

CARACAL NEWS



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WORD FROM THE OFFICE:

Greetings Parents

Already two weeks into the new term and it feels like we need another holiday. Welcome back to the third term!! Please note that this is the most important term in your child's academic year ... PAT and assessments needs to be finalized in order to get the best SBA mark for the end of the year!

We want to again invite parents to come and speak to us should you need any support in assisting your child.

I would like to make our parents aware of the following:

1. We will continue with our NO CELLPHONE POLICY! Should any cell phone be visible or in use without permission, it will be confiscated and locked up in the office until the end of the year ... NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!!
2. There is an ongoing tendency with our learners to arrive late at school (after 7H30). Please note that the entrance gates will be locked at 7H30 and no learner will be allowed to enter late without an apology letter from the parent, OR the parent in person signing them in OR an e-mail sent to the school explaining the situation. NO TRANSPORT DRIVER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SIGN ANY LEARNER IN LATE (as they are sometimes part of the problem!) Please ensure that your child's transport driver is a trustworthy person!!
3. We are very proud of our completed projects (re-vamped tuck-shop and the new staircase). These were done to enhance your child's learning experience at school and was only possible due to parents paying their school fees. We must still complete our new toilet-block project. Please continue to pay your school-fees to help us making your child's school experience the best possible... should you experience a challenge with paying your fees, please contact our finance department to make the necessary arrangements. This is very important because BY LAW we are a school-fee paying school and is therefore allowed to hand outstanding accounts over to our lawyers! This is definitely not the route

"New term. New energy. New opportunities. Make Term 3 count!"

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we like to take. Your ongoing support helps us to provide quality education to your child.

4. Discipline and a lack of respect from the learner's side adds to a lot of discipline cases ending up at disciplinary hearings. Please guide your child to respecting the values of the school and its teachers. GOOD DISCIPLINE LEADS TO GOOD RESULTS!!
- 5 Please motivate your child to take part in the numerous co-curricular activities offered by the school (currently Soccer Boys and Girls, Cross Country, Chess, Choir, Caracal inter-act club, Eisteddfod etc.). REMEMBER: A healthy body host a healthy mind!!

We urge you as parent to lastly motivate your child to continue giving their best when it comes to academics!! This is the main reason for your child being at school ... to prepare for their future and become the best possible adult out in society.

Enjoy the term with us!!

Regards

Mr. JC Visser



Academic Success

ACADEMIC SUCCESS – WORKING TOGETHER FOR EXCELLENCE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we enter this short and important term, we would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education. At Hoërskool Elspark, we remain committed to being a school of opportunities, providing our learners with the support, guidance and environment they need to achieve their academic goals.

This term is particularly important, as there is limited time available before the examinations. We therefore encourage all learners to make every school day count by attending school regularly, arriving on time, completing all tasks and assignments, and using every opportunity to improve their academic performance.

Our Grade 12 learners are entering a crucial period, with the Grade 12 Preliminary Examinations approaching. These examinations are an important preparation for the National Senior Certificate examinations later in the year. We appeal to parents and guardians to support our Grade 12 learners by creating a structured study environment at home, monitoring their progress and encouraging them to take their studies seriously.



We encourage parents to:

- Ensure that their child attends school every day and arrives on time.
- Monitor homework, assignments and outstanding schoolwork.
- Encourage learners to study consistently rather than only before examinations.
- Communicate with the school when academic or other challenges arise.
- Encourage learners to make use of available academic support and consultation opportunities.
- Provide a quiet and supportive environment for studying at home.

Every lesson, every task and every day counts. Academic success is achieved through consistent effort, discipline, perseverance and the partnership between the learner, parent and school.

We thank our parents and guardians for your continued involvement and support. Together, we can ensure that our learners make the most of the opportunities available to them and work towards achieving their full academic potential.

Let us continue to work together to build a culture of excellence, accountability and academic success at Hoërskool Elspark.

Thank you for your continued support.



SUBJECT CHOICES AND APTITUDE FEEDBACK

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As our learners progress through Grade 9, one of the most important decisions they will make is the selection of subjects for Grade 10. At Hoërskool Elspark, we understand that choosing the correct subjects is an important step in preparing learners for their future studies, careers and personal goals.

During our Grade 9 Subject Choice Programme, learners and parents are provided with guidance to assist them in making informed decisions. Subject choices should be based on the learner's academic performance, interests, strengths and future aspirations.

The school also makes use of aptitude and career guidance assessments to provide learners with valuable information about their abilities, interests and potential areas of development. The feedback from these assessments can assist learners and parents in understanding which subject combinations may be best suited to the individual learner.

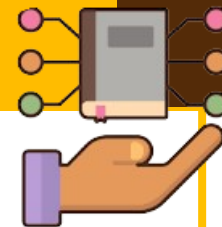
Parents are encouraged to discuss the aptitude feedback with their child and to consider it together with the learner's academic results and career interests. While aptitude feedback is an important source of guidance, it should form part of a broader decision-making process.

When selecting subjects, parents and learners are encouraged to consider:

- The learner's current academic performance and strengths.
- The learner's interests and areas of ability.
- The learner's aptitude and career guidance feedback.
- The requirements of possible future study and career pathways.

SUBJECT CHOICES AND APTITUDE FEEDBACK

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When selecting subjects, parents and learners are encouraged to consider:

- The level of commitment and effort required for the chosen subjects.
- The learner's long-term educational and career goals.

We would like to remind parents that subject choices should be made carefully and with the future in mind. The subjects selected in Grade 10 can influence the opportunities available to learners after Grade 12, and it is therefore important that learners do not make choices based solely on what their friends are taking.

We encourage parents to take an active role in this process and to engage with the school and relevant educators should they require further guidance. Our goal is to ensure that every learner makes a well-informed subject choice that provides them with the best possible opportunity for future success.

Choose wisely today. Build your future tomorrow.

We thank our parents for their continued support and partnership in helping our learners make informed decisions about their academic futures.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAMME – GR 8–11



At Hoërskool Elspark, we are committed to ensuring that every learner is given the opportunity and support needed to reach their full academic potential. As part of our ongoing commitment to academic excellence, the school will be implementing an Academic Intervention Programme for Grades 8–11.

The purpose of the intervention programme is to provide additional academic support to learners who may be experiencing challenges in specific subjects or areas of their academic work. The programme is designed to identify areas of concern, address learning gaps and provide learners with additional opportunities to strengthen their understanding and improve their performance.

The intervention programme will include targeted support based on learner needs. Learners may be identified for intervention through their academic results, teacher recommendations, assessment performance and ongoing monitoring of their progress.

We appeal to parents and guardians to support the programme by encouraging learners to attend all scheduled intervention sessions, participate actively and complete any additional work provided by their educators.

The intervention programme and schedule will be included with this newsletter so that parents and learners are aware of the subjects, grades and scheduled support sessions. Academic improvement requires a partnership between the learner, parent and school.

With consistent effort, support and commitment, we can assist our learners in overcoming academic challenges and achieving their goals.

Let us work together to ensure that no learner is left behind and that every learner is given the opportunity to succeed.

Together for academic excellence!

INTERVENTION PROGRAMME TERM 3



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
MON.	10/08	PUBLIC HOLIDAY				
TUES.	11/08	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	12/08	14:00 – 15:00	English	NS/SS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	ACC/LS/History
THURS	13/08	14:00 – 15:00	NS/SS	English	ACC/LS/History	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	17/08	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	18/08	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	19/08	14:00 – 15:00	English	EMS/TECH	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS
THURS	20/08	14:00 – 15:00	EMS/TECH	English	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	24/08	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	25/08	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	26/08	14:00 – 15:00	English	NS/SS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	ACC/LS/History
THURS	27/08	14:00 – 15:00	NS/SS	English	ACC/LS/History	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	31/08	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	01/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	02/09	14:00 – 15:00	English	EMS/TECH	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS
THURS	03/09	14:00 – 15:00	EMS/TECH	English	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	07/09	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	08/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	09/09	14:00 – 15:00	English	NS/SS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	ACC/LS/History
THURS	10/09	14:00 – 15:00	NS/SS	English	ACC/LS/History	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	14/09	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	15/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	16/09	14:00 – 15:00	English	EMS/TECH	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS
THURS	17/09	14:00 – 15:00	EMS/TECH	English	BS/GEO/TECH SUBJECTS	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Math
MON.	21/09	14:00 – 15:00	Afrikaans	Maths	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT/ TRS	PS/TS/EGD
TUES.	22/09	14:00 – 15:00	Maths	Afrikaans	PS/TS/EGD	AFR/ENG/CAT/IT
WED.	24/09	HERITAGE DAY				

TEST TIMETABLE – GRADES 8–11



As part of our commitment to maintaining high academic standards and ensuring that our learners are well prepared for their assessments, we would like to inform parents and learners that the **Test Timetable for Grades 8–11** has been finalised.

The test period is an important opportunity for learners to demonstrate their understanding of the work covered and to identify areas that may require further attention and support.

We encourage parents and guardians to assist learners by ensuring that they:

- Attend school regularly and arrive on time.
- Follow the test timetable carefully.
- Prepare for each test well in advance.
- Allocate sufficient time for studying and revision.
- Complete all outstanding classwork and homework.

Approach their educators for assistance where they experience difficulties. **The Test Timetable will be included with this newsletter.** Parents are encouraged to discuss the timetable with their children and to help them develop a suitable study plan.

We wish all our learners the very best with their preparations. **Consistent preparation, hard work and commitment are key to academic success. Let us work together to support our learners in achieving their best.**

TEST TIME TABLE TERM 3 2026

DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
13 Aug Thurs.	Afrikaans	Afrikaans	Geography	Geography	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths & Geo
19 Aug Wed.	Tech PAT	Tech PAT	CAT	CAT	
24 Aug Mon.	NS Project	NS Project	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	Tourism	
26 Aug Wed.	Maths	Maths	Tourism	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	
28 Aug Fri.	CA	CA	LS	LS	
31 Aug Mon.	EMS Pro- ject	EMS Pro- ject	PS/TS	PS/TS	

TEST TIME TABLE TERM 3 2026 (continues...)

DATE	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
2 Sept Wed.	EMS Pro- ject	EMS Pro- ject	EGD	EGD	
4 Sept Fri.	History	Geography	Civil/Motors/Electrical/ Fitting Agri Tech	Civil/Motors/Electrical/ Fitting Agri Tech	
7 Sept Mon.	Eng	Maths	History	BS	
9 Sept Wed.	Maths	Eng	ACC	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	
10 Sept Thur.	LO	LO	BS	History	
11 Sept Fri.	NS Test	NS Test	Maths/Maths Lit/ Tech Maths	Accounting	
23 Sept Wed.	Afr/Eng	Afr/Eng	Afrikaans P3	Afrikaans P3	



SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR GRADE 12 LEARNERS – PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS

Dear Grade 12 Learners and Parents/Guardians,

We have now entered one of the **most important periods of the Grade 12 academic year**. The **Grade 12 Preliminary Examinations** are approaching, and we encourage every learner to take this final preparation period seriously.

The Preliminary Examinations provide learners with an important opportunity to assess their level of readiness for the **National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations**. They should therefore approach every subject with commitment, discipline and determination.

We appeal to parents and guardians to support our Grade 12 learners during this crucial period by encouraging regular study, ensuring good attendance and providing a suitable environment for preparation at home

Learners are encouraged to:

- Attend school every day and make the most of every lesson.
- Follow the examination timetable carefully.
- Begin preparing early and avoid last-minute studying.
- Revise consistently and work through past examination papers where possible.
- Consult their educators when they experience difficulties.
- Take care of their health and ensure adequate rest.

Remain focused and committed to achieving their personal best.

The Grade 12 Preliminary Examination Timetable will be included with this newsletter.

Parents and learners are requested to study the timetable carefully and plan their preparation accordingly.

To our Grade 12 learners: **this is your time to step up, remain focused and give your very best.**

Every mark matters, every lesson counts and every effort you make now contributes towards your final success.

We believe in you and are committed to supporting you every step of the way.

Prepare. Persevere. Perform.

Let us finish strong, Grade 12!



GRADE 12 2026 PREPARATORY / NSC LO EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Duration: 20 August 2026 to 18 September 2026

District Papers: **#BOLD** (YELLOW)

Provincial Papers: **BOLD** (GREEN)

NSC LO EXAMINATION (RED)

The 2026 Preliminary Examinations will be written under strict controlled conditions as prescribed by the departmental policies.

Morning sessions are expected to commence at **09:00**; all learners are to be **seated by 08:00**.

All afternoon sessions will commence at **13:30**; learners are expected to be **seated at 12:45**.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". Isaiah 41:10



TIMETABLE

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DATE	DAY	TIME	SUBJECT	P A P E R	DU- RATI ON	TIME	SUBJECT	P A P E R	DU- RATI ON
17/08	Mon	8:00				12:45			
18/08	Tue	8:00	Afr FAL	3	3 hrs	12:45			
19/08	Wed	8:00	Eng HL	3	3 hrs	12:45			
20/08	Thurs	8:00	#CAT	1	3 hrs	12:45			
21/08	Fri	8:00	EGD	1	3 hrs	12:45			
24/08	Mon	8:00	EGD	2	3 hrs	12:45			
25/08	Tue	8:00	Afr FAL	2	2 ½ hrs	12:45			
26/08	Wed	8:00	Life Sciences	1	2 ½ hrs	12:45			
27/08	Thurs	8:00	Business Studies	1	2 hrs	12:45			
28/08	Fri	8:00	Accounting	1	2 hrs	12:45	#English HL	2	2 ½ hrs
31/08	Mon	8:00	Accounting Civil/Auto/ Elect	2 -	2 hrs 3 hrs	12:45			
1/09	Tue	8:00	LIFE ORIENTATION	C A T	2 ½ hrs	12:45	#Afrikaans FAL	1	2 hs
2/09	Wed	8:00	Geography	1	3 hrs	12:45	#English HL	1	2 hrs
3/09	Thurs	8:00	Agri Tech	1	3 hrs	12:45	#CAT	2	3 hrs
4/09	Fri	8:00	Mathematics Math Lit Technical Math	1 1 1	3 hrs 3 hrs 3 hrs	12:45			
7/09	Mon	8:00	Mathematics Math Lit Technical Math	2 2 2	3 hrs 3 hrs 3 hrs	12:45			
8/09	Tue	8:00	History	1	3 hrs	12:45			
9/09	Wed	8:00	Geography	2	3 hrs	12:45			
10/09	Thurs	8:00	Tourism	-	3 hrs	12:45			
11/09	Fri	8:00	Physical Sciences Tech Sciences	1 1	3 hrs 3 hrs	12:45			



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DATE	DAY	TIME	SUBJECT	P A P E R	DU- RATI ON	TIME	SUBJECT	P A P E R	DU- RATI ON
14/09	Mon	8:00	Physical Sciences Tech Sciences	2 2	3 hrs 1 ½ hrs	12:45			
15/09	Tue	8:00	Business Studies	2	2 hrs	12:45			
16/09	Wed	8:00	History	2	3 hrs	12:45			
17/09	Thurs	8:00				12:45			
18/09	Fri	8:00	Life Sciences	2	2 ½ hrs	12:45			

FRIDAY ESTIES WEAR

Learners are welcome to show their Esties pride every Friday!

Wear your new Esties shirt with BLUE denim jeans.

Please note: BLACK denim jeans are NOT permitted.

Let's wear our Esties colours with pride! ☑

#EstiesPride #FridayWear #BuildingStrongerTogether



Caracal Interact, Community Club at Siyabonga Orphanage*¹

Saturday (25 July 2026), our Caracal Interact community club visited Siyabonga Orphanage in Germiston.

Grades 9–11 learners spent the afternoon with the children, sharing meals, stories, and time together.

Club Chair Magauta Mphirime, Grade 10, led the visit. Founder member Brooklyn Martin took time out from her teaching studies to join us on this trip.

“We left with more than we came with,” said Magauta.

The matron thanked us for connecting, not just donating. To get involved, speak to Teacher Du Plessis (Martin).



Photo caption:

_Club Chair Magauta Mphirime and founder member Brooklyn Martin with Caracal Interact, community club learners at Siyabonga Orphanage, Germiston.

"A small act of kindness can create a ripple of hope that reaches further than you could ever imagine."



RUGBY



A massive congratulations to our **U/15 and U/16 Boys** on winning their respective leagues!

Your **commitment, perseverance, discipline and determination** have paid off. You represented our school with pride and showed what can be achieved through team-work and an unwavering desire to succeed.

We are incredibly proud of you, boys!

Champions today. Esties forever!

#LeagueChampions #ProudlyEsties #Teamwork #Champions



ARCHERY ACHIEVEMENT – EKURHULENI TEAM SELECTION

We are incredibly proud to announce that several of our talented archers have been selected to represent the **Ekurhuleni Archery Teams!**

This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to their dedication, hard work and commitment to the sport.

Ekurhuleni B Team

- Kaylin Volmink
- Lwando Gulubela
- Omolemo Komane

Ekurhuleni Development Team

- Adeseye Adenegan
- Zweli Gent
- Langelihle Sithole
- Ruqaiyah Lyons
- Makgauta Mphirime

Congratulations to each of these outstanding learners! Your achievement has made the **Esties family incredibly proud**, and we wish you every success as you represent Ekurhuleni.

Aim high, stay focused, and keep hitting your targets!



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The new term began on an exciting note as we proudly unveiled two wonderful improvements to our school facilities.

During the school holidays, our **tuckshop was extended** to create a more spacious and efficient service area. This improvement will allow our tuckshop staff to serve learners more quickly during break times, helping to reduce queues and ensuring that learners can make the most of their well-deserved breaks.

We are also delighted with the completion of our **new staircase**, which was officially unveiled on the first day of the new term by our Chairperson. The additional staircase will improve the flow of learner movement around the school and make transitions between classes easier and more efficient.

These developments are more than just physical improvements — they form part of our continued commitment to creating a school environment that is functional, welcoming and responsive to the needs of our learners.

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone involved to making these projects possible. Your support and commitment to the continued growth and improvement of our school are greatly valued.

Every improvement, big or small, helps us build a better school and create even more **opportunities for our learners to thrive.**





2026 iPhone Raffle Fundraiser



Dear Parents and Guardians

RE: URGENT APPEAL – 2026 iPhone Raffle Fundraiser

The 2026 iPhone Raffle Fundraiser is currently not receiving the support needed to reach our fundraising target. We are therefore making an urgent appeal to every family to assist us in making this fundraiser a success.

To give everyone a final opportunity to support this initiative, the closing date has been extended until after the October school holidays.

This fundraiser can only proceed if the required target is achieved. Should we fail to raise the necessary funds by the extended closing date, the raffle will unfortunately have to be cancelled. We would be extremely disappointed to reach that point after all the planning and effort that has gone into this project.

We therefore ask every parent and learner to please make this a priority. Sell your raffle tickets to family members, friends, neighbours, colleagues, church members, and local businesses. Every ticket sold makes a difference, and the success of this fundraiser depends on the commitment of every Matric family.

Please do not wait until the last minute. If every learner sells their allocated raffle tickets, we will be able to reach our target and continue with the draw.

Payments can be made:

At the Finance Office during school hours; or

Via EFT into the school's bank account using "Raffle List" as the payment reference.

Once payment has been made, please submit your completed raffle list to the Finance Office without delay.

We sincerely ask for your support during this final fundraising drive. Together, we can make this initiative a success and avoid the disappointment of having to cancel the raffle.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. L van den Bergh





Thank You

to our 82 learners
who donated blood today 🙏
82 units = up to 246 lives saved.
The Hoërskool Elspark Family is
incredibly proud of your
selflessness! 💧.

82 UNITS = 246 LIVES
#buildingstrongertogether

**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.

✉ **Secure Your Spot Today**
Spaces are limited and highly sought-after.
Don't let your competitor claim this prime real estate!
Contact: hoof@hselspark.co.za

Your future customers are already here—make sure they see you first.



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