



Laerskool **Paardekraal**

Registration Number (EMIS): 700250803

Pay Point Number: 902076 / School ID Number: 4028002050009

Newsletter 27/21 August 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had an enjoyable week and are looking forward to a quiet and peaceful weekend with your families and friends.

Please take note of the following:

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL:

Please be reminded that the school's policy strictly prohibits the use of cell phones on campus. Recently, there have been several incidents involving students taking inappropriate photos and videos within school premises and posting these on social media platforms. This behaviour is unacceptable and violates privacy standards. We urge you to discuss with your children the legal implications of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI Act) and the serious consequences of distributing personal images without consent.

Please be advised that **smartwatches** are not permitted at school due to their capabilities to make and receive calls, as well as capture photos and videos. However, fitness trackers such as **Fitbits**, which are used solely for step counting and displaying digital time, are allowed. We kindly request your cooperation in adhering to these school regulations.

LATE ARRIVALS AND LATE PICK-UPS:

We regret having to address the ongoing issues with students arriving late to school and being picked up after hours. These delays disrupt the learning environment and place undue pressure on staff. To mitigate this, the following measures will be enforced effective immediately:

- Students arriving after 07:20 will be marked absent for the day. These absences will be recorded and reported to the Department of Education and will appear on report cards.
- Students not collected by 14:15 will be referred to social welfare authorities for investigation, as repeated late pick-ups constitute neglect and are legally punishable.
- School gates open at 06:50 and closes at 14:30.

Please verify your child's arrival and departure times regularly and contact the school if you have any concerns.

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ANNUAL FUN DAY REMINDER:



DISCIPLINE AND STUDENT CONDUCT:

We are deeply concerned about the decline in discipline within the school. Recent weeks have seen increased instances of disrespect toward staff, refusal to engage in lessons, verbal and physical aggression, and theft of student property. While teachers strive to maintain order, they cannot monitor every student continuously. We urge parents to reinforce with their children the importance of respect, responsibility, and honesty.

Moreover, some parents have reacted defensively when approached about their child's misconduct, which hinders our ability to support positive change. We ask for your cooperation in addressing behavioural issues promptly. Our well-behaved students deserve an environment conducive to learning, free from disruption. We will not hesitate to apply strict disciplinary measures, including suspension or expulsion, to uphold school standards.

SCHOOL FEES:

We thank the parents who have recently settled outstanding school fees. Your timely payments enable us to maintain the high-quality education we provide. Prompt fee payment also models financial responsibility for your children. We encourage all parents to fulfil their financial commitments to support the school's ongoing operations. Special thanks to our regular payers—your continued support is invaluable.

URGENT AND FINAL NOTICE: OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES – IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

It is with profound disappointment that we are compelled to address you **once again** regarding the continued non-payment of outstanding school fees owed to Laerskool Paardekraal.

This matter has been communicated repeatedly, and there can no longer be any reasonable expectation that further reminders will be issued indefinitely. **School fees are a financial obligation and not a voluntary contribution.** Laerskool Paardekraal is a fee-paying school, and the payment of school fees is essential to the continued provision of the educational services, resources, staffing and facilities upon which your child's education depends.

We will not repeatedly burden parents with explanations regarding the reduction in government funding. The reality is straightforward: **Paardekraal cannot sustain the standard of education that parents expect while substantial numbers of parents fail to discharge their financial responsibilities.**

Parents and guardians who have enrolled their children at Paardekraal have accepted the responsibility to ensure that the applicable school fees are paid. Failure to do so places an entirely unreasonable financial burden on the school and, ultimately, on those parents who honour their obligations.

Should you be unwilling or unable to meet your child's school-fee obligations, you are respectfully advised to contact **Ms Ntombela in the Admissions Office** to discuss transferring your child to a school that does not levy school fees. **2027 enrolments are now open**, and parents who require a more affordable schooling option should make the necessary arrangements without delay.

Please be advised that **Section 41 letters in respect of outstanding 2026 fees have already been issued.** Where accounts remain unpaid and satisfactory arrangements have not been made, the school will proceed with the appropriate recovery and legal processes, including the **handing over of outstanding accounts for collection**, without further unnecessary correspondence.

The seriousness of this process should not be underestimated. During the past month alone, the Court has granted **judgments against two parents** in respect of outstanding school-fee obligations. A judgment may have significant and long-lasting financial consequences, including its impact on an individual's credit profile and future ability to obtain credit. Parents are therefore strongly urged not to allow their accounts to reach this stage.

This correspondence should be regarded as a matter requiring immediate attention.

If your account remains in arrears, you are required to **settle the outstanding balance immediately or engage with the school without delay to make an acceptable payment arrangement.** Ignoring this communication will not resolve the debt and will not prevent the school from taking further steps to recover monies lawfully due.

We cannot continue to provide a high standard of education while simultaneously carrying substantial unpaid accounts. **The school has responsibilities to every learner and every parent who fulfils their obligations; those responsibilities cannot be compromised because certain accounts remain persistently unpaid.**

We therefore expect parents/guardians with outstanding fees to act **immediately, responsibly and decisively**.

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.

GENERAL:

We wish all our families a safe, warm, and restful weekend. Please take the opportunity to spend quality time together.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards

"Rudeness is the weak person's imitation of strength." Eric Hoffer



A Martignone
Acting Principal

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.

★ RACA RESULTS ★



RACA RESULTS

Congratulations to the Grade 1-3 learners who participated in RACA Undramatized Poetry.

We are so proud of you!



DIAMOND	RUBY	EMERALD	SAPPHIRE
1	4	6	3

Well done, stars!

RACA RESULTS

GRADE 2

8 EMERALD	1 RUBY
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WELL DONE!

RACA RESULTS

GRADE 3

7 EMERALD	1 RUBY
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WELL DONE!

GRADE 4 RACA RESULTS

Well done, Grade 4!

YOUR HARD WORK, FOCUS AND DEDICATION HAVE PAID OFF!

3 RUBY	6 EMERALD	2 SAPPHIRE
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Grade 5 RACA Results

1 DIAMOND
3 RUBY
4 EMERALD
1 SAPPHIRE

Well done to all our RACA Stars!

RACA RESULTS

GRADE 6

Well done! Keep shining!



3 EMERALD	2 RUBY
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You make us proud!

RACA RESULTS

Well done to all our learners!

NAME	GRADE	EVENT	RESULT
Tshedza Mudzletwana	6M	Monologue	Diamond
Zethu Mgemane	6M	Prepared Reading	Emerald
Zethu Mgemane	6M	Dramatized Poetry	Emerald
Bokshelo Maimane	6V	Monologue	Diamond
Luthando Ndlovu	6M	Monologue	Sapphire
Thandeka Khanyile	6A	Monologue	Emerald
Rebaone Maleleka	6A	Monologue	Emerald
Aobakwe Sechale	6A	Monologue	Ruby
Zwonaka Mkhado	6V	Monologue	Ruby
Sibongile Mtinkulu	6B	Monologue	Ruby
Gontlafetse Magaba	6A	Dramatized Poetry	Emerald
Kaboentle Nkibeng	6A	Dramatized Poetry	Ruby
Boitumelo Matsotso	6V	Dramatized Poetry	Ruby

Congratulations!

Your hard work shines bright!

GRADE 6 RACA RESULTS

DIAMOND	RUBY	EMERALD	SAPPHIRE
1	4	2	1

RACA Results are in!

CELEBRATING OUR GRADE 7 ACHIEVERS!

3 DIAMONDS	1 RUBY	2 EMERALDS	1 SAPPHIRE
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Well done!

to all our Grade 7 learners who took part in RACA! Your hard work, determination and commitment have truly paid off. We are so proud of you!

KEEP SHINING. KEEP STRIVING. KEEP ACHIEVING!