

LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



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Primary School News

- **Welcome back** to Term 2-a short but very busy term, with exams for the Senior Primary and many other activities planned.
- Thank you to all our parents who attended our **Parents' Meeting** on 15 April. Let's continue to work together to support the learners and assist them to reach their full potential. If any parents were unable to come and still need to see the teachers, please contact Ms Hill to set up appointments.
- Well done to our **top 5 achievers** from Term 1 in Grade 4 to 7. A list of their names is attached to this newsletter.
- Letters have been sent home for those children who should attend **extra lessons** this term. If there are parents who did not receive a letter but would like their child to attend, please contact Ms Hill. Please emphasise the importance of these letters to your child. It is also important that the learners do not arrive late for the lessons or are fetched from school before the end of the lesson, at 14h10.
- Our **Boyz Club** has started and the Grade 4 to 7 boys are having a wonderful time. If parents indicated that their son will attend, but have since changed their mind, please inform the school. We have had some boys missing the activity.
- All parents and visitors entering the school premises **MUST** pass through the Reception area, and not enter the school through other gates, even if the visit is merely to go to the uniform shop.
- **Learners arriving at school after 7h45** in the morning must go through the Reception area, as the other gates are locked at this time. There seems to be an increasing number of children arriving late on a regular basis. Please attend to this as the children are missing out on a lot of work.
- Learners who attend **After Care** must finish their homework during the supervised study time. There is more than enough time during this period to complete homework and have the teacher monitor and check the work. Foundation Phase parents are asked to please check the homework is done properly and listen to their child's reading every day.



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- We will be transitioning to **winter uniform**, starting 28 April. Please start checking your child's uniform and purchase what is needed.
By 4 May all learners must be in full winter uniform. A combination of summer and winter uniform is NOT allowed.
- A reminder that the girls may only wear small gold or silver studs in their ears, or small sleeper **earrings**. No diamanté or other fancy earrings are allowed. The children's nails must please be kept short and clean, with no nail polish allowed. The children are not allowed to dye their hair. Grade 4 to 7 learners must have a blazer to wear to assemblies, Masses and other functions.
- On **Phys-Ed days** in the second term, learners must wear their sports clothes to school and no longer bring their swimming costumes. General fitness and athletics will be done. Tracksuits may be worn on Phys-Ed days, but with the school sports shorts underneath.
- Girls who have been chosen for the **netball teams** have received a letter with the fixtures for the term. Please ensure that your daughter attends all practices and wears the proper sports outfit for both practices and matches. Only white sports tekkies are allowed.
- A letter has gone out to the parents of the boys that will be playing a **soccer match** against Elmar College on 6 May. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible.
- Our annual **Bible Quiz** took place on 24 April, and the top achievers will be taking part in the Inter-House Bible Quiz on 22 May.
- The annual **Spelling Bee** took place on 10 April where great fun was had by all.
- **World Book Day** was celebrated on 23 April. The learners and teachers dressed up as characters from their favourite books. It was amazing to witness the creativity of our learners!





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- A reminder that Friday, 1 May, is a **public holiday** and the school will be closed.
- **Catholic Schools' Week** is celebrated from 10 to 17 May.
- We will be celebrating our **Ascension Day Mass on 14 May**. The Foundation Phase learners will be having a Paraliturgy on this day, and as per usual, our grandparents are invited to this. A letter will be going out to our Foundation Phase parents/grandparents early in May.
- Our Grade 7 learners will be attending the annual **Grade 7 Mass** with the other Catholic schools in Pretoria on 15 May. A letter with more information will be sent home early in May.
- **Primary School exams** will start in the first week of June. The exam timetable and revision timetable will be published soon.
- A letter has gone out to all Primary School moms inviting them to a function on 8 May. Please send back the reply slip as soon as possible in order for us to plan for the event. It is going to be a very special time with our moms and learners and we encourage our moms to attend if at all possible. The event is from 12h00-13h15.



Mother's Day

Join us for a
Tea-riffic time!

FRIDAY **MAY** 12:00-13:30 PM
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RSVP: 28 APRIL 2026
FINAL PAYMENT: 4 MAY 2026





High School News

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Afternoon activities will end 22 May as exams start 26 May. Commitment to these activities is important as many continue from term 1's tasks.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be on 5 May from 9h00 – 13h00 in the school hall. Apart from our learners, any parent who wishes to join us can do so. Every drop helps to save a life.

WINTER UNIFORM

As from 5 May, all learners should be in Winter uniform.

Please note that the school tracksuit is NOT Winter uniform but sport uniform. No learner may wear her tracksuit unless it is for Life Orientation where a PET session takes place. During the exam period, learners may wear the tracksuit as it is more comfortable.

CHOIR

The Loreto choir will be attending two performances next month (8 and 14 May). Please ensure that the learners are dressed appropriately, have a packed lunch and that all parents pick up their daughters on time once they are back at school.

JUNE EXAMINATIONS

All learners have received an Exam Scope booklet. It has also been uploaded onto our website for ease of reference. These scopes have the exam timetable, logistics, exam rules and what to study for every examination. Please help your child to manage her time efficiently so that sleep is not lost and meals are not rushed. Help your child to draw up a study plan.

Learners must also ensure that they are on time for line-up at 7h30 and therefore on time to go into the exam venue. Late comers forfeit the time lost.

Gr 8 and 9 learners will have their own venue and seat for the duration of the exams while Gr 10 – 12 will change daily. Gr 10 – 12 learners will know their seat once they walk through the gates. It will be posted on the board at the entrance.

Of importance is that all learners have a transparent pencil bag with blue pens, a pencil, an eraser, a sharpener and a stapler. No sharing of these items will be allowed.

Please note that the exam session will end at 11h00. Learners can be fetched from the Nana Sita Street entrance until 12h00 and thereafter from the Visagie Street entrance. On 5 June learners will end at 11h30.



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Learners who are still at school at 12h00 will go into the hall for study until 14h00.

Teachers will also be available to help learners with subject queries from 11h00 to 12h00. It is important that teachers are approached by the learner beforehand to organise an appointment.

Digital or electronic watches, beanies, scarves, blankets and hot water bottles will NOT be allowed in exam venues, as these are regulations stipulated by the Department of Education. Any learner at any time may be searched in the exam venue, as per exam rules and regulations.

During the June exam period, learners may wear the school's sports uniform (tracksuit) as it is more comfortable. Beneath the school's tracksuit top, learners should only be wearing the polo shirt and school's pullover or jersey. No learner should be wearing polar or turtle neck tops and should not be wearing tekkies of all colours (predominantly white tekkies must be worn).

LAST WEEK OF TERM 2

All learners will write on the Monday and Tuesday their Creative Writing papers. For the rest of the week (Wednesday to Friday) Gr 8 to 11 will go on camp while the Gr 12's will have compulsory classes. A letter will be sent out regarding the logistics for this week.

The Gr 9 camp is based on career choices. All Gr 9's will have the opportunity to write an aptitude test on 25 May. It is imperative that all Gr 9's be present as there will not be an alternative date.

REPORTS

Reports will be sent out on the last day of this term (26 June). Please ensure that school fees are up to date to avoid disappointment.

☀️ **PRIMARY SCHOOL TOP 5 ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS** ☀️
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GRADE 4

Nhlamulo Maphophe
Ntsumi Maluleke
Atlehang Ramafasi
Lutendo Mphilo
Maita Machekanyanga

GRADE 5

Ondela Bobie
Dakalo Hlabiwa
Iminathi Dlepuma
Enhle Makhosi
Botlhale Matjiane

GRADE 6

Leago Mabeba
Inathi Nombewu
Mikateko Matjokana
Refaone Raito
Mnqobi Mathebe

GRADE 7

Tshepiso Matjeke
Jeannee Matebesi
Fegor Ememameh
Lesedi Makhura
Muneiwa Ramafemo



🎉 CONGRATULATIONS LEARNERS! 🎉

Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence have truly paid off. You have made your school proud—keep striving for greatness!