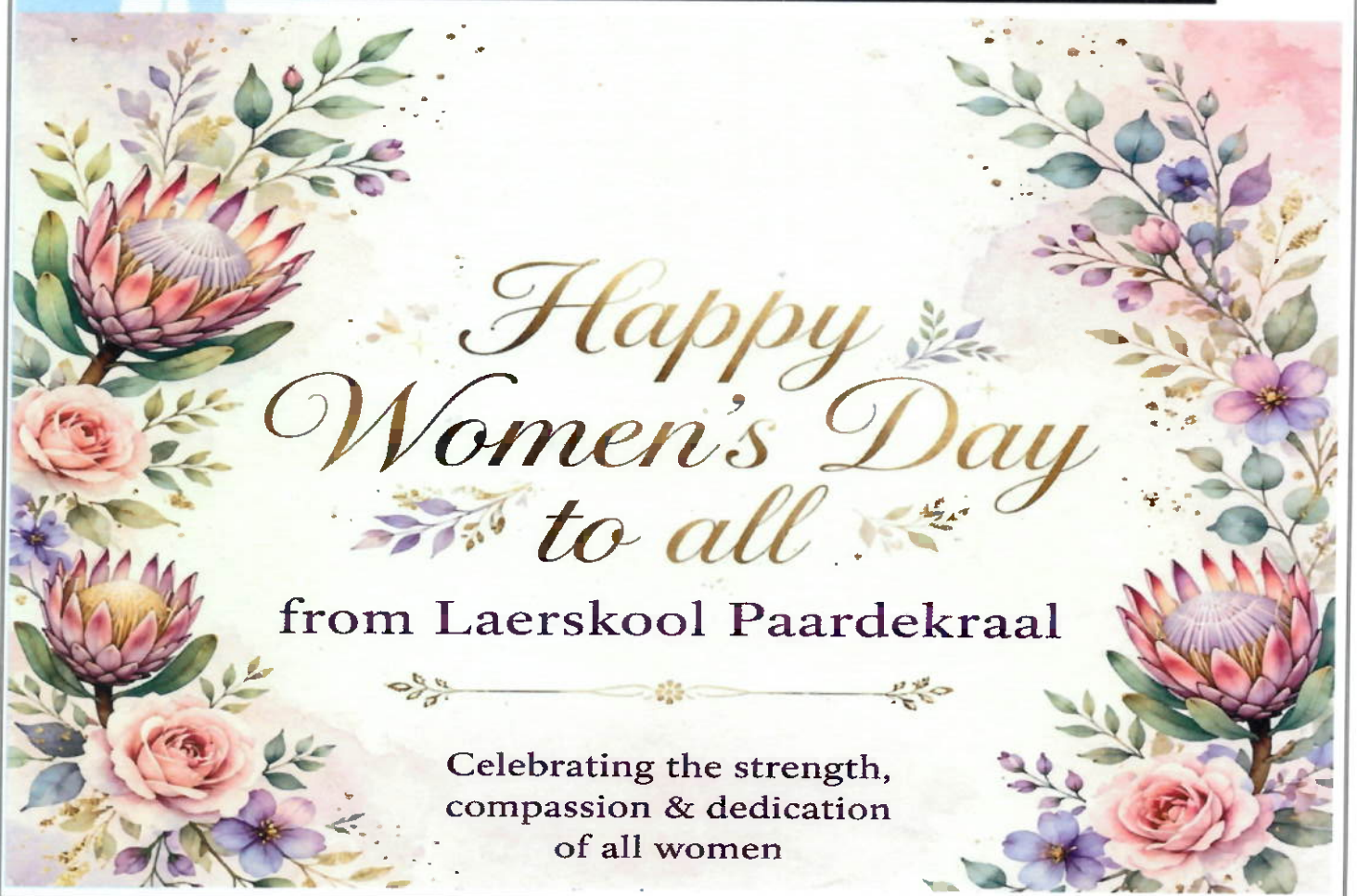
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"When we treat people merely as they are, they will remain as they are. When we treat them as if they were what they should be, they will become what they should be."

- Thomas S. Monson

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.



*Happy
Women's Day
to all*

from Laerskool Paardekraal

Celebrating the strength,
compassion & dedication
of all women

GRADE 3 ACHIEVEMENT!!

Cluster Level PARTICIPATION



**3rd
PLACE**

Kamogelo Phakedi

Spell-a-thon
3rd Place in the
English Department



27th of June

Congratulations to
our learners for their
amazing achievements
at the cluster level!

Both learners
represented
Laerskool
Paardekraal
proudly in the
**ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT.**



**3rd
PLACE**

Asitsa Segone

Reading and Comprehension
3rd Place in the
English Department



3rd of August



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Well done, Kamogelo and Asitsa!

Your hard work, dedication and perseverance
have made us all so proud!



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.



#2027OnlineAdmissionsGP

**PLAY YOUR PART!
APPLY ONLINE!
APPLY ON TIME!**

To apply, login to:
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**WEDNESDAY,
05 AUGUST 2026**

and closes on:

**FRIDAY,
04 SEPTEMBER 2026**

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