



PINEDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOTICE 10 OF 2025: WATER SHUT DOWN AND EXAMS

28 May 2025

Dear Parents,

1. Exams

- Grade 7 learners are starting with their Term 2 Formal assessment series (exams/controlled tests) on Thursday, 29 May.
- This will NOT affect the rest of the school and the normal school program will continue.
- Grade 4 – 6 learners are starting their formal assessment series (exams) on Monday, 2 June.
- All learners have already received their test timetables and the demarcation (what needs to be studied) for every subject.
- Please ensure that all learners, Gr 4 -7, take this seriously and put the necessary time and effort into this.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL LEARNERS MUST ATTEND THE EXAM EACH DAY – THE WATER OUTAGE DOES NOT CHANGE THIS. LEARNERS **MUST** WRITE THEIR FORMAL ASSESSMENTS AS SCHEDULED.
- Please note that **SCHOOL TIMES ARE ADJUSTED. Due to the water outage, alternative arrangements in this regard must be made as well.**
- **Furthermore, our Big Walk must also be postponed.**
- **Please see below.**

2. Water Outage

- As widely communicated, the entire Vanderbijlpark will be affected by the water outage as from Friday, 30 May.
- PLEASE NOTE: PINEDENE HAS A BOREHOLE, SO TOILET AND HANDWASHING FACILITIES ARE IN PLACE.
- HOWEVER, THE WATER IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR DRINKING. THEREFORE, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS DRINKING WATER / COOL DRINK, ENOUGH TO LAST THEM FOR THE WHOLE DAY AT SCHOOL.

3. School times (affected by water outage / exams / transport arrangements)

I have communicated with our surrounding schools – some of them will have no water available at all, resulting in them dismissing their learners at 10:00 for the duration of the water outage.

Therefore, the following:

3.1 As from Monday, 2 June – school 'is dismissed at 13:00.

3.2 Learners AFFECTED BY TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS will be allowed to leave after 10:00, but only as soon as their transport arrives.

This is a difficult situation to manage, so we all need to cooperate in the interest of our learners.

Parents (Gr 4-7) MUST communicate with the class teacher and inform them of the status of their transport arrangements.

(e.g. My child, must be dismissed at (time) to meet me / the transport driver.)

The above is for the safety of your child, as well as to ensure order at school. NO LEARNER WILL BE ALLOWED TO WAIT IN THE PICK AND DROP AREA BETWEEN 10:00 AND 13:00.

3.3 Foundation Phase:

Gr R to Gr 3 learners are also busy with formal assessments and MUST attend school every day. Dismissal times apply as explained above (13:00 unless otherwise communicated by parent with the teacher due to transport arrangements.)

4. Exam timetable

The exam timetable is also adjusted as follows:

Thursday, 29 May – Technology (Gr 7)

Friday, 30 May – Creative Arts (Gr 7)

Monday, 2 June – Mathematics (Gr 4-7)

Tuesday, 3 June – Geography (Gr 4-7)

Wednesday, 4 June – English HL (Gr 4-7)

Thursday, 5 June – History (Gr 4-7)

Friday, 6 June – Natural Sciences (Gr 7); NS & Tech (Gr 4-6)

Monday, 9 June – Afrikaans First Additional Language (Gr 4-7)

Tuesday, 10 June – PSW/Life Orientation (Gr 4-7)

Wednesday, 11 June – EMS (Gr 7)

Changes as follows:

Mathematics Paper 2 – No longer scheduled for Thursday, 12 June. **Moved to Tuesday, 17 June.**

English Paper 2 – No longer scheduled for Friday, 13 June. **Moved to Wednesday, 18 June.**

5. Big Walk

Due to the water outage, the Big Walk event is postponed.

It will NOT take place on Friday, 13 June as planned. Instead, it will take place on WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE (After English Paper 2).

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Regards



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