

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that just 11 months ago, the start of a hopeful new year began. So many things have occupied and shaped us, these last 11 months. There were moments of joy, tears, frustration, loss and amazement in this year, and all of it came together to build precious memories and to shape our character in ways that only the passing of time can achieve.

For children, time is often a vague concept. Ian Mc Ewan writes in his book, *The Child in Time*, "For children, childhood is timeless. It is always the present. Everything is in the present tense. Of course, they have memories. Of course, time shifts a little for them and Christmas always comes around in the end. Today is what they feel, and when they say 'When I grow up,' there is always an edge of disbelief—how could they ever be other than what they are?" That is such a profoundly different way of experiencing life than what we do as adults. Adults tend to live in the past, remembering and reliving everything already done and over with, often unable to live fully in the present, or even look forward to the future. Some adults live only in the future, dreaming that one day, their lives will look the way they have planned and hoped. They plan their happiness on "if only" – if only this or that will happen, THEN happiness and fulfilment will follow.

May we be encouraged at this time to live like our children, enjoying every day for what it brings. Looking back to remember happy memories and holding on to the precious, but never dwelling in the past; Looking forward to what is in store and what the future holds, but never holding it in front like a carrot on a stick and endlessly chasing empty promises and meaningless material fulfilment. Make this Christmas a time of enjoying the fullness of the here and now, the memories that are made, that will one day be the thoughts our own children, in turn, to remember and cherish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Governors, staff, parents and learners for their hard work and dedication this year. To each and every member of our Loreto Convent School family, I would like to say, thank you, have a wonderful rest and please return to us safely and ready to rise to the challenge that will be 2022. Our aim is to return to as normal a school year as possible, and to ensure that our learners are free to follow their dreams once again.

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From the Principal's Office

pa@loreto.co.za



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours

Mon to Thu 07h00 to 15h00

Fridays 07h00 to 14h30

Admission Office and Card Payments
to 13h00 daily

Our admin staff currently screen learners until approximately 08h30 every morning, so please be patient - they will attend to you as soon as they are able to. Also please note that our phone lines are 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.

Website (for booklists, school fee info, bank details, calendar, newsletters and other information)

www.loreto.co.za

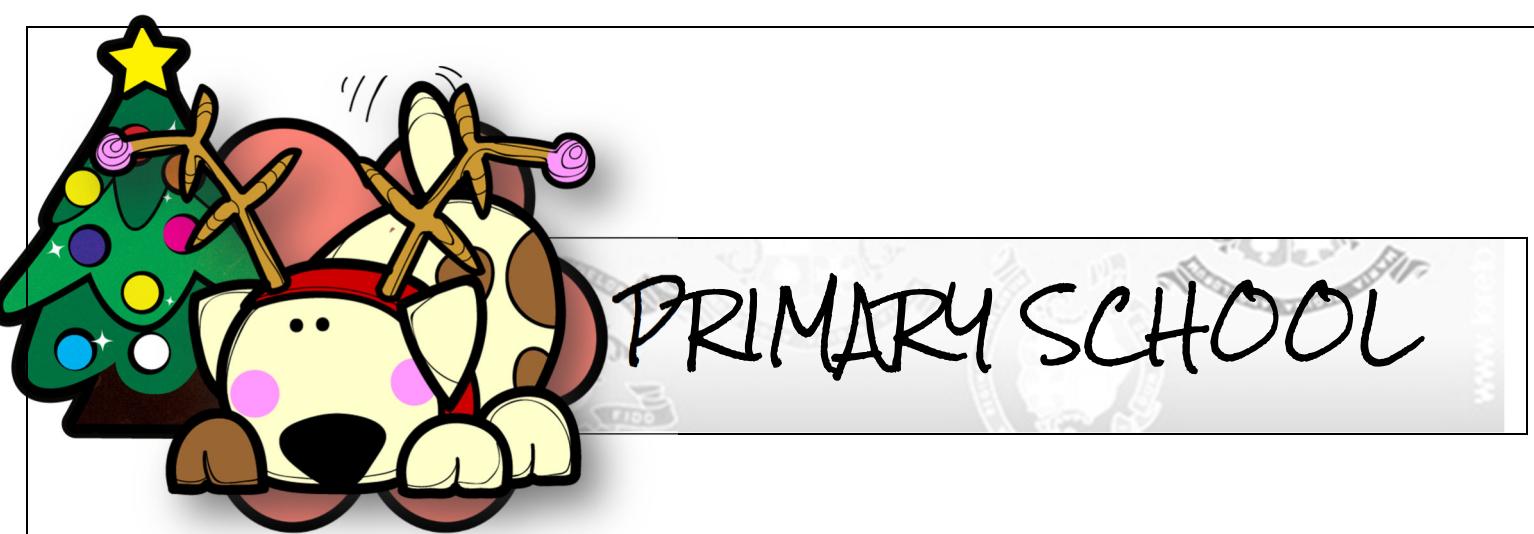


LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL DATES 2022

	START	END
TERM 1:	13 January	18 March
TERM 2:	05 April	24 June
TERM 3:	19 July	28 September
TERM 4:	11 October	25 November (learners) 06 December (School)

Mid Term Break:

25 February to 28 February 2022



PRIMARY SCHOOL



We have reached the end of this challenging year and on behalf of all the Primary School staff, we would like to **thank all our parents** for their ongoing support. You have been amazing this year and we wish you a very peaceful festive season. If you are travelling, please take care and return to us safely and healthy in January.



The **last school day** for the learners is Friday 26 November. The Crèche and Grade RR learners will receive a hard copy of their reports on this day. Final reports for Grade R to Grade 11 will be emailed to parents by Friday 03 December. Please ensure that the full year's school fees have been paid by the end of November.



Re-registration for 2022 should have already been paid. If not, please pay as soon as possible in order to secure a space for your child.



On Tuesday, 30 November, at 7h45, we will be having a small, **informal awards ceremony** for our top learners in **Grade 4 to 7**. Only the parents of those learners who will receive an award will be invited to this ceremony. These parents will be contacted on Monday, 29 November. We apologise for the short notice, but we do need to have all the exams marked and moderated, and marks finalised before we can present the awards. We expect the ceremony to last about a half an hour. Learners are to please come to school in **full school uniform**. The **Visagie Street** gate will open at 7h00. Please park on the **field**.



Crèche, Grade RR and Grade R learners will start the 2022 academic school year on **Monday 10 January**. Parents may arrive as from 7h00, enter through the **Visagie Street** gate, park on the field, then progress to the classroom to meet the teacher. We kindly

request that the parents merely meet with the teacher, take a photo or two and then leave so that the children can settle down. School will end for these learners at **12h00 from 10 to 12 January**. Parents can fetch the children from Visagie Street entrance again at 12h00. As from **Thursday 13 January**, when the rest of the school starts, **normal school hours**, as well as day care, will apply.



The **Crèche and Grade RR learners** will have their own special uniform as from January 2022, and will no longer wear home clothes to school. Parents may purchase the **blue school sports shorts** so long, but the **special T-shirt will only be available at the uniform shop as from January 2022**. Please take note that the Grade R learners will continue to wear their own uniform that is currently being worn - the blue sports shorts with the blue golf shirt. All the pre-school children should wear **sandals during the summer and white tekkies during the winter**. All the children must also wear the **school tracksuit** during the **winter months**.



Grade 1 parents and learners are invited to an **orientation session on Wednesday 12 January from 8h00 to 9h30**. Grade 1 parents are to enter through the Visagie Street gates, park on the field and then progress to the classroom to meet the teacher. We kindly request that the parents just meet the teacher and then leave and either wait at the car for their child or leave and then return at 9h30 to fetch their child. It is very important that the learners are given an opportunity to settle down with their teacher before school starts on Thursday 13 January. Learners may wear their **home clothes** for the orientation.



We will continue with the current arrangement for **pick-up and drop-off** of children in the mornings and afternoons. The motor gates open in Visagie Street at 7h00 in the morning for parents to drive through and drop off. **No-one should park in the area**. In the afternoons, the Visagie Street gates will again open at 13h00 for pick-up.



There are a limited number of **lockers available for Grade 4 to 7 learners** for 2022. Please bring R60 and a lock with two keys to Mrs Haupt to reserve one.



We **bid farewell** to two of our teachers at the end of this year:

Mrs Calitz (Music and Creative Arts teacher)

Mrs Calitz has been at Loreto since 2012, teaching from the Pre-school to Grade 7. For many years, she led our Senior Primary Choir, most notably participating in the World Choir Games in 2018. Her passion for music and teaching has touched many young lives over the years. Fransa, you have proved to be caring, compassionate, reliable and a good friend to many. Thank you for all that you have done over the years, may your future be filled with many blessings and great enjoyment - you have earned it!

Mrs Celeste van der Merwe (Foundation Phase teacher)

Mrs van der Merwe first joined Loreto in 2015 as our Grade R teacher. She has taught a Grade 3 class since 2020. Her unbridled energy and enthusiasm has meant so much to all who crossed her path. Celeste, you will be remembered as a teacher who was always willing to take up a challenge and set very high standards for yourself and the learners. You always had the children's best interests at heart and your consistent hard work and dedication is most appreciated. We wish you and your husband well overseas, may you both go from strength to strength and enjoy every moment!

To both our very precious teachers: you will always remain a part of the Loreto family and we wish you well in all future endeavours.



The **top 5 learners in Grade 1, 2 and 3** will each receive a certificate indicating that they are in the top 5 in their grade. These certificates will be sent home before or on 26 November.



Top Learners

GRADE 1

Refaone Raito Leago Mabeba
Mikateko Matjokane Mike Oladeji
Iyapha Duku

Top Learners

GRADE 2

Jeannee Matebesti Tshepiso Matjeke
Lesedi Makhura Phatutshedzo Mudau
Dzuvha Tanzwani



Grade 1 to 3 learners will receive their **stationery** when school starts **next year**, 13 January. **Grade 4 to 7 learners** must please **bring their stationery packs and textbooks to school on the first day** - remember not to cover the books as covers for each subject will be provided. The Grade 4 to 7 girls **MUST** have all the required textbooks, as teaching and learning starts on the first day of school. You are encouraged to buy the books second hand where possible. The textbook list is attached to this newsletter.



If you have not yet paid for your **child's stationery for 2022**, please do so urgently.



Please ensure the children are in **full summer uniform** or sports clothes when they return to school. The uniform shop information is attached to this newsletter.



We have had a request from a few parents to **reintroduce an African language** at our school in some form or other. We would be able to do this as an **extracurricular activity**, that is, as a club after school for those children that would be interested. However, we would love input from our parents as to which language would be most suitable. We also invite **any parent who would be interested** in running this activity and presenting the class to get in touch with the principal. This would be a **voluntary** position, aimed at giving of your time to the school in order to assist our learners. Any parent with suggestions as to which language to introduce, or volunteers to run the class, should please get in touch with Mrs Truter by sending an email to: principal@loreto.co.za



HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 The **academic school year** has been completed fully, and for that we are eternally grateful. We would like to wish our Loreto community a very blessed Christmas season, to travel safely and to keep safe so that we can all start the new year in good health.
- 2 Our **matric learners** will write their last paper on **3 December**. We are looking forward to celebrating each success story, once the results are available towards the last part of **January 2022**. Please watch the media for the release of results. School will communicate formally when the date is communicated to us. Results will then be available at the school.
3. Keeping Covid-regulations in mind, it is our wish to try to get to normal school activities as far as possible. We will definitely start with **sport and other activities in-house**. If matches against other schools will be done, we will try to host these at home.
- 4 The school is very excited as after a year of investigation and interviews with possible stakeholders, we would like to implement **Robotics and Coding** for Foundation Phase and as a **club for High School learners**. Once we have implemented this successfully, it will then be considered for other age groups as well. We are currently searching for **a possible sponsorship**, as the start-up cost is around R100 000. If you have any **contacts of possible sponsorships**, please communicate this to **Mrs Truter** at principal@loreto.co.za
- 5 Re-registration fees for 2022 has to be paid urgently. Remember that the R 4000 is part of school fees for January 2022 **The school has to be informed of any learner leaving the school by email formally to principal@loreto.co.za., if you have not done so already.**
6. To those learners **leaving the Loreto family**, remember what you were taught at Loreto and always walk tall wherever you go to be a model learner and citizen in years to come.

7. A letter has been sent home with your daughter to explain the **start of the new year**. It is important that arrangements regarding these dates are made so that your daughter is able to attend the events planned.
8. Booklists will also be handed out to learners. However, for your convenience, they are on the website (Newsflash page).
9. **Reports** will be emailed on 3 December.
10. We will have an **Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 4 December** for the top 10 learners of every grade at 8h00 in the school hall. A maximum of 2 family members may accompany the learner. We will **notify each parent** in the course of that week and once promotion schedules have been finalised.
11. We will have a **Matric Dinner on 6 December** to celebrate the end of exams and the end of the current Grade 12 learners' school years.



**DATES TO REMEMBER
2022**

11 January	Grade 12 study skills workshop 8h00 – 10h00
	Grade 12 motivational talk from 10h30
12 January	Grade 8 orientation from 8h30 – 12h00 Picnic with Prefects
	Grade 10 study skills workshop from 10h00 – 12h00
13 January	SCHOOL OPENS
14 January	Grade 9 and 11 picnic with prefects (after school)
14 January	Grade 8 parents' orientation and Grade 9 – 11 new parents' orientation at 9h00)

LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL



Dear Parent / Guardian,

It is that time of year when you will be starting to think about new uniform purchases for 2022.

It is very important that we ensure both a safe environment and a convenient, pleasant uniform shopping experience during these Covid times. Due to social distancing restrictions, please be aware that you may very likely encounter queues at our shop. To minimise inconvenience and frustrations, please note the following:

The uniform shop is operated by Nompilo and she can be contacted as follows:

Email: uniforms@loreto.co.za

Tel: 068 274 7795

The shop is located inside the school premises on the ground floor level, next to the School Secretary's office.

We strongly encourage you (especially our new parents), to contact Nompilo urgently to set up a one-one personalized appointment so that she can assist you at a time that suits you, as soon as possible with your uniform requirements, to avoid the back-to-school rush in January 2022.

If your child is already a learner at the school, and you are familiar with the uniform, please consider making use of our Order-and-Collect service, whereby you may email your order to Nompilo at uniforms@loreto.co.za and she will contact you when it is ready for collection. This service should only be used if you know the McCullagh & Bothwell sizes of the garment you require. Please see the attached form for your convenience.

Trading times for December and January:

30 November (Tues) - shop will be open for walk-in clients from 8h00 to 10h00. Appointments are welcome outside these hours.

06 to 09 December - shop will be open by appointment only. Please ensure that you book an appointment in advance. Walk-ins may be assisted if the shop is open but priority will be given to appointment clients.

04 to 07 January 2022 - shop will be open by appointment only. Please ensure that you book in advance. Walk-ins may be assisted if the shop is open but priority will be given to appointments.

08 January 2022 – shop will be open from 10h00-12h00.

10 to 13 January 2022 – shop will be open 10h00 - 12h00. Appointments are welcome outside these hours.

Please remember that you are more than welcome to book your appointment in advance outside the normal shop operating hours. Please contact Nompilo on 068 274 7795, and she will assist you where possible outside the above hours if required.

Please note that uniform shopping left to the last few days before the 2022 academic year commences can be frustrating, and will take more time than you might wish - but it really doesn't need to! The most important thing, is to do your shopping early!

Additionally, make use of the personalised appointment and Order-and-Collect options where possible. Please be prepared as far as possible - know in advance your needs, your sizes and quantity requirements. Please also bring the child who needs uniform with you when visiting the uniform shop/your appointment so that items may be fitted where required.

We would also like to remind parents that textbook purchases for the 2022 academic year should be made within the next few weeks to avoid stock shortages in January. Protea Bookshop in Hatfield will be of assistance to place orders and we encourage you to visit the store as soon as possible to place your orders for next year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Suzette Truter

Executive Principal

Please ONLY use this facility if you know the actual McCullagh & Bothwell garment size. Do NOT use this facility if you are a first-time customer or if you are not sure of what garment and size you need!

LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL UNIFORM
ORDER-AND-COLLECT FORM

* Please use this column if you KNOW the Mc&B size you need. It is imperative we try to get the sizing correct, as this will prevent having to return for exchange.

***Use this column if you are not sure of Mc&B sizing to provide guidance or information to assist us with estimating your size. A previously bought garment is the best info source for guidance- please use/ provide the sizing from a previously bought 'same' garment where possible. Check garments for size when collecting order!



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL
PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOKLISTS 2022

SUBJECT	TEXT BOOK	ISBN
GRADE 4		
English	Platinum English HL Grade 4	9780636110137
	Oxford SA Pocket Dictionary 4 th Edition (keep till Grade 12)	9780199045037
	Platinum English Home Language Grade 4 Reader	9780636138773
Afrikaans	Afrikaans Sonder Grense EAT Graad 4	9780636119895
	Pharos Skool Woordeboek (keep till Grade 12)	9781868901289
Social Science	Platinum Social Science Grade 4	9780636083448
Atlas	Oxford Primary Atlas for South Africa Grade 4-7	9780199070374
Natural Science & Technology	Spot on Natural Science & Technology Grade 4	9780796234360
Mathematics	Classroom Mathematics Grade 4	9780796234568
Religious Education	Good News Bible	9780798218320
Life Skills	Platinum Life Skills Grade 4	9780636135727
GRADE 5		
English	Platinum English HL Grade 5	9780636136106
	Oxford SA Pocket Dictionary 4th Edition (keep till Grade 12)	9780199045037
	Platinum English HL Reader Grade 5	9780636138780
Afrikaans	Afrikaans Sonder Grense EAT Graad 5	9780636119901
	Pharos Skool Woordeboek (keep till Grade 12)	9781868901289
Social Science	Platinum Social Science Grade 5	9780636091580
Atlas	Oxford Primary Atlas for South Africa Grade 4-7	9780199070374
Natural Science & Technology	Spot on Natural Science & Technology Grade 5	9780796234391
Mathematics	Solutions for All Grade 5 Mathematics	9781431009763
Religious Education	Good News Bible	9780798218320
Life Skills	Platinum Life Skills Grade 5	9780636135734
GRADE 6		
English	Platinum English HL Grade 6	9780636136113
	Oxford SA Pocket Dictionary 4th Edition (keep till Grade 12)	9780199045037
	Reader: Holes (Louis Sachar)	9781408865231
	English Handbook and Study Guide (keep until Grade 12)	9780620325837
Afrikaans	Afrikaans Sonder Grense EAT Graad 6	9780636119918
	Pharos Skool Woordeboek (keep till Grade 12)	9781868901289
Social Science	Platinum Social Science Grade 6	9780636095410
Atlas	Oxford Primary Atlas for South Africa Grade 4-7	9780199070374
Natural Science & Technology	Platinum Natural Science & Technology Grade 6	9780636135567
Mathematics	Platinum Maths Grade 6	9780636135352
Religious Education	Good News Bible	9780798218320

GRADE 6 Continued		
Life Skills	Platinum Life Skills Grade 6	9780636135741
GRADE 7		
English	Solutions for all: English Home Language Grade 7	9781431013982
	Oxford SA Pocket Dictionary 4th Edition (keep till Grade 12)	9780199045037
	Reader: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (C.S Lewis) Published by Harper Collins	9780007115617
	English Handbook and Study Guide (keep until Grade 12)	9780620325837
Afrikaans	Pharos Skool Woordeboek (keep till Grade 12)	9781868901289
	Afrikaans Sonder Grense EAT Graad 7	9780636115798
	Afrikaans Handbook and Study Guide: An English student's guide to Afrikaans (Beryl Lutrin)	9780620325844
Social Science	Platinum Social Science Grade 7	9780636140981
Atlas	Oxford Secondary Atlas for South Africa	9780199070398
Economic and Management Sciences	Spot on Economic and Management Sciences Grade 7	9780796235299
Life Orientation	Spot On Life Orientation Grade 7	9780796235756
Mathematics	Platinum Maths Grade 7	9780636141407
Religious Education	Good News Bible	9780798218320
Creative Arts	Platinum Creative Arts Grade 7	9780636141087
Technology	Shuter's Top Class Technology Grade 7	9781920604387
Natural Science	Platinum Natural Sciences Grade 7	9780636140899

The textbooks can be purchased from Protea Bookshop in Hatfield, Pretoria, or any other academic bookshop. Books will not be sold at the school, although learners are encouraged to buy second hand books, where possible, from learners in the grade above them.