

Term 1 Newsletter

16 April 2026

Dear Parent / Guardian

*"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin*

### **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

Parents, your child's education is a defining choice. Education is not simply about passing tests and exams. It is about giving your child choices in life. Without commitment to education, those choices become limited. Our learners are capable, but they need guidance, support and to be held accountable, consistently.

At Linpark we are committed to high standards. We teach, we support, we guide, and we push learners to achieve. But we cannot replace the role of a parent to enforce values.

Your child needs to know:

- That school attendance is non-negotiable
- That homework and study time matter every single day
- That respect for teachers and the learning environment is expected
- That effort is more important than excuses

Dear parents we invite you to take a firm, active role in your child's education. When parents engage, everything changes: confidence grows, discipline improves, and results follow. This is a defining moment. The summary of our 2025 NSC results is evidence that as a school we are moving in the direction of success.

Parents, in 2026, you have the power to change your child's life. Not tomorrow. Not next term. Now. The future will not wait for those who are unprepared. The world is competitive, demanding, and unforgiving to those without the necessary skills and discipline. We are a team; we are asking you to stand with us; not in words, but in action.

Term 1 marks the beginning of a journey where small daily efforts shape meaningful success.

A new term does not bring success on its own. What we do from the very first day determines the outcome. At Linpark, we refuse to settle for average when excellence is within reach.

Every lesson matters, every minute counts, and every learner has a responsibility to show up fully.

We welcomed the Grade 8's with the 'ringing of the bell ceremony' announcing their arrival in a new home of learning, adapting and growing.

This newsletter is accompanied by the very important term 1 report. When reviewing your child's Term 1 report, look beyond the numbers, each mark tells a story about effort, understanding, and commitment. High marks reflect consistent work, strong discipline, and a clear grasp of concepts. Average marks indicate that your child is coping but not yet reaching their full potential. This is where increased support and focus are needed. Low marks are a warning sign that immediate intervention, structure, and accountability are required at home.

Use this report as a guide to ask the right questions, set clear expectations, and partner with the school to ensure meaningful improvement. Allow your child to account for their performance.

In the best interest of learners' performance, the 7th lesson for Grade 12, which is compulsory, has started with the intention of improving the grade 12 NSC results.

Reading at home is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen your child's academic success. It builds vocabulary, improves comprehension, and develops the ability to think critically across all subjects. Learners who read regularly perform better not only in languages, but in every area of learning. We urge parents to create a daily routine where reading becomes a non-negotiable habit. A child who reads consistently is a child who is

better prepared for the demands of school and life.

### **SNIPPET FROM MISS Y NAIDOO**

English, Afrikaans and CA have kept our learners well engaged in Term 1. The grade 12's attended the Hamlet play at Hilton college on 21 February 2026 and thereafter enjoyed a sun-soaked picnic at Botanical Gardens. Learners represented Linpark very well as we had received compliments from the theatre management. We are immensely proud of our senior learners. To improve English Home language results in the junior grades, we hosted a collaboration workshop with our feeder primary schools to brainstorm techniques to improve English skills. The workshop was a success, and we are hoping to see a difference this year. Afrikaans learners wrote a common SBA for the first time, and they are now better equipped for what's to come. CA sparked beautiful creativity in our junior learners, as always, as the learners sang and danced exceptionally, the CA marks prove it. Term 1 was an overall success.

### **2025 NSC RESULTS SUMMARY**

The overall pass rate: 87%.

100% pass rate: Consumer studies; Civil Services; Electrical Technology; Life Orientation; Mechanical Technology (Automotive); Mechanical technology (Fitting & Machining); Technical Science and Isizulu FAL.

90% and above pass rate: Afrikaans FAL; English HL; History; Mathematical literacy; Physical Science; Technical Maths

Congratulations to Khuzwayo Vuyolwami who obtained 5 A's in the NSC examination.

Congratulations to Sabelwe Ngubane who was placed first in the province for Mechanical Technology (Automotive). Well done to Mr Shezi, educator for automotive and Mrs Buthelezi the Department Head for the workshops.

### **STAFFING**

Congratulations to Mrs. P. S. Buthelezi on her recent wedding.

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY (SGB)**

The community of Linpark High School places on record our sincere thanks to the following SGB members for their dedication: Mr. S. Luvno Mr. J. Isaacs, and Mrs. T. Mdlalose. The following parents were elected to our school governing body Mrs. K. Ntchaba; Mr. M. Mshengu and Mr. Y. Desa. The executive team for 2026 is:

1. Mr. S. Nzimande (Chairperson).
2. Ms. M. Dlomo- Bennie (Deputy Chairperson)
3. Mr. M. Mshengu (Treasurer)
4. Mr. M. Z. Mbatha (Secretary)

### **HEAD PREFECTS**

Our head prefects for 2026 are: Head Girl: Aphiwe Cele; Deputy Head Girl: Andiswa Msomi

Head Boy: Phakamani Mzibuko; Deputy Head Boy: Bayanda Mbanjwa

Congratulations to our head prefects. We wish them well in their leadership.

### **REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS (RCL)**

Chairperson: Zondo Lwandle

Deputy Chairperson: Mbandiwa Esethu

Secretary: Teagan Mohabir

Treasurer: Mkhize Olwethuthando

Congratulation to our elected executive committee and all class representatives.

### **SPORT AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

School sport is not an optional extra, it is a non-negotiable pillar of education. It builds discipline, resilience, teamwork, and character in ways no classroom lesson ever can. Participation must be expected, commitment must be consistent, and standards must be upheld. Through sport, we do not just produce athletes; we shape determined, confident individuals who understand effort, respect, and the value of representing something greater than themselves. Parents are urged to view school sport not as an extra cost, but as a vital investment in their child's growth and future. When you invest in your child's sporting journey, you are investing in their health, and their ability to face life's challenges with strength and determination. Your support matters; ensure

Your child is properly equipped, present, and committed for sport.

Sports day at Linpark in term 1 was monumental as new houses were introduced: LION- RED; ELEPHANT-BLUE; LEOPARD-YELLOW; RHINO-GREEN.

Netball, Rugby, Hockey, Basketball and Soccer were the main codes for term1. The rugby, netball and hockey team travelled to Sarel Cilliers for a successful tour. The Netball team dominated and won all matches while the rugby teams won 3 out of 4 games. At the MCS netball tournament our girls were well placed in 3rd position. A fantastic basketball season for Linpark saw a new, young, energetic 1st team demonstrating outstanding performance. Soccer teams played interschool matches in the preseason as for the upcoming season. Rugby boys travelled to Amanzimtoti for Uhuru rugby tour. 1st team was placed 3rd in overall under 19 while the U 16 were the winners of the tournament.

Term2 sports includes Soccer, rugby, netball hockey chess cross country.

### SONAR MUSIC

Sonar music has partnered with the school as an added cultural activity to create a framework and resources for a music club. The following learners have been elected to lead the music club: Siphesihle Gasa; Sibusiso Makhathini; Yandisokuhle Sithole; Sinxolo Ndlovu; Gene'h Gumede. This will be under the supervision of Ms Z Khumalo.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Linpark high school is a proud partner of the South African National blood services. In 2025 the school hosted blood clinics in terms 1,2 and 3. Learners and staff came out in support of this community initiative. Linpark is part of the success story of those whose lives have been saved from near death by receiving immediate much required blood transfusion. The school extends its gratitude to all parents who provided consent for learners to participate in this 'life saving' initiative.



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### SCOUTS

New learners joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Linpark Scouts troop and completed their membership. Scouts enjoyed the BP weekend camp at Linpark and celebrated the Birthday of the founder on 22 February at Mthethomusha Primary with other packs and troops on BP Sunday. Senior scouts have completed their traveller advancement badge and some their discoverer badge. In Term 2 the troop will have more district and troop camps as well as hikes to Durban and Drakensberg mountains. We appreciate the support given to scouts by parents and the school management. Parents are welcome to assist at camps. Our gratitude is extended to the Assistant troop scouter who run the Linpark troop. An appeal is made to parents to purchase scouts' uniform (khaki, scarf and badges) for the troops to be of honourable standard. From Troop Scouter Mr Mbanjwa.

### GENERAL

Uniform: Wearing the school uniform correctly reflects character, discipline, and respect for oneself and the school community. Linpark high school learners must wear their uniform properly, they show pride; in who they are, in the school they represent, and in the standards, they choose to uphold. A neat, correct uniform sends a powerful message: "I take myself seriously."

The small act of getting the basics right every day: shirt tucked in, shoes polished, tie worn correctly; trains the mind to value order and consistency. Note, discipline in the small things often leads to excellence in the big things, especially academics. It shows respect for the school that is working to shape your future. Belong to Linpark, identify with Linpark, united by a shared vision and purpose through the red, white and blue. Kindly find the rules wrt uniform among the inserts.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Career focus day: 20 May 2026

Braai and dance: 30 May Tickets available at school R110.

School Fees: A reminder that Linpark High school is a fee-paying school and we continue to respectfully appeal to all parents to pay your child's school fees, to enable us to continue to supply an uncompromised level of education to our learners. Make your child's education a priority please pay school fees directly into the school's bank account:

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Please take note of the new banking details. Do **NOT** use the Nedbank Account.

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| <u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u> | : LINPARK HIGH SCHOOL                              |
| <u>ACCOUNT TYPE</u>   | : ABSA Business Cheque Account                     |
| <u>BRANCH CODE</u>    | : 632005   |
| <u>BRANCH</u>         | : Chatterton Road                                  |
| <u>ACCOUNT No</u>     | : 41-0197-0041                                     |
| <u>REFERENCE</u>      | : USE CHILD'S FULL NAME & SURNAME AND ADMIN NUMBER |

You may also make card payments at school.

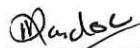
**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** We are continually updating the parents' database, and we urge all parents to ensure that, should their contact details change Update cell phone numbers, the school be notified as soon as possible. Changes can be emailed to [reception@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:reception@lhspmb.co.za).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** new school email: [reception@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:reception@lhspmb.co.za), [schoolfees@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:schoolfees@lhspmb.co.za), [bursar@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:bursar@lhspmb.co.za), [pa@lhspmb.co.za](mailto:pa@lhspmb.co.za) - Please check out our website for any updates!

**“Great schools do not produce successful learners alone—they shape disciplined, resilient individuals who are prepared to rise, compete, and lead in every arena of life.”**

**Linpark high school is a safe space conducive to teaching and learning. We have a ZERO tolerance for BULLYING**

**THEME FOR 2026: YOU ARE BRIDGE TO YOUR OWN SUCCESS**



Mrs. M. Naidoo

Acting Principal

