

CARACAL NEWS



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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL'S DESK :

WORD FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With term 3 in full swing I would like to welcome all our parents back and I want to express our gratitude for your continuous support thus far. There are a few things that we would like to bring to your attention:

1* Hoërskool Elspark is a drug free premises. We have been adopted by THE WORLD CHANGERS organization who will from now on assist us with supporting our learners which we identify with drug and alcohol problems. It is sad to see what our learners are up to when we arrange functions, or when they go to private "parties". Please ensure that you know at all times where your child is and what they are doing.

2* Hoërskool Elspark is a bully/ Cyber-bully free zone. The past weeks we had an alarming growing amount of bully and cyber-bully cases! OUR LEARNERS DO NOT KNOW HOW TO USE THEIR CELPHONES RESPONS-

BLY!! Please make sure that this matter is addressed with your child, and also include the discussion of the POPI-ACT which a lot of our learners make themselves guilty of breaking. Remember that we have a zero tolerance towards electronic devices, thus, when we find your child with any device visible or in use, it will be confiscated and kept in then safe for 21 days OR a fine of R250 can be paid at the finance office.

We are also committed on dealing with bullying on a very severe level, even opening police cases where needed. Please assist us in this matter by teaching your child to respect others and their privacy!!

3* Hoërskool Elspark does not condone fighting. We've had quite a few fights that we had to solve from the beginning of the term. A lot of them due to irresponsible use of cell-phones. We also realized that our learners are very aggressive in their response towards what other learners do. This might also be because of the media and role-model influence. Please monitor frequently what sites, messages, etc. are on your child's phones. Also monitor the music they listen to and the movies/ programs they watch, as this has a huge influence on their behavior.

"Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." Louis Holtz

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL'S DESK :

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4* Hoërskool Elspark is committed to achieve academic excellence. There are too many of our learners who do not bring their books needed for the day to school. Work will then be done on pages or in a "combined" workbook, causing the subject book to be totally not up to date. Homework in a lot of our subjects is not done which leads to necessary work not drilled in enough. Please check your child's bag and books frequently in order to monitor whether he/she is up to date with the work.

I would like to thank all our parents and stakeholders for your continued support for our school. We even see a bigger support at our sport events/matches, and we would like to get to the stage where we fill up a pavilion again with our own school supporters.

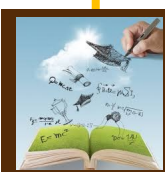
URGENT REQUEST: Please offer your services to the school should you have a bit of free time, specially when it comes to events, disciplinary hearings, supporting our feeding scheme, etc. Parents receiving subsidy can always assist with personal support. In case you feel that you want to get more involve with YOUR school, contact our SGB CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Chris NKWANYANA) at 076 777 6010.

REMINDER: Please continue to pay your school fees, as this money is used to create a safe and conducive learning environment. Without your support we can not run a school as big as ours.

May the rest of this term be blessed and productive!

Greetings

Mr. JC Visser



Academic Excellence

Dear Parents,

In **Term 3**, our **Grade 8–11 learners** will complete their formal SBA tasks as well as a test cycle for most of their subjects. Please note that the **test cycle will commence on Monday, 25 August and end on Thursday, 2 October 2025**.

We wish all our learners the very best in their preparations, and we thank you for the support you continue to give them.

As we prepare for the end of the year:

For **Grades 8 and 9**, SBA marks from Terms 1–3 will contribute **60%**, and the final exam will contribute **40%**.

For **Grades 10 and 11**, SBA marks from Terms 1–3 will contribute **40%**, and the final exam will contribute **60%**.

Academic Excellence *(continues)*



Grade 9 Subject Choices

The **aptitude feedback session** for Grade 9 learners took place on **Tuesday, 19 August 2025**.

All Grade 9 learners must submit their **final subject choice form** to their homeroom teachers by **Monday, 25 August 2025**. This deadline is crucial to avoid disappointment if a subject is full.

CAT and IT:

Parents must pay a **R1500 Centrum fee**.

Only **130 learners** can be accommodated in our CAT Centre.

IT learners must already have excellent computer knowledge, and CAT learners are advised to have access to a computer at home.

The **fee must be paid by the end of November 2025**. If payment is not received, your child will lose their spot.

Spaces are allocated on a **first come, first serve** basis. Late submission of the subject choice form may require your child to select an alternative subject.

Technical Stream:

For learners in the Technical Stream, **EGD, Mathematics, and Physical Science are compulsory**, plus one additional Technical Stream subject.

Only **Technical Mathematics** and **Technical Physical Science** are offered in this stream.

Important Subject Change Policy

Grade 11 subject changes closed at the end of March 2025.

Grade 10 subject changes closed at the end of July 2025.

No further subject changes will take place during the year as per policy.

Grade 11 learners may only change one subject at the end of the year, before 15 December 2025, once they have received their promotional report.

At our school, we believe that **academics must come first** to ensure a better future for our children and our community. The support of parents is vital as we work hand in hand with educators. We have an **open-door policy**, and we want only the best for every learner.

We kindly remind parents that during the cycle tests:

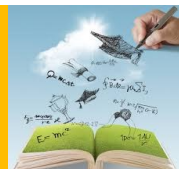
Learners should **not be absent**, unless supported by a doctor's note.

Learners must arrive **prepared** for every assessment.

Please also continue to **check your child's work weekly** to ensure they are disciplined in doing their homework and keeping their books up to date. The partnership between **teacher, learner, and parent** is essential for achieving the best results.

To the **Class of 2024 (Grade 12s)**: Your **Preliminary Examinations** start on **Wednesday, 20 August 2025**.

Academic Excellence *(continues)*



We wish you the very best of luck. We know you will give your 100% effort to make both your families and school proud. May God be with you, giving you strength and encouragement never to give up.

As a school community, we ask that you keep our Grade 12s and their parents in your prayers.

Finally, please note that **Report Cards will be issued on Thursday, 2 October 2025** for all learners.

Kind regards,
Mrs. A. Pretorius

INTERVENTION PROGRAMME TERM 3 2025

Classes are **compulsory** for all progressed learners, repeaters in a grade, and if you fail any subject.



DAY	DATE	TIME	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
THURS.	21/08	14:00 – 15:00	EMS/TECH	English	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	25/08	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	26/08	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	27/08	14:00 – 15:00	English	NS/SS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	ACC/LS/History
THURS.	28/08	14:00 – 15:00	NS/SS	English	ACC/LS/History	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	01/09	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	02/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	03/09	14:00 – 15:00	English	EMS/TECH	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS
THURS.	04/09	14:00 – 15:00	EMS/TECH	English	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	08/09	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	09/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	10/09	14:00 – 15:00	English	NS/SS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	ACC/LS/History
THURS.	11/09	14:00 – 15:00	NS/SS	English	ACC/LS/History	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	15/09	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	16/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	17/09	14:00 – 15:00	English	EMS/TECH	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS
THURS.	18/09	14:00 – 15:00	EMS/TECH	English	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	22/09	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD

INTERVENTION PROGRAMME TERM 3 2025 (continues ...)

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DAY	DATE	TIME	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
TUES.	23/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	24/09	HERITAGE DAY				
THURS.	25/09	14:00 – 15:00	NS/SS	English	ACC/LS/History	Maths/Maths Lit/Tech Math

“What we learn with pleasure, we never forget.” – Alfred Mercier



GRADE 12 PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE 2025



DATE	DAY	SESSION	SUBJECT	PAPER	DURATION
<u>August 20</u>	Wednesday	9:00	EGD	1	3 hours
21	Thursday	9:00	Afrikaans FAL	3	3 hours
22	Friday	9:00	English HL	2	2½ hours
25	Monday	9:00	English HL	1	2 hours
26	Tuesday	9:00	CAT	1	3 hours
27	Wednesday	9:00	IT	1	3 hours
29	Friday	9:00	Accounting	1	2 hours
29		14:00	Afrikaans FAL	1	2 hours
Sept 1	Monday	9:00	LIFE ORIENTATION	CAT	2½ hours
2	Tuesday	9:00	Accounting	2	2 hours
2	Tuesday	14:00	CAT	2	3 hours

GRADE 12 PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

2025 (continues ...)



DATE	DAY	SESSION	SUBJECT	PAPER	DURATION
Sept 3	Wednesday	9:00			
			Afrikaans FAL	2	2½ hours
4	Thursday	9:00	History	1	3 hours
		9:00	Mathematics	1	3 hours
5	Friday		Math Literacy	1	3 hours
			Tech Math	1	3 hours
		9:00	Mathematics	2	3 hours
8	Monday		Math Literacy	2	3 hours
			Tech Math	2	3 hours
9	Tuesday	9:00	Business Studies	1	2 hours
10	Wednesday	9:00	Geography	1	3 hours
11	Thursday	9:00	Agri Tech	1	3 hours
12	Friday	9:00	Physical Sciences	1	3 hours
			Technical Sciences	1	3 hours
15	Monday	9:00	Physical Sciences	2	3 hours
			Technical Sciences	2	1½ hours
16	Tuesday	9:00	Geography	2	3 hours
17	Wednesday	9:00	Business Studies	2	2 hours
18	Thursday	9:00	History	2	3 hours
19	Friday	9:00	Life Sciences	1	2½ hours
			Civil/Auto/Elec	1	3 hours
22	Monday	9:00	Life Sciences	2	2½ hours
23	Tuesday	9:00	EGD	2	3 hours
24	Wednesday		HERITAGE DAY		
25	Thursday	14:00	IT	2	3 hours
26	Friday	9:00	Tourism	–	3 hours

Prayer for learners from teachers for prelim exams

Almighty God, we come before you today with hearts full of hope for our learners as they prepare for their prelim exams. We ask for your divine guidance and wisdom to be upon them as they study, helping them to understand and retain the information they need. Grant them focus and clarity of mind, and help them to manage their time effectively. We pray for peace and confidence to overcome any anxiety or fear they may be experiencing. May they approach their exams with calm hearts and clear minds, remembering all that they have learned. We trust in your grace and blessings upon their efforts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GR.12 PASS WITH PURPOSE TIMETABLE

DATE	DAY	SUBJECT	TIME
19/08	WED	Afrikaans	8:00 – 14:00
26/08	TUES	ACC	8:00 – 14:00
27/08	WED	ACC	8:00 – 14:00
28/08	THURS	ACC	8:00 – 14:00
30/08	FRI	ACC	8:00 – 14:00
02/09	TUES	HISTORY	8:00 – 14:00
03/09	WED	HISTORY	12:00 – 14:00
04/09	THURS	MATHS/MATHS LIT TECH MATHS	8:00 – 14:00
06/09	SAT	MATHS/MATHS LIT TECH MATHS	8:00 – 14:00
09/09	TUES	GEO	8:00—14:00
10/09	WED	PS/TS	8:00—14:00
11/09	THURS	PS/TS	8:00—14:00
13/09	SAT	PS/TS	8:00—14:00
15/09	MON	GEO	8:00—14:00
16/09	TUES	BS	8:00—14:00
17/09	WED	HISTORY	8:00—14:00
18/09	THURS	LS	8:00—14:00
20/09	SAR	LS	8:00—14:00

TEST TIME TABLE TERM 3 2025

DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
25 Aug Mon.	Afrikaans	Afrikaans	Geography	Geography
27 Aug Wed.	Tech PAT	Tech PAT	CAT/IT Theory	CAT/IT Theory

TEST TIME TABLE TERM 3 2025

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DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
29 Aug Fri.	Maths	Maths	History	History
1 Sept Mon.	NS Project	NS Project	Maths/Maths Lit/Tech Maths	Tourism
3 Sept Wed.	Maths	Maths	Tourism	Maths/Maths Lit/Tech Maths
5 Sept Fri.	CA	CA	LS	LS
8 Sept Mon.	EMS Project	EMS Project	PS/TS	PS/TS
10 Sept Wed.	EMS Project	EMS Project	EGD	EGD
12 Sept Fri.	History	Geography	Civil/Motors/Electrical/Fitting Agri Tech	Civil/Motors/Electrical Agri Tech
15 Sept Mon.	Eng	Maths	Maths/Maths Lit/Tech Maths	BS
17 Sept Wed.	Maths	Eng	BS	Maths/Maths Lit/Tech Maths
19 Sept Fri.	NS Test	NS Test	Accounting	Accounting
3 Oct Fri.	Maths	Maths	Afrikaans P3	Afrikaans P3

SPORTS



Hoërskool Elspark seniors 355/7 declared in 43 overs...

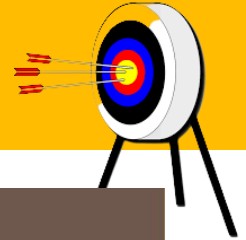
Goudrif seniors 78 all out.

Hoërskool Elspark beat Goudrif by 277 runs

Man of the match - Ayanda Mrudulo scored 164 runs.

Itumeleng Mtolo took.. 5 wickets to contribute well

SPORTS



ARCHERY



Hoërskool Elspark



Provincial team

Front Row: Oluhle Mtshali, Nikita Smith, Refilwe Ntsane, Langelihle Sithole, Kamogelo Nicholson
2nd Row: Emily Waters, Ruqaia Lyons, Thandeka Mkuma, Sicelosethu Mahlangu, Tshegofatso Letshabo
3rd Row: Rorisang Matsepene, Lwando Gulubela, Danique Smith, Zweli Gent, Thami Mazabelana, Katlego Shabalala, Linky Manenzhe
4th Row: Adeseye Adenegan, Rivoni Sithole, Oratile Pule, Makgauta Mphirime, Farisani Ramakuwela, Kaylin Volmink
Absent: Omolemo Komane, Princess Seritsane



ARCHERY



Hoërskool Elspark



National team

FRONT ROW: Oluhle Mtshali, Nikita Smith, Thandeka Mkuma, Katlego Shabalala
2ND ROW: Emily Waters, Ruqaia Lyons, Zweli Gent, Makgauta Mphirime, Lwando Gulubela, **Dries Franzsen** (Coach)
3RD ROW: **Louchje Franzsen (Coach)**, Rorisang Matsepene
4th ROW: Adeseye Adenegan, Oratile Pule, Kaylin Volmink, Farisani Ramakuwela, Rivoni Sithole
Absent: Omolemo Komane

Congratulations to the following learners who made it to the EKURHULENI Archery Team :

ARISANI RAMAKUWELA, OMOLEMO KOMANE, ZWELI GENT, OLUHLE MTSHALI, TUMISHO NKOANA, ADESEYE ADENEGAN, LWANDO GULUBELA, and RIVONI SITHOLE.



PLEASE SUPPORT

Help Us Support Our Learners Through the School Feeding Scheme

Dear Parent/Guardian/Elspark Community

I hope this message finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that all our learners have the resources they need to succeed, we are continuing to support our school's feeding scheme. This program plays a vital role in providing nutritious meals to many of our learners, helping them to stay focused and energized throughout the school day.

We are reaching out to our wonderful community to ask for your support. By contributing to the feeding scheme, you are not just providing a meal—you are giving our learners the nourishment they need to thrive academically and personally. Your generosity can make a world of difference in their daily lives, allowing them to focus on their studies and enjoy their time at school.

We welcome any contribution, whether it's a donation of non-perishable food items or a financial contribution to help sustain the program. Every bit of support is appreciated and will go directly towards making sure our learners have the best chance at success.

Thank you for being part of our school community and for considering how you can help us continue to make a positive impact. Together, we can ensure that all our learners have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Warm regards,

Mrs. N Masago and Mrs. L Brits

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE

CONTACT:

MRS. N MASANGO ON 069 956 4351

OR L BRITS ON 060 330 9836



SCHOOL FEES



SCHOOL FEE REMINDER



Banking details

Bank: FNB Bank Cheque
Account no.: 62443715547
Branch code: 201209
Reference: your family code or
child's name and surname

**Please make sure your child's
school fees is up to date.**

Thank you to all parents who are
paying their school fees monthly.
School fees are payable on or be-
fore the

7th of each month.

Please send queries to

ronelsmit@hselspark.co.za or
phone us.

Convenience: Debit orders auto-
mate the payment process, ensur-
ing timely and regular payments
without the need for manual inter-
vention each month.

OTHER

Need a Venue? We've Got the Space!

Planning an event, practice, or function? Our
**school hall, entertainment area, and sports
field** are available for hire!

- ☐ Affordable rates
- ☐ Safe and spacious environment
- ☐ Ideal for parties, meetings, sports, and
more

**To make a booking or find out more,
call Nicole on 011 893 2013/4.**

Spaces fill up fast — don't wait!

