Gauteng Department of Education
Leicester Road School
STRIVE FOR THE BEST

# What's Happening @LRS?

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**"Make rest a necessity, not an objective. Only rest long enough to gather strength."** Jim Rohn

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**
Please be aware of what your children are doing on WhatsApp and ensure that they show respect at home and school, to the family, friends, staff as well as members of the community.

**TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL:**
We would appreciate the co-operation of all parents with regard to children's attendance at school. The South African Schools' Act states that children need to be at school for the full day on all school days. Please note that these absences are entered on the child's profile and report which are official documents. If parents wish to fetch their children early from school, you need to request permission from Mr Driver in writing before the time. Please email info@lrschool.co.za. For the safety and security of all our learners, please note that when collecting a learner from school during school hours, the person collecting the learner must report to the school office and sign the learner out. A valid form of identification (SA IS card/book, Driver's licence, Passport) must be presented at the office before the learner will be released. We appreciate your understanding and co-operation as we continue to prioritise the safety of our learners.

**ABSENCE:**
If your child is absent for the day, please send a letter to the educator on his/her return stating the nature of the absence (e.g. illness, domestic problem etc). A doctor's certificate is needed if children are absent for 3 or more days. Please let the educator know if you child will be off for 3 or more days. **A doctor's certificate is required if your child misses a cycle test, an exam or any formal assessment.**

| No. Of Days Absent | Plan of Action by Parent | Plan of Action by School |
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| 1 to 2 days | • Letter sent to school by parent/guardian detailing the reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.<br>• Parent/Guardian to call the school secretary to relay the message to the class educator. | • None. School awaits for the learner to return or await a phone call by the parent/guardian to inform us of absenteeism. |
| 3 days | • Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.<br>• Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. | • School secretary/class educator to telephone parents to find out why learner is absent. |
| 4 to 9 days | • Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.<br>• Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. | • The Grade Head or Head of Department will call the parent/guardian to query the absenteeism.<br>• If Necessary the school will contact Social Services/District office or relevant authority. |
| 10 days and more | • Parent/Guardian must inform the school about the absenteeism.<br>• Letter sent to school by parent/guardian with valid reasons for the absenteeism when learner returns.<br>• Medical certificate to be provided if learner was sick. | • If the school has not received any information pertaining to the learner's absence, then an automatic de-registration of the learner will occur. |

**CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED IN THE WAITING AREA:**
Parents, please be aware that too many children are being left unattended in the waiting area long after school has ended. Please ensure that from now on you collect your child timeously.

**PARENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING 2027 ENROLMENT OF LEARNERS:**
Grade 7 parents must please attend an important Admissions Meeting which will take place on Tuesday, 4 August @ 18h00 in the school hall. Parents, please inform your friends and family, who live in the natural feeder area of our school, about our Open Day. Parents, who require schooling for their children and who are not familiar with our school, are asked to phone the School Office on **(011) 615 7328/9** to book a tour at our Open Day on **Thursday, 13 August 2026**. This is a golden opportunity to be shown around our school, to see the facilities and to ask all your questions. Tours will be conducted by Mr Driver, our Principal, from 09:00 to 11:00. Each tour will last approximately one hour.

**RETURN OF BADGES:**
Parents are please to ensure that if their child receives a coloured Merit Badge, the original badge must be returned to the School Office before the next badge can be awarded to him or her. Class Captain or Vice-Captain Badges must be returned at the end of each term to the class educator.

**PRIZES:**
Are there any parents who are able to source prizes for us to use for our various competitions? If you are able to assist us with items (large or small) for children or adults, we would be delighted. Please be kind enough to send these items to the School Office marked 'For Attention Mr Driver'. Please ensure that you include your name, so we can acknowledge your contribution in our school newsletter.

**GRADE 7 MARKET DAY:**
As part of their EMS curriculum, our Grade 7 learners will be hosting a Food Market Day on Friday, 4 September 2026. There will be lots of scrumptious food and drinks on sale. Halaal food is also available. Learners to bring lots of money and a big, empty lunchbox. Please support our Grade 7 learners.

**FAIR WARNING:**
The school cannot take responsibility for any money or valuable possessions brought to the school. Cell phones, expensive watches, costly shoes, sports equipment, jewellery, electronic toys and gadgets are not permitted.

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| *LRS is Hosting the Rugby @ Parktown. Please support!* 15 August 2026 | *Career Day (Grade 7)* 28 August 2026 | *GRADE 7 EMS MARKET DAY* 04 September 2026 | *Inter-house Athletics Day* **22 September 2026** |

Yours in Education,
Mr KWM DRIVER
Principal

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4-8-2026
Date










A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parents for your generous support of our Mandela day Toiletry Drive. Your kindness and willingness to give have made this initiative a great success. Together, we have shown our learners the true meaning of compassion, generosity and community spirit. Our contributions will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for helping us make a positive impact.

## SPORTS NEWS



A huge congratulations to the U11 girls' soccer team and coaches for reaching the Discovery Knockout Cup Finals. Though they narrowly missed out on the trophy, they have set a high standard for all future teams. We couldn't be prouder of their remarkable achievement.

A special commendation goes to the Open Soccer boys team and coaches for reaching the semi-finals. They represented the school exceptionally well and made us all proud.

## ONLINE APPLICATIONS




## HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY

Respect A Woman Because

You can feel her INNOCENCE in the form of a daughter
You can feel her CARE in the form of a sister
You can feel her WARMTH in the form of a friend
You can feel her PASSION in the form of a beloved
You can feel her DEDICATION in the form of a wife
You can feel her DIVINITY in the form of a mother
You can feel her BLESSING in the form of a grandmother
Yet she is so TOUGH too

Her heart is so TENDER... So NAUGHTY... So CHARMING..
So SHARING... So MELODIUS... She is a WOMAN..
And She is LIFE!!!

"To all the wonderful women,
hope you won't forget how special you are..."

