

LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL



Newsletter

March 2026 Issue

An Easter Blessing

THIS JOYOUS TIME OF YEAR

MAY THE GLORY
AND THE PROMISE
OF THIS JOYOUS
TIME OF YEAR,
BRING PEACE AND
HAPPINESS TO YOU,
AND THOSE YOU
HOLD MOST DEAR.
AND MAY CHRIST
OUR RISEN SAVIOR,
ALWAYS BE THERE
BY YOUR SIDE,
TO BLESS YOU
MOST ABUNDANTLY
AND BE YOUR
LOVING GUIDE.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

FOR GOD
SO

JOHN 3:16

loved

THE WORLD...

LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL

Term 1 Reports!

Reports will be sent out in sections, FP, SP, HS
Please be patient as you will receive them
during the course of the day on Thursday, 26
March

Introducing Our Loreto Ambassador Programme!

For every new child successfully enrolled in 2027
on your recommendation, you will receive a 2%
discount on your school fees for 2027.

It's our way of saying thank you for growing our
beautiful school community.

There is no greater recommendation than a
happy Loreto family and that's YOU!



Primary School News

- Thank you to all our parents who sent in Easter eggs for the less fortunate. As usual we had a wonderful response and it is truly appreciated.
- A big thank you to all the parents who brought their children to school for the Open Day on Saturday, 14 March.
- Term 1 reports will be emailed to parents on the last day of school, 26 March.
- Our sports and clubs, as well as the extra lessons have come to an end for the first term. These will resume on Monday 13 April. Letters will be sent to those parents whose children should attend the extra lessons in the second term.
- **Primary School Parents' Evening** will be held on Wednesday, 15 April, from 15h00 to 17h00. The Foundation Phase learners will be in their classes, and the Senior Primary teachers will be in the hall. Letters will be sent to those parents who should come and see the teachers. These letters will be sent in the first week of the second term. Any other parent who would like to meet with the teachers is most welcome to attend the meeting too.
- Our annual Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, 10 April at 7h45.
- The teachers will be having a workshop on Friday, 17 April, starting at 13h00. The learners will finish school at 13h00.
- Learners who attend Day 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.
- Please check your child's stationery during the holidays and replace anything that has run out.
- We will be transitioning to winter uniform early in May. Please start checking your child's uniform and purchase what is needed.
- 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.



Primary School News

- 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.
- Primary School Netball trials are being held in the last week of term. Girls who have been chosen for the netball team will receive a letter.
- The order forms for the school photos have been sent home. Please pay the photographers, Gordon Harries, directly through EFT. The school will not be accepting any cash or other transactions on behalf of the photographers. Payment should be made by 26 March.
- Learners have received information about our Bible Quiz which takes place on Friday, 24 April. Please encourage your child to prepare well for the test, as the learners who achieve the best results will compete in the Inter-House Bible Quiz on Friday, 22 May.
- The learners will attend the Stations of the Cross on 26 March, in the lead-up to Easter. Senior Primary learners must wear full school uniform and their blazer.
- School closes for the first term on **Thursday 26 March at 11h00** and reopens on Wednesday 8 April.
- A reminder that Monday, 27 April (Freedom Day), and Friday 1 May (Workers' Day), are Public Holidays.
- We would like to wish the whole Loreto Community and blessed and safe Easter break.



High School News

HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS

Reports will be emailed 26 March. We will have a Parents' Evening on 14 April (16h00 – 18h00) where teachers will be available to address any queries you might have.

GR 12 MASS (6 February)

The grade 12 mass was a beautiful celebration and a great way to step into matric. Preparing for the mass with my fellow students was challenging but also very fun. We fought, we laughed and we connected during our times of practice. The mass itself was very beautiful. It was well organised and seamless.

The homily was inspirational and appropriately welcomed us into matric. Our matric song was a great reflection of our grade and the type of legacy we want to leave at the school. All the songs we sang were well rehearsed and very fun.

My favourite part was our exit. That part, for me, signified us asking God to step into our year and guide us along matric. It also helped ease some of the nerves of matric, it was sort of preparation for what was to come.

All in all, our Mass was beautiful, well organised and an incredibly fun experience.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our first Blood Drive for the year was on 10 February. It was very successful as many Gr. 10 learners took the brave step to donate – this was their first time. Nineteen units were collected successfully. This means that 57 lives can be saved as one unit saves three lives. Well done.

GR 12 MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA (12 February)

What a special day for our matrics!

On the day of the reveal, we popped our ballons to see the names of our Mothers!

It was a lovely surprise for many matriculants. We ate our cookies and chatted away with little information about ourselves until the bell rang. I wish the tea was a longer event so we could have a proper sit down without the thought of school.
Keitumetse Serero Gr 12



High School News

GR 11 MASS (19 February).

The Grade 11 Mass was truly a memorable one.

Being able to connect with fellow Catholic students from all over was a heartwarming experience.

The Mass was an insightful service, teaching us about the importance of peacekeeping and how to apply these lessons to our everyday lives.

We had fun talking and connecting with new people, even seeing old friends.

Each school brought their enthusiasm and energy, singing together, taking pictures and even playing games. The memories made are ones to remember.

Naledi Setlhake Gr 11

GR 11 RETREAT (5 March).

The grade 11 retreat focused on providing learners with spiritual insight on the importance of knowing one's identity, making correct choices with free will, God's sovereignty and the meaning of peace.

The opening scripture was Luke 16:19-31 (The Rich Man and Lazarus). This parable told by Jesus the Christ called us to reflect upon the type of life we ought to lead. If it is a life filled with riches, along the way, we could lose sight of the Lord or where we trust in the Lord despite our circumstances.

The Brother, the priest in training, who delivered the message, elaborated on how one might not be wealthy but the Lord always provides what is sufficient. He extended this message by using himself as an example, though life had various twists and turns and despite not driving the latest luxury car, the Lord continues to provide what is sufficient for he knows what is best for us.

The scriptures allowed us to not focus our identity by worldly standards but by the redemption Christ has given us and being made in God's image (Genesis 1)

Gr 10 RETREAT (12 March).

The Grade 10 treat was definitely one for the books. As the Grade 10 learners, we had the opportunity to learn about Imago Dei and what it means to be created in the image of God. This experience allowed us to reflect more deeply on our identity and purpose. It was also a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know one another better and strengthen our bonds as a grade.

Throughout the retreat, we engaged in meaningful discussions about the difference between the flesh and the spirit, and how these concepts influence the choices we make in our daily lives. These conversations encouraged us to think critically about our values, our behaviour, and the way we live out our faith.

Masego Moropa Gr 10





High School News

INTER-HOUSE MATHS (13 March).

The annual Maths Inter-house competition was definitely an assembly not to forget.

We had 5 maths wizards in each house tackling maths challenges on the clock for the ultimate prize. After quite a few intense rounds, we finally had a winning team — St Raphael. The St Michael and Gabriel teams had a tie...a very close battle indeed. Nonetheless, it was an afternoon well spent in celebration of Pi day.

Mamokgethi Mayane Gr 12

ACADEMIC WORK – GOING THE EXTRA MILE

It is often said that education is a three-way support system: parents, teachers and learners. If parents are supportive and teachers teach, then learners have the responsibility to take accountability for their learning. It is not enough that learners attend classes and do some homework. They must seek help from teachers during extra classes, on Loreto WhatsApp academic groups or Google Classroom groups and learner tutors.

Questions parents should ask their daughters:

Are you reading for fun? (not just the setwork and not on the smartphone – reading expands a child's vocabulary and enhances better understanding of content learnt)

Are you working through your Exam Aid? (for Maths or Mathematical literacy this textbook has questions and memos pertaining to topics discussed in class). Learners should be working through examples daily and querying from their Maths teachers what they do not understand.

Are you asking for help in work you do not understand from your teachers in class or at break?

Are you attending any extra classes whether compulsory or not?

When I pick you up late, do you go to the dedicated homework room?

Do you have a study plan?



High School News

FORMAL ASSESSMENTS

Many learners were absent this term when formal assessments were due to be done. These missed tests are to be done the week the learner returns to school, on the Friday, immediately after assembly. A doctor's note is essential and preferably with diagnosis – Department of Education is clamping down on learners who bunk on the pretext of being ill. This will also help learners who cannot complete the term's assessments (due to a severe ailment) as, only then, will the Department of Education allow us to help the learner complete them and therefore complete the year. This is especially crucial for Gr 10 – 12.

ST PATRICK'S DAY (17 March)

As the Loreto sisters stem from Ireland, on 17 March we annually celebrate St Patrick's Day who is the patron saint of Ireland. Green, leprechauns, three-leafed clover (shamrock) are all symbols for Ireland on the day Patrick died (17 March). The shamrock is of particular significance as Patrick used the trefoil leaf to explain the Holy Trinity.

Our learners were encouraged to wear a green accessory in their hair for 17 March. The colour reflects Ireland's nickname "The Emerald Isle".



High School News

THINGS TO COME IN TERM 2

1. Netball camp 10 – 12 April for all teams – kindly ensure that payments are done on time.
2. Top 10 Gr 11 learners have been invited to attend UP during the morning of 10 April. Learners have received a letter with further details.
3. 14 April **Parents' Evening** from 16h00 – 18h00
4. Gr 11 “Macbeth” performance at 8h00 (at school) on 17 April. All payments should have been done by 20 March.
5. Afternoon activities to start on 13 April, programme attached.
6. 4 May: * Winter uniform transition.
* Gr 12 “Othello” performance at UJ
All payments for the “Othello” production should have been paid by 20 March.
7. Second Blood Drive initiative on 5 May. Second round of the Maths Olympiad will also take place on this day. Learners who will take part have been notified.
8. Choir to attend the Ngothando Choral Festival (letter with further information will be sent home early next term) on 8 May
9. Afrikaans Olympiad at 14h00 on 14 May
10. Possible start to **HS exams** on 25 May



Swimming Gala 2026 - A Splash of Talent and Team Spirit



SPORTS PORTFOLIO

The 2026 Swimming Gala was a day filled with excitement, determination and outstanding sportsmanship as learners proudly represented their houses in the pool. The event created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and teamwork as learners, supporters and staff came together to celebrate sport and house pride.

Swimmers from all grades took part in freestyle, backstroke and relay races, showcasing both individual talent and teamwork. The cheering from supporters created an energetic atmosphere, motivating participants to perform at their best throughout the day.

A big congratulations to all the swimmers for their commitment and sportsmanship throughout the event. A special congratulations goes to Lethabo Matlala, who was awarded Best Swimmer for outstanding performance in the pool. "I was nervous, but as my house started to cheer, they gave me the courage and confidence to do the best as I can for them, for myself and also for my coach."
~Lethabo



Well done to St Raphael, who emerged as the overall winners of the Swimming Gala, and to St Michael, who proudly received the Best Spirit Award for their incredible energy, support and house pride.

A sincere thank you to the teachers, prefects and supporters whose efforts ensured the success of the event. Your contribution made the day memorable for everyone involved.

We look forward to even greater achievements in future sporting events.
~Sports Portfolio





Mother Daughter Tea



GRADE 11

MASS

