



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4/2

*May
this
Christmas be
filled with
happiness in all that
you do and may this joy
continue the whole year through.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy
New
Year*





PRIMARY SCHOOL

- IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR PARENTS, FOR ALL THE KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. EACH ONE OF YOU PLAYED A PART IN THE VARIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE YEAR. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO AND WISH YOU AND THE CHILDREN A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL FESTIVE SEASON.
- THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING EDUCATORS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC YEAR. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS DOING YOUR BEST AND HAVING THE CHILDREN'S BEST INTEREST AT HEART. HAVE A WELL-DESERVED REST!
- TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO ARE LEAVING LORETO, WE WISH YOU WELL. WE HOPE THAT AS YOU EMBARK ON NEW CHAPTERS IN YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL LOOK BACK AT YOUR TIME HERE WITH FOND MEMORIES.
- THANK YOU TO OUR GRADE 7 PARENTS AND FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED THE GRADE 7 VALEDICTORY MASS ON 7 NOVEMBER. IT WAS A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION AND YOUR PRESENCE WAS MOST APPRECIATED.
- THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR LEARNERS IS FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER. WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR THANKSGIVING MASS IN THE MORNING AND THEREAFTER THE GRADE 4-7 LEARNERS WILL WRITE THEIR FINAL EXAM. AFTER THE EXAM, LEARNERS WILL HAVE A CLASS PICNIC. PLEASE SEND A TREAT FOR YOUR CHILD TO SHARE WITH OTHERS-NOT TOO MUCH PLEASE.
- THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, AT 8H00 IN THE HALL. THE FOUNDATION PHASE PARENTS WHO ARE INVITED WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION BY WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, THE GRADE 4-7 PARENTS WILL ONLY RECEIVE THE INVITATION ON 1 DECEMBER, DUE TO THE EXAMS ONLY FINISHING ON 28 NOVEMBER. LEARNERS MUST BE DRESSED NEATLY IN THEIR FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM, THE GRADE 4-7 LEARNERS MUST WEAR THEIR BLAZERS.



- **FINAL PROMOTION REPORTS WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENTS AS SOON AS THE MARKS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. WE HOPE TO EMAIL THEM ON 5 DECEMBER.**
- **PARENTS WHO HAVE INDICATED THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE LEAVING LORETO, WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE TRANSFER CARDS VIA EMAIL. REQUESTS AFTER THE 5TH OF DECEMBER WILL BE SENT FROM 8 JANUARY 2026.**
- **THE ADMIN OFFICES WILL CLOSE FOR THE YEAR ON 5 DECEMBER, AND THE FINANCE OFFICE ON 10 DECEMBER.**
- **THE ADMIN OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON 8 JANUARY AND THE FINANCE OFFICES ON 5 JANUARY 2026.**
- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE PAID FOR YOUR CHILD'S 2026 STATIONERY PACK.**
- **SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR ON WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY. ALL LEARNERS MUST RETURN TO SCHOOL IN THEIR FULL SUMMER UNIFORM.**
- **ALL PRE-SCHOOL AND GRADE 1 PARENTS AND LEARNERS (CURRENT AND NEW) ARE INVITED TO THE ORIENTATION MORNING ON TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY, AT 8H00. PLEASE ENTER THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE VISAGIE STREET GATE AND PARK ON THE FIELD.**
THE PARENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THEIR CHILD'S TEACHER, AND THE CHILDREN WILL SPEND AN HOUR OR SO WITH THEIR TEACHER TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE SCHOOL.
- **ALL NEW GRADE 2 TO 7 LEARNERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO AN ORIENTATION SESSION ON 13 JANUARY AT 8H00.**
- **GRADE 4 PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN ORIENTATION SESSION WITH THEIR CHILDREN ON TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY AT 7H30 IN THE MUSIC ROOM. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, WHERE THE TEACHERS WILL EXPLAIN WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM A GRADE 4 LEARNER, AND HOW PARENTS CAN ASSIST WITH THE TRANSITION FROM FOUNDATION PHASE TO INTERMEDIATE PHASE.**



HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR-END

SCHOOL FOR ALL LEARNERS WILL END ON FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2025.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE YEAR WITH A THANKSGIVING MASS AND THEREAFTER WRITE THE LAST EXAM.

OUR MATRICS WILL WRITE THEIR LAST PAPER ON TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATE OUR LEARNERS' ACHIEVEMENTS ONCE THE RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY 2026. PLEASE WATCH THE MEDIA FOR THE RELEASE RESULTS. THE SCHOOL WILL COMMUNICATE TIMES FOR COLLECTION OF STATEMENTS VIA SMS.

GR 8 TO 11 REPORTS WILL BE EMAILED ON 5 DECEMBER 2025. ALL FEES SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BY THEN.

TERM 4 REPORTS / PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS / TERMINOLOGY

GRADE 8 AND 9

PROMOTION WEIGHTINGS AS PER SASAMS (DEPT. OF EDUCATION'S REPORTING PROGRAMME):

TERMS 1 TO 3 (SBA) 60%

TERM 4 (EXAMS) 40%

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS:

ENGLISH 50%

AFRIKAANS 40%

MATHS 40%

40% OR MORE IN ANY OTHER 3 SUBJECTS

30% OR MORE IN ANY OTHER 2 SUBJECTS

30% OR BELOW IN 1 OTHER SUBJECT

REPORTS WILL STATE THAT A SAID LEARNER HAS EITHER BEEN PROMOTED OR PROGRESSED OR RETAINED. LEARNERS WHO HAVE BEEN PROMOTED HAVE MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT GRADE. LEARNERS WHO HAVE BEEN PROGRESSED HAVE NOT MET THE PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS BUT AFTER CONDONATION OR ADJUSTMENT (AS PER DEPT. OF EDUCATION) MAY GO INTO THE NEXT GRADE. LEARNERS WHO HAVE BEEN RETAINED HAVE NOT MET THE PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS AND MAY NOT GO INTO THE NEXT GRADE.



**GRADE 10 AND 11
PROMOTION WEIGHTINGS AS PER SASAMS (DEPT. OF EDUCATION'S
REPORTING PROGRAMME):
TERMS 1 TO 3 (SBA) 40%
TERM 4 (EXAMS) 60%**

**PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS:
ENGLISH 50%
40% OR MORE IN ANY OTHER 3 SUBJECTS
30% OR MORE IN ANY OTHER 2 SUBJECTS
30% OR BELOW IN 1 OTHER SUBJECT**

**REPORTS WILL STATE THAT A SAID LEARNER HAS EITHER BEEN
PROMOTED OR RETAINED. LEARNERS WHO HAVE BEEN PROMOTED
HAVE MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT GRADE.
LEARNERS WHO HAVE BEEN RETAINED HAVE NOT MET THE
PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS AND MAY NOT GO INTO THE NEXT
GRADE.**

**A PLEA TO PARENTS: LEARNERS WHOSE MARKS FOR MATHS ARE
BELOW 40% MUST CONSIDER CHANGING TO MATHEMATICAL
LITERACY. IN THE SAME CASE WITH PHYSICAL SCIENCES TO EITHER
DRAMATIC ARTS OR HISTORY. IT IS ONLY BENEFICIAL FOR THE
LEARNER AS THIS WILL INCREASE THE LEARNER'S APS SCORE AND
GIVE THAT LEARNER A BETTER CHANCE TO ENROL AT A UNIVERSITY
OF HER CHOICE. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN THE LEARNER
NOT ACHIEVING A BACHELOR RESULT IN GRADE 12. PLEASE REFER
TO OUR SUBJECT POLICY ON THE WEBSITE AS IT IS IN LINE WITH
DEPT. OF EDUCATION.**

**SUBJECT CHANGES FOR CURRENT GRADE 11 LEARNERS MUST BE
MADE BY 28 NOVEMBER. NO GR 12 LEARNER MAY MAKE SUBJECT
CHANGES. MRS TRUTER AND MS ALVES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
DISCUSS ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES IF YOU SO WISH.**



TEXTBOOKS

THE BOOKLISTS FOR ALL GRADES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DO PURCHASE THE CORRECT TEXTBOOK (BE IT SECOND-HAND OR NEW). IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR DAUGHTER BE READY ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL NEXT YEAR AS WE DO RUN THROUGH THE DAY'S TIMETABLE. TEACHERS EXPLAIN THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE YEAR AND PREPARE THEIR LEARNERS FOR THE SUBJECT AHEAD.

SOME LEARNERS HAVE LEFT THEIR SECOND-HAND TEXTBOOKS WITH MS ALVES – ANY PARENT WHO WISHES TO PURCHASE ONE CAN PERUSE THEM. PLEASE, CALL IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THAT MS ALVES IS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME YOU WISH TO BE AT SCHOOL. PAYMENTS ARE CASH ONLY.

PARENTS WHO WISH TO SELL THEIR SECOND-HAND TEXTBOOKS THROUGH MS ALVES, MUST ENSURE THAT A STICKY NOTE WITH LEARNER'S NAME AND SURNAME AS WELL AS PRICE IS INSERTED ON THE INSIDE OF THE COVER.

CONFISCATED ITEMS

ANY CONFISCATED ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE RESPECTIVE OWNER ON 28 NOVEMBER. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THE SCHOOL'S RECEPTIONIST WILL CONTACT THE PARENT AND MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF THE ITEM.

LOCKERS 2026

THERE ARE STILL LOCKERS AVAILABLE AT A COST OF R60 FOR THE YEAR (CASH ONLY). ANY LEARNER CAN APPROACH MS ALVES TO RENT A LOCKER FOR THE YEAR. IN THE CASE WHEN MS ALVES IS NOT IN HER OFFICE, PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO PLACE THE MONEY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE LEARNER'S NAME AND GRADE ADDRESSED TO MS ALVES AND TO HAND IT OVER TO EITHER MRS MATEKA (RECEPTIONIST) OR MRS CORREIA (PA). ONCE MS ALVES HAS RECEIVED IT, A RECEIPT WITH THE LOCKER NUMBER WILL BE ISSUED AND GIVEN TO THE SAID LEARNER.



2026 TERM 1 DATES TO DIARISE

6 TO 9 JANUARY 2026

GR 12 MATHS LEARNERS WILL HAVE A WORKSHOP ON 6 AND 7 JANUARY

GR 12 PHYSICAL SCIENCES LEARNERS WILL HAVE THEIR WORKSHOP ON 8 AND 9 JANUARY.

WORKSHOPS WILL BE AT SCHOOL FROM 8H00 – 12H00.

12 TO 13 JANUARY 2026

GR 8 LEARNERS WILL HAVE THEIR ORIENTATION AT SCHOOL STARTING AT 9H00 ON 12 JANUARY AND END AT 12H00 ON 13 JANUARY. PARENTS, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU READ THE WELCOME PACK CAREFULLY SO AS TO FOLLOW ANY NEEDED INSTRUCTIONS.

14 JANUARY 2026

SCHOOL STARTS FOR LEARNERS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR DAUGHTER IS WEARING HER FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HAS ALL HER TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY.

24 JANUARY 2026

ALL GR 8 PARENTS AND NEW GR 9 TO 11 PARENTS' ORIENTATION IN THE HALL FROM 9H00.

ON CLOSING THE YEAR

AS WE COME TO THE END OF 2025 WE REFLECT ON THE YEAR'S EVENTS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR CELEBRATIONS AND OUTREACH INITIATIVES. WE SAY ADIEU TO ALL LEARNERS WHO ARE LEAVING US AND WE WISH THEM ALL THE BEST IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.

TO ALL OUR TEACHERS WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR LEARNERS.

AS CHRISTMAS IS AROUND THE CORNER, WE WISH ALL TEACHERS, PARENTS AND LEARNERS A BLESSED CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR FAMILIES WHEREVER YOU MAY BE. STAY ALL WELL AND TRAVEL SAFELY.

Teacher

ONE WHO INSPIRES,
GUIDES, ENLIGHTENS,
MOTIVATES, AND
TOUCHES LIVES
FOREVER.



MRS M PARKER



MRS S BUYS

FAREWELL

· WE ARE BIDDING FAREWELL TO ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER WHO IS RETIRING THIS YEAR. MRS DE MENDONCA, WE WISH YOU A PEACEFUL AND ENJOYABLE RETIREMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO LORETO. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY PARENTS, LEARNERS AND TEACHERS.



MRS O DE MENDONCA



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE (FOR BOOKLISTS, SCHOOL FEE INFO, BANK
DETAILS, CALENDAR, NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER INFORMATION)
WWW.LORETO.CO.ZA