



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4/1

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

- As the end of the academic year fast approaches, the learners might start feeling anxious about the final exams and formal assessments. Please assist and support your child with their school work and keep them motivated right until the end. Perhaps allow the children to be excused from chores around the house for this period and ensure there is a quiet place for them to study. A healthy, balanced diet is also essential, drinking enough water to stay hydrated and regular exercise all aid in the children's success. Making sure they get enough sleep is also very important.
- Learners must wear full summer uniform this term. Sports clothes should only be worn by Senior Primary learners on the days on which Phys-Ed lessons take place. Once the examinations start, full summer uniform should be worn every day.
- Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in their donations towards our Toy Drive. Your great generosity is appreciated and is sure to make a difference in the life of a less fortunate child this Christmas. If you have made a pledge, please send in the gift by 31 October.
- Sports, clubs and extra lessons come to an end on Friday 31 October. Ballet lessons continue until the end of the academic year.



- The Grade 4 to 7 Exam timetable is attached to this newsletter. The learners have also received their revision timetable (scope).
- Important arrangements for the exam period:
 - Normal school hours (7h30-13h30) will apply for the whole Primary School up until and including Wednesday, 12 November. The Grade 7 learners start writing their exams on Tuesday, 11 November, but will write during the school day and also have class until 13h30 on the 11th and 12th of November.
 - During this time of normal classes and regular timetables, the Visagie Street gate will open, as usual, at 13h30.
 - As from Thursday, 13 November, when the Grade 4-6 learners also start with their exams, school will end at 11h00 for Grade 4-7 learners, and at 12h00 for Foundation Phase (Grade RRR-3) learners. The reason for the difference in time is because the Foundation Phase learners need the extra teaching and assessment time. During this period, the Visagie Street gate will open at 11h00. However, NO FOUNDATION PHASE learners will be allowed to leave class before 12h00. It is therefore advisable that if you have children in both the Foundation Phase and Senior Primary that you (or their transport driver) only comes at 12h00 to fetch the children.
 - As from 21 November, after the conclusion of the Foundation Phase assessment period, these learners will also finish school at 11h00.
 - The last day of the academic year, for the learners, is Friday, 28 November.



Exam checklist

- Avoid any last-minute stress on the morning of the exam or in the exam hall by taking a look at this checklist and preparing the night before.

1. Timetable

- Always have a copy of your timetable so you know exactly what you are writing next. If you are in study class in the afternoon remember to bring study material for the next subject.

2. Pens/pencils

- It might seem obvious but many people have showed up to an important exam without a pen. Bring some spares in case your ink runs out, but try not to overload the desk as you might get distracted.

3. Calculator

- If you need a calculator, make sure to double check you've packed it the night before, and if you can, find out the battery power so you can be sure it won't die in the exam.

4. Prepare your clothes

- Make sure you have your school uniform ready the night before so you're not stressing the morning of the exam.

5. Special equipment

- Make sure from your teacher or friends whether you need special equipment for a subject like colour pencils/rulers/compass/protractor/Bible/etc.

6. Water

- Bring some water and keep hydrated. Also bring a snack or two to fight any hunger pangs after exams.

7. Avoid tip-ex

- You may not use correction fluids but rather put a line through a mistake you've made as examiners can still take into account any rough work you do.

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- The Grade R Graduation will take place on Tuesday, 25 November at 8h00. Mrs Nkosi will provide more information to parents.
- End-of-year reports will be emailed to parents once the results have been verified by the Department of Education.
- The Grade 7 Valedictory Mass will take place on Friday, 7 November, at 7h45. Letters have been sent to the Grade 7 parents, please send the reply slip back to Ms Hill as soon as possible.
- The whole school will be attending Thanksgiving Mass on Friday, 28 November.
- The Primary School Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 3 December, at 8h00. Parents of Foundation Phase learners who will receive an award will receive an invitation by email/sms as soon as the marks have been finalised, after 21 November. Parents of Grade 4 to 7 learners who are receiving an award, will be invited to the ceremony after their marks have been finalised, hopefully by Monday 1 December, at the latest Tuesday 2 December. As the Senior Primary learners are writing their final paper on 28 November, we need the time to ensure that the marks are checked and verified before sending the invitations out.

Please ensure that you have paid for your child's 2026 stationery pack, as well as that you have completed the links sent on 23 Oct for re-registration. Please note that there are 2 links, one with the Medical Form to be completed and email to admin@loreto.co.za and the other for Re-registration which must be done online.



TOP 5 ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

TERM 3 2025

GRADE 4

1. Dakalo Hlabiwa
2. Botlhale Matjiane
3. Boitumelo Tsaoane
4. Mufunwa Mugobi
5. Enhle Makhosi

GRADE 5

1. Refaone Raito
2. Mikateko Matjokana
3. Leago Mabeba
4. Mnqobi Mathebe
5. Zenande Ngubane

GRADE 6

1. Lwazi Ngcobo
2. Tshepiso Matjeke
3. Jeannee Matebesi
4. Muneiswa Ramafemo
5. Lesedi Makhura

GRADE 7

1. Sesakhe Makongwana
2. Eyam Ntsundwana
3. Gomolemo Seleka
4. Dimpho Mankgane
5. Kokise Motsepe



HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORY MASS

Gr 12's had their Valedictory Mass on 17 October. It was their last Mass as High School learners. It was a very joyous occasion. They have now started with their final exams (Tuesday, 21 October). We wish them all of the best for the next 5 weeks. Be assured of our prayers in this challenging time ahead.

To parents of Grade 12's, please be supportive for this exam period and contact Mrs Truter / Ms Alves / reception immediately should any challenges arise.

If learners are writing the morning session, they should be at school by 7h30 and if they are writing the afternoon session, they should be at school no later than 12h30.

AWARDS CEREMONY

We have had our Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all involved for an exciting event where all could celebrate each other's achievements.

NOVEMBER EXAMS

Gr 8 to 11 learners will start with their end-of-year exams on 3 November. All exam scopes are on the website and all learners have received a hard copy. Please ensure that you, as parents, have read through all rules and expectations for our learners, with your daughters, with regards to the four weeks that exams take place.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

The promotion requirement is as follows:

Gr 8 and 9

Terms 1, 2 and 3 (SBA) 60%

Term 4 (Exam) 40%

Gr 10 and 11

Terms 1, 2 and 3 (SBA) 40%

Term 4 (Exam) 60%



Promotion Jargon:

Promotional jargon refers to the terminology used on report cards, specifically now as the year draws to an end. We would like to clarify the meaning of these terms to our parents and learners.

1. 'Promoted' means that the learner has met all the minimum requirements in order to pass to the following grade.

2. 'Progressed' (only for Gr 8 and 9) means the learner has not met the minimum requirements and therefore has failed the year. The Department of Education has allowed the school to 'adjusted' (give extra) marks (according to their departmental rules) to critical subjects, to help the learner meet the minimum requirements.

OR

they have 'condoned' (give permission) certain subjects, in particular Mathematics. This means that the failure of these subjects will not make a learner fail their year. Based on this, the learner is 'condoned' to the following grade.

3. Retained – The learner has failed the year as they have not met the minimum requirements, and must therefore repeat the grade. This will be the case where even if additional marks were added (mark 'adjustment') (according to the departments' rules), the learner still does not meet the minimum requirements needed to pass.

A LAST GEOGRAPHY ADVENTURE FOR 2025





When the class of 2025 became part of the Geo Tribe in Gr 10, they embarked on a 3-year long adventure of learning and understanding our world a bit better. On the 11th of October we set off for one last trip to the Cullinan Diamand Mine. Mining is part of the Gr 12 Geography curriculum and this outing was therefore a critical part of the puzzle to end off a 3-year intense Geo-journey. The girls learnt a lot about how mining works and the role it plays in the economy, community and the environment.

We had some time to relax together before the final push as we slept over at school, sharing our last meal and memories that we will cherish for a very, very long time.

Thank you to all the Geo parents for allowing your daughter to experience this wonderful subject in real life. I do believe that they leave this class as more well-rounded adults who can understand a bit more about the world around them and have the curiosity to never stop learning.

We look forward to once again rocking the District and the Province with excellent Geo marks in the final exam. Wishing you all the best my Eagles.

With Geo love, Mrs Matebesi.





LOS HIGH SCHOOL ART CLUB



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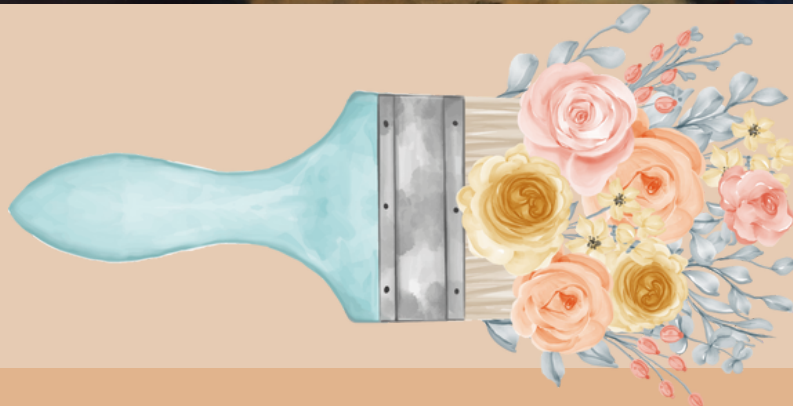
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PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PHONE LINES CAN GET EXTREMELY BUSY
DURING THE DAY - IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE
APPROPRIATE PERSON INSTEAD, SO THAT WE CAN ATTEND TO YOUR
QUERY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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