



PINEDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOTICE 13 OF 2025: END OF TERM 2

25 June 2025

Dear Parents,

Term 2 of 2025 has come to an end. It was a long, busy one, but also successful in so many ways. Our netball girls had a wonderful season – tours, netball clinics and matches galore; for the first time, our soccer participated in the Milton league and our learners surely made their mark – our girls' team winning their league! Wow! And last, but surely not the least – Big Walk 2025.

In the meantime, we are getting ready for Term 3 – Cricket, more soccer, hockey, choir and art festival.

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

Some discipline matters were handled and sorted internally, and we are scheduling meetings to sort out some matters early in the third term.

Please make sure that you make time during this term to sit down and discuss the school rules with your children. Make them aware of the importance of following rules and also that you expect them to do so at school. (We will share an easy-to-read version of our school's code of conduct with you to enable this.)

To the wonderful staff at Pinedene – thank you for always putting our learners first. Your impact on their futures will always be remembered and appreciated. You deserve a wonderful July break – sleep in late and spend time with those you love most.

Important matters to take note of:

1. Term 2 reports:

Reports may be collected from your child's class teacher on Friday, 27 June 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:

- Parents who need to attend meetings will be invited to attend a parents' meeting early in Term 3. Please attend if being invited – parental involvement is of the utmost importance.

3. School Fee Exemption:

- Qualifying parents may apply and will be (if they qualify) granted school fee exemption, calculated according to Government Policy.
 - Forms had to 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

- Statements will go home with your child's report. Parents who have not met their commitments – please note that a special letter accompanies your statement, indicating the SGB's intention of handing outstanding accounts over to lawyers for collection.

This is a costly consequence for the parent – rather settle fees with us than pay huge amounts of interest and legal fees on top of your school fee accounts.

- 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.**

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. Maintenance and development at Pinedene

Normal maintenance carried on as normal. A few smaller projects were completed this term – continuing to 'change the face' of our school – small paving projects, and some new fencing. An example in the photograph below, showing the upgraded look of our Pick&Drop area:



The upgrade also includes the area around the corner, up to the far gate of the school. Our plans are to soon extend the new fencing. More to come – upgrading of ablution facilities, etc... Watch this space. 😊

6. 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>

7. 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


M.S.B. DU PONT (PRINCIPAL)

