



09 July 2024

Term 3 Circular 1/ Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we conclude our winter holidays, I wanted to take a moment to express my hope that you've had the opportunity to spend quality time with your daughters during this time. Winter holidays provide a precious chance for families to come together, recharge, and create lasting memories. Whether it's through shared activities, cosy nights in, or exciting adventures, these moments play a vital role in nurturing family bonds and strengthening relationships. As we prepare to return to school, let's carry with us the warmth and joy of the moments shared with our loved ones during these holidays. May these experiences continue to enrich our lives and bring us closer together as a community.

Curriculum Term 3: Projects Focused

In Term 3, our focus is on the development of independent learning and critical thinking skills. Each learner is encouraged to practice commitment and time management, meeting deadlines for various projects. School-Based Assessments (SBAs) and Continuous Assessments (CAs) will continue throughout the term, contributing to the term 3 report along with project marks.

How to Support Your Child with School Projects

Here are some tips to help your child excel in her school projects:

- Ensure your child understands the instructions.
- Gather necessary materials.
- Start early and divide the work into manageable segments.
- **Research:** Use credible sources and make a list of all sources used.
- **Execution:** Avoid plagiarism and use online tools to detect it.
Ensure the language is clear and review the project thoroughly.
- **Presentation:** Make pointers for in-class presentations.
Practice the presentation together.

Being actively involved in your child's projects can significantly impact her academic success and reduce stress.

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Updated Learners Academic Day Schedule

Grades RR to 2 School Hours:

- Monday to Friday, 07h40 - 12h30
- Extra-curricular/extra lessons : 13h00 – 14h00 (in accordance with class allocations)

Grades 3 to 7 School Hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 07h40 – 14h00
- Friday: 07h40 – 13h00
- Extra-curricular / Extra lessons: 14h00 -15h00 (1st team may extend to 15h30 – TBC)
- **Arrival Time:** All learners must arrive at school before **07h30** to allow for registrations to take place before the first lesson commences.

Please ensure timely arrival to facilitate smooth registration and a productive start to the day.

Building Projects and Maintenance

As many of you may have noticed, Mr. James and the dedicated maintenance team have been hard at work, making significant improvements to our school facilities. Here's a brief overview of some ongoing projects:

Morning Waiting Area: We are enhancing the morning waiting area for learners, providing a comfortable and welcoming space for our girls to wait for the school gates open at 07h00.

Seating Area on Sports Fields: A new seating area is being constructed on the sports fields, providing spectators with a comfortable vantage point to support our athletes during matches and events.

Retention of Newly Installed Wall: We are retaining the newly installed wall at the entrance of the school, ensuring its stability and longevity for years to come.

Installation of Bollards: After many efforts by the SGB over the past two years, we are pleased to announce that the municipality is now assisting with the installation of bollards alongside the perimeter walls on Boshoff Street. This initiative is a significant step towards ensuring the safety of our girls, staff, parents, and visitors in the future.

Future Projects: There are many more projects in the pipeline, aimed at further enhancing our school environment and infrastructure. Stay tuned for updates on these exciting developments.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. James and the maintenance team for their hard work and dedication to improving our school facilities. Their efforts contribute significantly to creating a positive and conducive learning environment for our students.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to make improvements to our school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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FUNDRAISING

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to your unwavering support and generosity during fundraising efforts in Terms 1 and 2, Longmarket Girls' School has been able to make significant enhancements to our facilities.

Procurement of Projectors and Screens: Your contributions have enabled us to procure projectors and screens for Grades 1 to 3, enriching the learning experience and providing our youngest learners with access to innovative educational resources.

Replacement and Installation of Cameras: In addition, funds raised have facilitated the replacement and installation of cameras around the school, enhancing security measures and ensuring the safety of our school community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your generous contributions and steadfast support throughout the fundraising initiatives. Without your dedication and commitment to the betterment of Longmarket Girls' School, these improvements would not have been possible.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing the best possible educational environment for our students. Your ongoing support and participation in fundraising activities are invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence at LGS.

Thank you once again for your generosity and commitment to our school community. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our students and shaping a brighter future for all.

Staffing

Farewell Announcement - We bid farewell to:

- **Mrs. K. Mtshali:** has accepted a state post.
- **Mrs. P. Solomon:** has accepted a state post.
- **Mrs. M. Sowman:** has taken a position at a high school in Durban to be closer to her family.

We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their dedicated service. They will be greatly missed by the entire Longmarket Girls School community.

Staff joining LGS form Term 3 - We are delighted to welcome our newly appointed staff members to the LGS family:

- Miss Jonas (Music Department)
- Mr. Balaram (Music Department)
- Mrs. Sampson (Sports Department)
- Ms. Mastross (Teacher Assistant)

We wish them all the success in their new positions and look forward to the contributions they will bring to our school community.

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Money Matters

ARREAR SCHOOL FEES 2024

The Governing Body is committed to ensuring your child is provided with quality education at Longmarket Girls School however in order to do so this requires the commitment of parents to pay their school fees regularly and consistently in accordance with their contractual obligations contained in the Agreement to Pay School Fees that every parent has signed and agreed to.

With regard to the Agreement to Pay School Fees these are payable annually in advance on or before the 28th February 2024. Parents who have signed the aforesaid agreement will be able to pay the annual fees in 12 equal monthly instalments during the period 7th January 2024 until the 7th December 2024.

We note with regret that you are in breach of your agreement insofar as you have failed to pay any school fees during 2024.

In terms of Clause 3.1 of the Agreement to Pay School Fees in the event of you failing to pay in accordance with the agreement the full balance of the fees then outstanding will immediately become due, owing and payable.

We request that you pay all arrear school fees within **seven (7)** days hereof failing which we will instruct our Attorney's, Stowell & Co Inc to institute formal legal action against you for recovery thereof.

Legal proceedings will result in interest accruing on the outstanding balance together with legal costs and disbursements. These proceedings may also result in a Default Judgement being granted against you which remains in effect for 30 years and will impair your credit record.

Kindly remedy your breach and make payment of all arrears within the time period stipulated above and ensure that going forward you pay your school fees regularly and in the agreed monthly instalments on or before the agreed due date.

We urge you to take responsibility for your indebtedness so as to avoid an unnecessary escalation of legal costs and interest.

School fees can only be paid by *cell phone banking, electronic transfer or stop-order*. NO cash payments will be accepted by the school.

FINCOM & SGB Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have an exciting line-up of events to look forward to in Term 3, including Grade Excursions, the Polar Bear Swim, LGS Birthday picnic, Family Colour Run and Braai Day, Spring Day and Interhouse Athletics Day.

Please stay tuned for more details on these events as they approach. As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. Together, we can help her achieve her fullest potential.

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FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

As we wrap up Term 2, we're thrilled to share the highlights of our vibrant sports program. The term started with hockey and netball kicking off in full swing. The excitement was palpable, with a fantastic turnout for both sports. Our girls were enthusiastic and dedicated, and their efforts on the field did not go unnoticed.

Both the hockey and netball teams performed admirably in their matches. While we're incredibly proud of their achievements, we recognize that there is always room for improvement. We encourage our students to never give up, even when the going gets tough, as perseverance is key to success.

One of the term's most exciting events was the MINI Comrades. Our pre-primary "links" were fully geared up and ready to run their Comrades marathon. It was heart-warming to see parents taking the time to make this event special by running a lap around the field with their little ones. We definitely have some star athletes among our parents!

The final week of school was a whirlwind of activity with our interhouse events. The netball was particularly thrilling, with Ashton emerging victorious. The girls played their hearts out, demonstrating remarkable skill and sportsmanship. In the hockey match, Nicholson triumphed in what was an excellent and captivating game.

The Teacher vs. Learner match added an extra layer of fun to the term. Our teachers showed they still have some game, securing victories in both netball and hockey against the students. It was a fantastic display of camaraderie and school spirit.

The interhouse cross country event was another highlight, with girls giving their best and supporting each other across the finish line. Ashton took home the winner's title, showcasing remarkable endurance and team spirit. We are incredibly proud of the true house spirit displayed by our girls this week. Their camaraderie and sportsmanship have been commendable.

Outside school, our girls have continued to shine in various sports. We extend special congratulations to our the following girls, Megan Naidoo and Zekhethelo Sigcau for their outstanding achievements in gymnastics, Divyha Naidoo for her participation in the SAARA Shooting KZN Open and for bringing home a gold medal. Inga Hlongwa and Elihle Ndlovu for their selection to the KZN Indoor Netball team, and Tayla Petersen for earning a spot on the Umgungundlovu Hockey Team. These achievements highlight the diverse talents and dedication of our learners.

All in all, this term was filled with sports and pride. As we look forward to Term 3, we anticipate a busy schedule with upcoming soccer matches and athletics events. We are confident our girls will continue to make Longmarket Girls' School proud.

Here's to another term of hard work, perseverance, and sporting excellence!

Miss C Cahill
Sports Coordinator

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Dates to Remember:

Date	Day	Events & Activities / Public Holiday
10 July 2024	Wednesday	ISHP Health Check for grades R,1 & 4
12 July 2024	Friday	Gr R Excursion to Model Train Station
12 July 2024	Friday	Term 2 Reports handed out to learners
19 July 2024	Friday	Polar Bear Swim & Hot Chocolate (Gr 1-7) R20
19 July 2024	Friday	LINKS (Gr RR & R) Winter Pyjamas Day
24 July 2024	Wednesday	Gr 6 Excursion to Roselands / Spirit of Adventure
25 July 2024	Thursday	Cake Sale (Contribution by Gr 1 & 6)
26 July 2024	Friday	LINKS (Gr RR & R) Career Day
31 July 2024	Wednesday	Gr 4 – Excursion to The Harvestry
01 August 2024	Thursday	LGS 134 th Birthday celebration & picnic
1 August 2024	Thursday	Gr 3 Reptile Show @ LGS
1 August 2024	Thursday	Gr 5 Excursion to Nyala Pans
1 August 2024	Thursday	Gr 1 Excursion to Natal Zoological Gardens
02 August 2024	Friday	LINKS (Gr RR & R) Bring your wheels to school day
07 August 2024	Wednesday	Possible FINCOM & SGB Meeting (TBC)
08 August 2024	Thursday	Gr 7 Market Day
09 August 2024	Friday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
14 August 2024	Wednesday	Possible FINCOM & SGB Meeting (TBC)
15 August 2024	Thursday	Enviro Club – Earth Festival @ Botanical Gardens
16 August 2024	Friday	LINKS (Gr RR & R) Baking at school
16 August 2024	Friday	Gr 2W Excursion to The Natal Museum
23 August 2024	Friday	Gr 2Khan Excursion to The Natal Museum
30 August 2024	Friday	Gr 2K Excursion to The Natal Museum
30 August 2024	Friday	Spring Civvies – R10
31 August 2024	Saturday	Family Colour Run and Braai Day
02 September 2024	Monday	Summer Uniform to be worn
06 September 2024	Friday	LINKS (Gr RR & R) Baking at school
06 September 2024	Friday	Gr 1 & 2 Athletics Day (Gr 1 @09h00) (Gr 2 @ 11h00)
09 September 2024	Monday	Term 4 Sports Begin
17 September 2024	Tuesday	Sports end for the term
18 September 2024	Wednesday	Inter-house Athletics – Gr 3 to 7
19 September 2024	Thursday	Heritage Day dress-up R10
19 September 2024	Thursday	Learners last day at school Reports to be handed out in the first week of Term 4

Wishing all our LGS families a safe and successful term ahead.



Mrs D. Petersen
Longmarket Girls' School
Principal

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