



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL

Learning and Leading in Love and Justice

Newsletter

August 2026



DO NOT BE
anxious
about anything,
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your
requests to God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Primary School News

- Welcome back to the 3rd term! Yet another busy term filled with a lot of hard work and extramural activities.
- We are in athletic season, with training every afternoon, Monday to Thursday. We would love for all learners to take part and try out for the athletics team, which will compete against other schools on 9 September. Once the team for the various events has been chosen, a letter will be sent out to the parents of those learners.
- The girls in the tennis team have received their letters with the fixtures for the term. The first match is on 17 August, at school.
- Our Primary School Open Netball teams will be playing a friendly match against Loreto Queenswood on 14 August. More information will be sent home closer to the time.
- Thank you to the parents that attended the Parents' Meeting on 28 July. If you were invited and couldn't make it, please feel free to contact Ms Hill to set up appointments with the various teachers.
- Thank you to all our very generous parents who supported our Outreach initiative for Term 2. In addition to the donations of toiletries, we were able to collect a large amount of cup-a-soup and 2-minute noodles to give to those in need in our area. The teachers also made sandwiches which were sent with the collected items.
- Those learners who should be attending extra lessons received a letter in this regard on 21 July. There are still a number of reply slips outstanding, please return as soon as possible. Should any parent wish to enrol their child in extra lessons, please contact Ms Hill for assistance.
- The roster for the sports and clubs for Term 3 is attached to this newsletter.
- Learners should continue to wear winter uniform. The transition from winter to summer uniform starts on 31 August.
- Please take note that no scarf or beanie, other than the proper school items, may be worn.

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- There are 12 Grade 6 and 7 learners taking part in the Inter-Catholic Schools' Bible Quiz on 7 August at Iona Convent. They have been working very hard in preparation of the event and we know they will make us proud!
- There is no school on Monday, 10 August, a school holiday following Women's Day on 9 August.
- The school will be celebrating the Assumption of Mary Mass on Thursday, 13 August at 7h45. All learners in Grade 4 to 11 will attend (not Grade 6's, see below) and the Catholics in the Foundation Phase will also attend.
- Save the date!! On Saturday, 29 August, we will be having our annual Primary School Soccer and Netball Fun Day where our parents are invited to join in the sports activities. The Grade 7 learners are already very busy preparing for their Entrepreneurship project which will take place during the course of the morning.
- On Thursday, 13 August our Grade 6 learners will be visiting the Paul Jungnickel home, which is a facility which cares for physically and mentally impaired people. The girls and boys will be spending the morning with the residents, playing games and assisting where they are able to. For this occasion, the Grade 6 learners will be collecting any recyclable material, such as pieces of fabric, old buttons, old clothes, belts, old costume jewellery, to take with. The residents use any donations when making their items for their Christmas Market. Please send in anything that you are no longer using and were thinking of getting rid of.....this is your opportunity to declutter!

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Annual Outreach Project



Kungwini/Paul Jungnickel Welfare Centre is a non-profit organisation based in Pretoria. They are a team of passionate individuals with a desire to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities, children and disadvantaged communities.

👤 Over the past few years our learners have supported them with donating old clothes and craft items which enable them to make items to resell at their Christmas market in December to generate funds for the organization.

🤝 We are once again asking for your help in donating items such as-

- ✓ any material
- ✓ old belts, buckles
- ✓ handbags
- ✓ zips, buttons and craft items
- ✓ old clothes
- ✓ non-perishable foods, ie: tin food, dry goods like pasta, rice or mielie meal.

📢📢 Please send your donations to school before Wednesday, 11 August 2026. 📢📢

👏👏 The Grade 6 learners will be visiting the Kungwini/Paul Jungnickel Welfare Centre on Friday, 13 August 2026.

Nelson Mandela Day

NELSON MANDELA DRIVE

As part of our annual Nelson Mandela Day contribution, our school community came together to support those in need through our Nelson Mandela Day Drive. We collected over 100 packets of noodles, along with many packets of Cup-a-Soup and sachet soups.

We are incredibly grateful to all our learners and parents who generously contributed to this meaningful initiative. The donations were handed over to PEN, who will make use of them to support the many shelters and communities they serve.

As we continue to live out our school theme, “Peace, Perfect Peace,” we are reminded of the importance of kindness, compassion and caring for others. Through the generosity of our Loreto community, we were able to make a small but meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every learner and parent for your generosity and support. Your contributions are a wonderful reflection of the spirit of Ubuntu and our commitment to making a positive difference in our community.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Ms S. Nyika

Religious Education Co-ordinator

THANK
YOU!



TOP 5 ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

TERM 2 2026

GRADE 4

1. Ntsumi Maluleke
2. Atlehang Ramafasi
3. Maita Machekanyanga
4. Nhlamulo Maphophe
5. Asemahle Ngati

GRADE 5

1. Ondela Bobie
2. Iminathi Dlepuma
3. Botlhale Matjiane
4. Dakalo Hlabiwa
5. Enhle Makhosi

GRADE 6

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

GRADE 7

1. Tshepiso Matjeke
2. Fegor Ememameh
3. Phathu Mudau
4. Thandolwethu Mkwanaazi
5. Muneiwa Ramafemo



High School News

Gr 9 LEARNERS 'SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 2027

A kind reminder that subject choice slips are due from all learners by 14 August.

Please read the 2026 Subject Requirement Policy carefully to avoid any misunderstanding. The subject groupings for 2026 are different to those of 2027 as this was the bulk preference from the current Gr 9 learners.

End of this year these subjects will be finalised as per the Subject Policy. Term 4's mark for Mathematics will determine whether your daughter will be able to take Mathematics and/or Physical Sciences in 2026.

ENGLISH PAPER 3 EXAM AND Gr 12 LIFE ORIENTATION TEST

On 7 August Gr 8 to 11 learners will be writing their English Paper 3 November exam while all Gr 12 learners have to write their Life Orientation test (final assessment in preparation of Life Orientation exam). Please ensure that your daughter is present for this assessment.

Kindly note that the duration of these papers are three (3) hours and finding an alternative date will be impossible.

PREFECT ASSESSMENT

We are busy going through the process of selecting the 2026/2027 Prefect Body. Many learners will feel disappointment at not being selected. We request parents to speak to their daughters and to support them. As school, we do have our Counsellors who will do what they can from their side.

The new Prefect Body will be announced at Assembly on Friday, 7 August 2026. They will go on camp from 14 – 16 August 2026. The Inauguration will take place on 19 August – a letter with further details will be sent to parents.

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SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

This workshop has started. Please ensure that your daughter is present weekly. Missing a lecture will set your daughter a step back as she will miss a skill.

On 12 September, at 10h00, they will present their final speeches to an audience of parents and family in the school hall.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our 3rd Blood Drive is on 4 August starting at 9h00. Learners who are 16 years old and above can donate. Any parent who wishes to do so, may come in. It will take place in the Hall.

BIBLE QUIZ

We have had our internal inter-house Bible Quiz. Some of the learners that represented their houses have been selected to represent their school on 6 August Iona Convent School. Two teams of 4 learners will be transport to and from school, accompanied by Ms Nyika, to enter this event. We wish them all the best of luck.

OUTINGS

CSIR outing on 6 August: selected learners will be leaving promptly at 7h30 and will be back at school by 16h30. The cost of R125 should have been paid into the school's account by 31 July using the reference: CSIR and your daughter's name.

All Gr 8 learners will be going to Sci-Bono on 11 August. They will be leaving at 7h45 and will be back at school by 12h30. A cost of R155 should have been paid by 31 July using the following reference: Gr 8 and your daughter's name.

Gr 10 Physical Sciences and Life Sciences learners will be going to Digital Dome on 12 August. They will be leaving at 7h00 and will be back at school by 13h00. A cost of R225 should have been paid by 31 July using the following reference: Gr 10 and your daughter's name.

To avoid disappointment, and if payment has not been done, please do so urgently. AND, please ensure that your daughter arrives on time. Buses will not wait for any learner that are late.

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GR 12 PRELIM EXAMS (a reminder)

20 August marks the start of our Gr 12 prelim exams. They will end 18 September. Please note that up to 14 August, teachers will be teaching new topics and reinforcing other topics. Learners have received a timetable for both the prelims and November exams.

Dramatic Arts practical exam will take place on 18 August while the Consumer Studies practical exam will be on 26 - 28 August.

English and Afrikaans external oral moderation is to take place on Friday 14 August at 14h00. Selected Gr 12 learners have been notified. This will take place at school.

Study leave will be as from 17 August. However, if necessary, a specific subject's teacher will request that her learners come in between 17 to 19 August.

Please note that our Assessment Policy is in line with the Department of Education's policy. As we use provincial papers (to better prepare our learners for the November exams) any learner who misses any one of these exams will not have the opportunity to write a catch up the exam.

This means that the learner will receive a zero (0) mark and will not be able to sit for her November exam of the said subject.

A learner that misses a November exam is simply awarded a zero (0) and will only be allowed to write the exam of that said subject in November of 2027.

Although exams start at 9h00, we need all learners to be at school as from 7h30. Seating time is at 8h00 for administration purposes. Exams start strictly at 9h00 and any late comers forfeit the time lost.

Learners must come in full school uniform. NO beanies, scarves, blazers, watches (of any kind) will be allowed in the exam venue. See-through pencil cases must be used. No water bottles of any kind is allowed. The school will provide water as the need arises.

Grade 12 Prelim Timetable



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Date	Day	Exam	Duration	Time
20 Aug	Thursday	English HL P3	3h00	9h – 12h00
21 Aug	Friday	Afrikaans P3	2h30	9h – 11h30
24 Aug	Monday	English HL P2	2h30	9h – 11h30
25 Aug	Tuesday	Afrikaans FAL P2	2h30	9h – 11h30
26 Aug	Wednesday	Life Sciences P1	2h30	9h – 11h30
27 Aug	Thursday	Business Studies P1	2h00	9h – 11h00
28 Aug	Friday	Accounting P1	2h00	9h – 11h00
31 Aug	Monday	Accounting P2	2h00	9h – 11h00
1 Sept	Tuesday	LO	2h30	9h – 11h30
2 Sept	Wednesday	Geography P1	3h00	9h – 12h00
3 Sept	Thursday	Afrikaans FAL P1	2h00	9h – 11h00
4 Sept	Friday	Maths & Maths Lit P 1	3h00	9h – 12h00
7 Sept	Monday	Maths & Maths Lit P 2	3h00	9h – 12h00
8 Sept	Tuesday	History P1 DA CAT P1	3h00	9h – 12h00
9 Sept	Wednesday	Geography P2	3h00	9h – 12h00
10 Sept	Thursday	English HL P1	2h00	9h – 11h00
11 Sept	Friday	Physical Sci P1	3h00	9h – 12h00
14 Sept	Monday	Physical Sci P2	3h00	9h – 12h00
15 Sept	Tuesday	Business Studies P2	2h00	9h – 11h00
16 Sept	Wednesday	History P2 CAT P2	3h00	9h – 12h00
17 Sept	Thursday	Consumer Studies	3h00	9h – 12h00
18 Sept	Friday	Life Sciences P2	2h30	9h – 11h30
14 Aug		Eng and Afr external oral moderation		
18 Aug		DA practical exam		
26 – 28 Aug		CS practical exam		

Good Luck

Coming up in August

5 August: Business Studies and Consumer Studies learners Market Day from 8h00 to 14h00 as well as Athletics

3 to 6 August: Loreto Eisteddford

7 August: Loreto FM

14 August: Assumption of Mary Mass will be at 7h45 in the Cathedral

21 August: Trashion Show

3 September: Spring day celebrations

4 September: Spring Day Mass

11 September: Inter-house debating

18 September: Heritage Day celebrations

