



PINEDENE PRIMARY

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PINEDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOTICE 8 OF 2025: END OF TERM 1

25 March 2025

Dear Parents,

I want to thank the Pinedene community and all its stakeholders for a successful Term 1 of 2025 – we participated in athletics, started the netball and soccer seasons, started choir and chess.

We completed our curriculum and assessment program and most of our learners managed very well.

The few discipline matters were handled and sorted internally.

When we watch the news and social media, I am always so grateful for what we have at Pinedene.

To the wonderful staff at our school – thank you for making this ship run smoothly. You are appreciated, not only by me, but by the GDE and – especially – by the parents of our school. Have a wonderful holiday with your loved ones – you deserve this time of rest.

We had a successful “ANYTHING BUT...” campaign to build up towards the social highlight of Term 1: tomorrow’s Fun Day.

The learners and their teachers were the judges... and I am excited to announce our Mr and Miss Pinedene Fun Day for 2025:

Ntokozo Radebe,
Grade 1 P:



Readirelang Ntsime,
Grade 4D:



A list of activities for Term 2 will follow soon. However, please note that Netball, Soccer, Choir and Chess continue as per arranged times.

Important matters to take note of:

1. Term 1 reports:

Reports may be collected from your child’s class teacher on Friday, 28 March 2025 (between 07:30 and 09:00).

Please note that there will be no formal teaching on this day and that no staff (office included) will be available to meet with parents after 09:30 – due to a staff team building session.

2. Parents' meetings:

- A special parents' meeting is scheduled with parents of learners at risk (learners who struggled to, or did not meet the promotion requirements for Term 1.
- We plan to support those learners and their parents to achieve our goal of a 100% pass rate.

3. School Fee Exemption:

- **Qualifying parents may still apply and will be (if they qualify) granted school fee exemption, calculated according to Government Policy.**
 - **Forms must be submitted before 7 March 2025.**
- **Please note that applications received after the 7th of March 2025 will be considered as others are – only difference being: parents stay responsible for the fees up to the point of application, as per the GDE policy in this regard.**
- **Pinedene is a school fee paying school and the onus is on parents to apply timeously and prove that they qualify.**

4. School Fee Payment

- Please ensure that you stay up to date with your school fee payments.
- We are trying to limit the use of cash at school. The preferred payment method is that parents make EFT payments into the school's bank account:
STANDARD BANK CHEQUE ACCOUNT
BRANCH CODE: 014737 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 021894973
Your school fee account must be used as the payment reference. Proof of payment must be sent to penny@pinedene.co.za OR liezel@pinedene.co.za
- Alternatively, parents may make card payments at the administrative office.
- Cash payments are still accepted, but – as stated above – we would like to limit this. If you do send school fees to school with your child, please use the school fees envelope. ENTER AND SIGN IN THE APPROPRIATE BLOCKS TO CONFIRM THE AMOUNT. Also, it is advisable, that you inform the teacher that you are sending money in to school.
- **Parents who experience financial difficulties must come and discuss the problem at school. Please do not leave this for too late, as the problem will only escalate. Please note, that discussions of such problems does not mean that you will be exempted. Exemptions only take place via the legal route. As an SGB we can, however, draw up alternative payment plans to assist you.**
- Arrangements made to catch up on school fees:
During our process of communication last year, many parents made arrangements to catch up on their fees. It is of the utmost importance that you keep those commitments. If not, the situation just escalates.

PINEDENE IS A QUINTILE 5 SCHOOL AND WE DEPEND LARGELY ON OUR SCHOOL FEES FOR OUR SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT. OUR PARENTS CHOSE TO ENROL THEIR CHILDREN AT PINEDENE

FOR SPECIFIC REASONS. NON-PAYMENT OF FEES WILL RESULT IN THE OVERTURNING OF OUR GENERAL STANDARD.

5. Communication

- Our official method of communication is through the class WhatsApp groups.
- Parents who do not receive regular messages **MUST** contact the school.

- We have a Facebook page – please join it. Pinedene Primary Vanderbijlpark. Send a friend request. ☺

- Our Website is <https://pinedene.co.za>

6. TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS

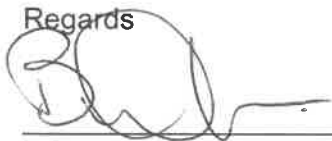
Telephone: (016) 023 0295

Email address: info@pinedene.co.za

Finances: liezel@pinedene.co.za or penny@pinedene.co.za

Please note that these numbers are not compatible with SMS messages.

Regards



MS B. DU PONT (PRINCIPAL)

