LONGMARKET GIRLS' SCHOOL

06 October 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Term 4/Circular 1/Newsletter
(06 October 2026 – 09 (11) December 2026)

As we begin the final term of the 2026 school year, I extend a warm welcome to all our Longmarket Girls' School families. Term 4 is always a significant time in the life of a school. It is a season of bringing together the learning, growth and experiences of the year, while preparing our girls to step confidently into the next chapter of their journey.

Our 2026 theme, "Facing Our Giants with Confidence," has been a meaningful reminder throughout the year that challenges are not there to define us, but to develop courage, perseverance, faith and resilience within us. As we enter our final term, we have an opportunity to truly embrace and fulfil this theme by encouraging our girls to approach the remaining weeks with determination, confidence and a strong sense of purpose.

A Term of Purposeful Academic Focus
Term 4 will be approached with a deliberate and intentional focus on academic achievement and consolidation. Our teachers will continue working diligently to complete the Curriculum while providing opportunities for revision, reinforcement and preparation for the final assessments of the year.

This is an important term for every learner. The work completed now contributes significantly to ensuring that each girl finishes the year having reached her potential and is adequately prepared for the academic demands of the year ahead.

We therefore appeal to parents and guardians to partner closely with us during these final weeks. Establishing and maintaining a consistent study routine at home will be especially valuable. Setting aside regular, uninterrupted time for reading, revision, homework and preparation will help our girls develop good study habits and approach their assessments with greater confidence.

As a school, we will continue to provide the necessary academic support and guidance. We ask that this be reinforced at home through encouragement, routine and accountability. Together, we can create the conditions that enable every girl to give of her very best.

Your Child's Term 4 Assessment Roadmap – What to Expect This Term
The Foundation Phase (Grades RRR–3) will continue with School-Based Assessments (SBAs) throughout Term 4. These assessments will take place alongside normal classroom teaching, revision and consolidation of learning.

Learners in the Intermediate Phase (Grades 4–6) and Senior Phase (Grade 7) will prepare for and complete their final Control Tests and Examinations of the year.

Your Child's Assessment Pack
During Week 3, every learner in Grades 4–7 will receive:

A detailed assessment timetable, including dates and subjects;
A scope of work outlining the key content and topics to be assessed; and
A two-week study calendar to guide preparation and revision.

The study calendar is designed to help learners prepare in a structured and manageable way. It will replace regular homework during the designated study period and will include selected weekend study tasks, allowing learners to pace themselves and avoid last-minute preparation.

How Can You Help at Home?
Your encouragement and involvement can make a meaningful difference. We encourage parents to:

- Go through the scope of work together and help your child set realistic daily goals;
- Use the study calendar as a guide and tick off completed tasks;
- Encourage short, focused study sessions rather than long, exhausting study periods;
- Provide a quiet space where your child can concentrate; and
- Remind your child to take regular breaks, get enough rest and approach each assessment with confidence.

A Very Important Reminder - Attendance at all assessment tasks is essential. This includes all Control Tests and Examinations. If a learner is absent from any assessment, a medical certificate must be submitted to the school within 48 hours of the missed assessment. As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, let us continue to work together—school and home—to encourage our children to finish 2026 with determination, confidence and pride in their achievements.

A Special Season for Our Grade 7 Girls
For our Grade 7 girls, Term 4 carries an even deeper significance. These final few months mark the closing of their primary school journey and the conclusion of an important chapter in their lives.

For many of our girls, their journey at Longmarket Girls' School began as little girls in Grade RR, and over the past nine years they have grown, learned, matured and developed within the nurturing environment of LGS. They have travelled a remarkable journey from their first tentative steps through our gates to becoming the young ladies who now prepare to leave us.

This final term is therefore not simply about completing their academic requirements. It is also about finishing well – reflecting on how far they have come, appreciating the people and experiences that have shaped them, and preparing themselves for the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead.

We want our Grade 7 girls to leave Longmarket Girls' School knowing that they have been equipped with more than academic knowledge. Our hope is that they carry with them the values embedded in our school motto, "Loyalty, Honour and Truth," together with the confidence to face their own giants and the courage to pursue their future with integrity.



Admissions 2027 – Notice of Withdrawal
As we begin preparations for the 2027 academic year, we kindly ask parents and guardians to advise the school should their daughter not be returning to Longmarket Girls' School in 2027.

In accordance with the school's admission agreement, one full term's written notice is required should a learner be withdrawn from the school. Where the required notice is not provided, one term's school fees will be payable in lieu of notice.

To assist us with accurate planning and the allocation of places for 2027, written notification should please be submitted by the end of the first week of Term 4. Notice may be provided by email or letter to your daughter's class teacher, with a copy also emailed to the Bursar at bursar@longmarketschool.co.za.

We kindly request your co-operation in providing this information within the stipulated time, as early confirmation assists the school greatly with admissions, class planning and staffing for the year ahead.

2027 Budget Meeting – Monday, 16 November 2026 at 17h30 | School Hall
In accordance with the requirements of the South African Schools Act, all parents and guardians are warmly invited to attend the 2027 Budget Meeting.
The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents to receive a clear overview of the school's proposed 2027 budget and school fees, which will be presented for consideration and adoption.

Parents will be guided through the school's projected income and expenditure for the 2027 academic year, together with the proposed school fee structure. Information regarding the criteria and procedures for full, partial or conditional exemption from school fees will also be made available to parents.

Viewing of the Proposed 2027 Budget
Parents will have an opportunity to inspect the full proposed budget before the meeting:
Date: Monday, 19 October 2026
Venue: Longmarket Girls' School – Bursar's Office

A formal notice, together with a summary and explanatory overview of the proposed 2027 Budget, will be circulated to parents in advance of the meeting. The full proposed budget will be made available for inspection within the period prescribed by the relevant legislation.'

2027 Budget Meeting
Date: Monday, 16 November 2026
Time: 17h30
Venue: Longmarket Girls' School Hall

We encourage all parents and guardians to take this opportunity to engage with the proposed budget and school fee structure and to participate meaningfully in this important aspect of the school's governance and planning for 2027. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

School Fees and Contact Details
As agreed to when signing the school's Agreement to Pay School Fees, and as kindly reminded each month, school fees are payable by the 7th day of each month.

Parents are respectfully reminded that the signed agreement provides for school fees to be paid through monthly instalments over a period of twelve months.

We kindly ask parents to continue honouring this commitment throughout the year. Regular and timely payment assists the School Governing Body and school management in meeting the financial commitments of the school and ensuring that we can continue to provide a quality educational environment and the necessary resources and opportunities for our learners.

We also kindly request that parents inform the Bursar promptly should there be any changes to their email address or contact telephone numbers. Keeping your contact details up to date ensures that invoices, statements and other important financial correspondence reach you timeously and without interruption.

We sincerely appreciate your co-operation and commitment to keeping your account up to date. We also kindly appeal to parents with outstanding balances to make every effort to settle these before the end of Term 4, or to engage with the Bursar should an arrangement be required.

From the Sports Department

Term 3 brought another exciting season of sport at Longmarket Girls' School. From strong team performances on the soccer field and mini-netball court to national-level karate participation, our girls showed commitment, courage and wonderful school spirit throughout the term.

⚽ Soccer – Strong Results Across the Age Groups

The 2026 soccer season was a very encouraging one for Longmarket. Across the different age groups, our teams produced strong performances and showed clear development throughout the term.

Our younger teams were particularly impressive, playing with confidence, energy and determination. There were several excellent performances across the season, with the girls showing growing composure on the ball and a strong willingness to work for one another.

Defensively, the teams were disciplined and organised, while in attack the girls continued to build confidence and create opportunities. It was wonderful to see the progress from match to match.

The results across the age groups reflected the hard work being put in at training, with many of our teams enjoying successful outings and competitive performances against their opposition.

Most importantly, the girls showed resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the season, representing Longmarket with pride every time they stepped onto the field.

A big congratulations to all of our soccer players and coaches on a positive term of growth and achievement!

The results reflect a season of real progress: disciplined defending, growing confidence on the ball and a willingness to compete right to the final whistle. Well, done to every player and coach involved!

⚽ Mini-Soccer – Building Skills and Confidence

Our Grade 1 and Grade 2 mini-soccer players enjoyed an energetic and encouraging term. Across their fixtures, the girls showed enthusiasm, developing confidence and a growing understanding of teamwork on the field.

Grade 1

The Grade 1 girls embraced every opportunity to play and learn. Their ball control, movement and awareness continued to develop, and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they became more comfortable working together as a team.

Grade 2

The Grade 2 girls built on their experience with increasingly composed and confident performances. They showed progress in passing, positioning, defending and supporting one another, while continuing to play with excellent energy and enthusiasm.

Mini-soccer has provided a wonderful foundation for our young players, and we are very proud of the progress, sportsmanship and team spirit shown by both grades this term.

Mini-Netball – A Fantastic Term!

Our Grade 1 and Grade 2 mini-netball teams enjoyed a fantastic term, with consistently strong performances across their fixtures. The girls approached each game with enthusiasm, confidence and an eagerness to learn.

Grade 1

The Grade 1 girls had an excellent season. They showed impressive teamwork and defensive discipline, while their confidence grew steadily as the term progressed.

Their performances were characterised by great energy, determination and a willingness to support one another on court.

It was especially encouraging to see how quickly the girls adapted during matches and how their skills developed with each fixture.

They finished the term on a very positive note and should be extremely proud of the progress they made.

Grade 2

The Grade 2 girls also enjoyed a highly successful term, producing confident and consistent performances throughout their fixtures.

They demonstrated strong attacking play, good movement and excellent teamwork, while continuing to develop their understanding of the game.

Their determination and enthusiasm were evident throughout the season, and their performances reflected the effort being put in during training.

These results are a wonderful reflection of the girls' teamwork, enthusiasm and developing skills. The future of Longmarket sport is certainly bright!

National Karate Achievements

We are incredibly proud of our learners who represented Renshukai KSI Karate Dojo at the 2026 South African KSI Karate Championships in Kempton Park. Competing at national level is a significant achievement and requires tremendous discipline, focus and commitment.

- Sage Naidoo (Grade 2) – 2nd Position, Silver Medal.
- Emihle Dube (Grade 2) – proudly participated at the South African Championships.

• Emihle Mtambo (Grade 3) – 3rd Position, Bronze Medal.
• Zekhethelo Sigcau – Bronze Medal in the Kumite Division.

Congratulations to Sage Naidoo, Emihle Mtambo and Zekhethelo Sigcau on their medal achievements, and to Emihle Dube for earning the opportunity to compete at national level. We are proud of all four girls for representing their dojo and school with determination and pride.

🌟 A Term to Be Proud Of

Whether winning, drawing, learning from a difficult match, or stepping onto a national stage, our learners have shown what it means to participate with heart. Their commitment at practices, willingness to work as a team and positive attitude are just as important as the final score.

Thank you to our coaches, staff and families for the time, encouragement and support they continue to give our girls.

Looking Ahead

As we move into Term 4, we celebrate the progress made and look forward to seeing our girls continue to grow in confidence, skill and sportsmanship. Keep wearing the Longmarket colours with pride!

With pride and gratitude,

Ms. K.T. Sampson

Sports Coordinator

Finishing the Year Together

While Term 4 brings an important academic focus, it will also be a time to celebrate the achievements, friendships, growth and special moments that have formed part of the girls' 2026 journey.

Every school year is made possible through the partnership between the school and our families. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our parents and guardians in advance for your continued support, particularly during what can be a demanding final term. Your encouragement, consistency and involvement make a meaningful difference to your daughter's approach to her learning.

Let us encourage our girls not to become weary as the year draws to a close, but rather to recognise these final weeks as an opportunity to finish with confidence, discipline and pride.

May we continue to remind them that giants may appear in many forms – a difficult subject, a challenging assessment, a fear of failure, a new beginning or an uncertain future – but with preparation, perseverance, faith and confidence, they can face what lies before them.

As we enter our final term, may the Longmarket Girls' School community remain united in purpose as we guide our girls towards a strong and fulfilling conclusion to the 2026 academic year.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs D. Petersen
Longmarket Girls' School
Principal

Important dates in the fourth term:

October 2026

07 October 2026	SP Sports begin
09 October 2026	Term 3 Reports handed to learners
09 October 2026	Gr RRR to 2 – handing out of 2027 stationary lists
12 October 2026	Grades 4 & 7 – toilet paper & hand liquid collection
15 October 2026	Grade 1 & 2 Athletics Day
16 October 2026	LINKS - Wheels day
17 October 2026	Family Fun Day (Inflatables & Braai)
19 October 2026	Viewing of Budget 2027 @ Bursar's Office
21 October 2026	Fundraising: Cupcakes sale
23 October 2026	LINKS – Visit to Merchiston Pre-Primary
23 October 2026	Grade 7 of 2021 Reunion @ LGS
29 October 2026	Orientation Day for 2027 new learners
30 October 2026	LINKS – Crazy Hair day

November 2026

02 November 2026	Curriculum: Control Tests / Exams (Gr 4-7) begin
04 November 2026	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Voting day
06 November 2026	Curricululm: Control Tests / Exams (Gr 4-6) end
06 November 2026	Textbooks, Readers handed in – last day
09 November 2026	Curricululm: Control Tests / Exams (Gr 7) end
12 November 2026	LINKS – Pool day
13 November 2026	Sports: SP Inter-house Gala
16 November 2026	Budget 2027 Meeting @ 17h30
19 November 2026	Class parties
20 November 2026	Grade 7 Farewell Day
24 November 2026	LINKS – Christmas Party
26 November 2026	Prize-Giving Ceremonies – Gr RRR to 1
27 November 2026	Prize-Giving Ceremonies -Gr 2 & 3
30 November 2026	2nd Budget Meeting (no quorum needed)

December 2026

03 December 2026	Reports handed out to learners not attending Prize-Giving
04 December 2026	Prize-Giving Ceremonies Gr 4 to 7
09 December 2026	Learners last day of school