

CARACAL NEWS



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WORD FROM THE OFFICE:

Dear parents

It is unbelievable how this term has flown by. I want to thank each and every parent for the positive support during this term. With your support we were again able to achieve lots of successes. To those parents who pay their school fees without fail: THANK YOU!! You are the reason that we are able to keep the school's doors open and give the best quality education possible. Imagine if every parent can pay their dues what education at this wonderful school of ours could be like ... so PLEASE support us in order for us to give the best possible education to your child.

I would like to bring the following under your attention:

1. Please support our parent's evenings as given through in this news letter. It is important for you to stay aware of your child's progress in order to give him/her the best support.
2. Make your child aware of the code of conduct again ... there are still too many transgressions that leads to disciplinary

hearings, such as Fights, disrespect, Fraud, Cheating in tests, etc.

3. Next term will start off with winter uniform ... please familiarize yourself with the prescriptions there-off in the diary. ANY clothing, jewellery etc. that is not according to the code of conduct will be permanently confiscated!!

4. I want to remind you of the change in our code of conduct according to cell-phone and cellphone usage: **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES MAY BE VISIBLE OR IN USE DURING CLASS TIME!!** ... This arrangement counts for Cellphones, Laptops, Tablets, Earphones, Games, etc. Should this rule be broken, the device **WILL** be confiscated and locked in the principal's office for the rest of the year. **NO** exceptions will be made!!

5. We have another full program for next term. Please support your child in his or her activities. School is holistic, meaning there needs to be a balance between academics, culture and sport. Let us allow our children to grow and enjoy the journey with responsibility.

"Term 1: survived, conquered, and well-deserved break earned."

WORD FROM THE OFFICE (CONTINUES...)

6. Due to unfortunate circumstances, there will be no more social activities at our school during the evenings. Our only activities during the evenings will be parent's evening and honors function. Special exceptions will be announced.

We want to assure you again that your child is and will stay our priority while inside the school premises, or on a specific arranged outing arranged by the school. We expect our learners to be responsible when leaving the school's premises and when they are on a weekend or holiday. REMEMBER that while they are still enrolled in our school, they will always represent the school and yourself.

Let us work together to support and lead our children into becoming positive, contributing members of society. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD!!

We always have an open-door policy ... please make use of this should you have any concerns or complaints.

Blessings

Mr. JC Visser

Academic Excellence

Important Academic Update for Parents: Term 1 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we conclude the first term, we would like to share essential information regarding academic requirements, reporting dates, and school policies to ensure the continued success of our learners.

1. Report Card Issuing & Parent Meetings

Please take note of the following dates for the release of Term 1 results:

Grade 12: Thursday, **26 March 2026** (to be issued during the parents' meeting).

Grades 8 – 11: Friday, **27 March 2026**.

Appeals Process:

If you are concerned about your child's marks, please do not wait until the end of the year to raise concerns. We encourage you to attend the parents' evening to discuss results with teachers or departmental heads. Appointments can also be made with the Principal.

2. High-Risk Parent Evenings

We have identified "high-risk" learners as those who have failed one or more subjects. Mandatory meetings for these parents will be held at **18:00** on the following dates:

Grades 8 & 9: 9 April 2026

Grades 10 & 11: 14 April 2026

3. Promotion & Progression Requirements

To ensure learners stay on track for their respective grades, the following minimum criteria apply:

Grade 8 & 9 Promotion:

Home Language (HL): **50%**

Mathematics: **40%**

Other Subjects: 3 subjects at **40%** and 2 subjects at **30%**

Grade 10 & 11 Promotion:

Home Language (HL): **40%**

2 Subjects: **40%**

3 Subjects: **30%**

Compulsory: All SBA (School-Based Assessment) and PAT (Practical Assessment Tasks) must be completed and submitted.

Progression (For learners repeating Grade 10 or 11):

Must pass English and 3 other subjects at **30%**.

Must not have been absent for more than **20 days**.

All SBA and PAT tasks must be submitted.

4. Subject Changes

Deadlines for changing subjects are strictly enforced:

Grade 11: Closes 27 March 2026.

Grade 10: Closes 30 June 2026.

Grade 12: Subject changes for the final year are closed; exceptions are only made under extraordinary circumstances for a single subject.

5. Examination Integrity & Irregularities

Hoërskool Elspark promotes the highest level of integrity. Any learner caught with unauthorized materials, electronic devices, or caught copying will face an **Irregularity (IRR) Committee sanction of zero**.

First attempt: The paper will be taken away.

Second attempt: A second paper may be given, but the IRR Committee will investigate to decide if the mark counts or if a zero remains.

Behavior: Disruptive behavior in examination rooms will not be tolerated.

.Reminder: Regular school attendance is compulsory for all learners to maintain academic progress.

Essential Week Class Winners



We are thrilled to announce that **Grade 12/5, Ms Franzsen's class**, has been recognised as the top contributors, donating the most items to the drive. Congratulations to Ms Franzsen and her learners for their outstanding generosity!

Our heartfelt thanks go to every learner, parent, and staff member who opened their hearts to support this cause.

Essential Week Class Winners *(continues . . .)*

Together, we have spread kindness, compassion, and hope throughout our school community.

Let this be a reminder that when we stand together, we can make a world of difference.



MATRIC POWER WEEK

27 March – 1 April 2026

Date	Day	Time	Subject	Educator
27 March	Friday	11:30 – 12:30	Maths	Ms U Ramashia (KM Tutor)
		13:00 – 14:30	Technical Maths Physical Sciences	Ms Masondo Mr van Niekerk/Ms Nonjoli/ Mr Chuene (KM Tutor)
28 March	Saturday	08:00 – 10:00	History Afrikaans	Mrs F. Botha Mrs Halgryn/Mrs L Brits/ Mrs vd Bergh/ Mrs vd Merwe
		10:30 – 13:00	English	Mr Bezuidenhout
		13:30 – 15:00	Accounting	Mr Sebele
30 March	Monday	08:00 – 10:00	Maths	Ms U Ramashia (KM Tutor)
		10:30 – 12:30	Technical Maths Physical Sciences	Ms Masondo Mr van Niekerk/Ms Nonjoli (KM Tutor)
		13:00 – 14:00	History	Mrs F. Botha
		14:00 – 15:00	Life Sciences	Mrs Kotsie
		13:00 – 15:00	Accounting	Mr Sebele
31 March	Tuesday	08:00 – 10:00	EGD	Mr. Erasmus (KM Tutor)
		10:30 – 12:30	Afrikaans	Mrs Van der Merwe
		13:00 – 15:00	EGD	Mrs Clarke Mr. Erasmus (KM Tutor)
1 April	Wednesday	08:00 – 10:00	Business Studies	Ms Steyl (KM Tutor)
		10:30 – 12:30	Geography	Mrs C. Pretorius
		13:00 – 15:00	CAT	Ms Rasebotje/Mr Mkhwanazi



Essential Afrikaans Resources – Urgent Parent Reminder

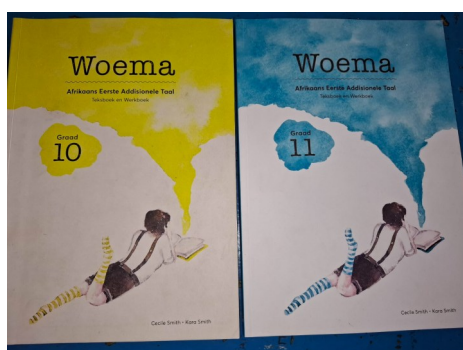
Our dedicated Afrikaans educators have worked tirelessly to secure additional resources to support learners in succeeding with this challenging second language. However, these materials only help if learners actually have them in hand.

Grade 10 & 11 Parents: If you have not yet purchased the Woema workbooks for your child, please do so urgently. Learners without these workbooks risk performing very poorly academically.

Grade 12 Parents: Your child requires three essential textbooks at a total cost of R300: Language textbook, Drama textbook and Poetry textbook

This is not optional. Learners in Grades 10–12 who do not have these prescribed books will struggle significantly and may face possible failure in Afrikaans.

We urge all parents to ensure your child is properly equipped for success. These resources are fundamental tools for academic achievement in second language learning. In regards thank you for your support in academic excellence.



GR.10 & GR. 11 WOEMA TEXTBOOKS



GR.12 TEXTBOOKS: Language textbook, Drama textbook & Poetry textbook

Appreciation Post

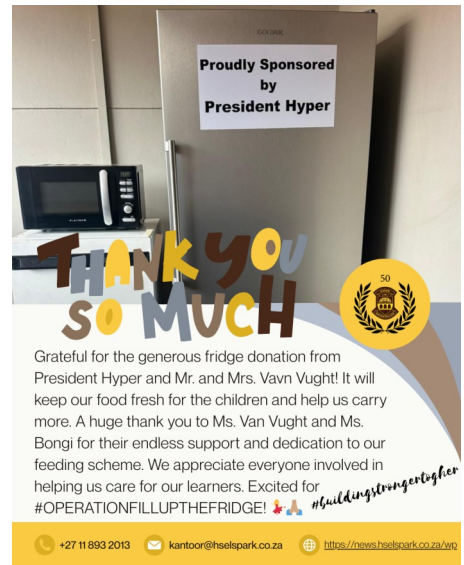
Our feeding scheme team would like to express our sincere gratitude for the beautiful fridge that was generously sponsored for us by President Hyper. This donation will make a meaningful difference in our feeding scheme, as it will help us in keeping the food for the children fresh and free from spoiling, and also assist us in carrying more food.



Appreciation Post *(continues...)*

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Ms Van Vught and Ms Bongji for the incredible role they continue to play in supporting our feeding scheme. Ever since we met these ladies, they have always been there for us, consistently offering their time, effort, and support. They often sacrifice their own personal and family time to assist the teachers and ensure that the feeding scheme runs smoothly. The ladies have brought valuable contributions that have helped us tremendously.

We are truly grateful to have them as part of our team and deeply appreciate the kindness and generosity shown through this donation. Thank you to everyone involved for supporting our learners and helping us care for them in this way.



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Now we are excited for #OPERATIONFILLUPTHEFRIDGE #Buildingstrongertogether

SPORT - NETBALL

Some exciting development for our Netball, U/17 learner Thembelihle Makhubu has successfully advanced to the practice team for Gauteng Netball. The practice will take place during the upcoming holidays at Florida Hoërskool.

Thembelihle's dedication and hard work have earned her this opportunity, and she is eager to represent Hoërskool El-spark and her community at this prestigious level.

Her achievement not only highlights her talent but also inspires her peers to pursue their athletic ambitions. We are extremely proud of her accomplishments so far.





OTHER NEWS



SAVE THE DATE

MR & MISS ESTIE

2026

15 MAY 2026

18:00

HOËRSKOOEL ELSPARK SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: R30 PER PERSON
AVAILABLE FROM 10 APRIL

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Any person / organisation interested to hire the school hall / entertainment area / field can phone

Nicole at 011 893 2013/4.

Billboard Space Available
– School Grounds

PUT YOUR BRAND IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Imagine your business message capturing the attention of thousands of engaged parents, dedicated staff, and active community members every single day. This isn't just advertising—it's becoming a visible pillar of the community.

More Than a Billboard—It's a Partnership
Join an exclusive network of businesses that don't just advertise here; they belong here. When you support the school, the community supports you.

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