



CREATIVITY & DISCOVERY AT LADYBIRD ART

Chantelle Fraenkel

Another exciting term has begun at our art school, and the studio is already alive with energy.

The blend of fresh enthusiasm and growing confidence promises a term filled with inspiration and artistic growth.

We are thrilled to deepen our learning by incorporating art history directly into our practical assignments. Students not only create but also explore the rich stories and ideas behind different style periods and artists.

Themes include Expressionism, Art Deco, Pop Art, Deconstructivism, Primitivism, and Impressionism.

We will also explore the significance of war memorials around the world and celebrate the richness of African art in its many forms. Students study influential artists such as Paul Gauguin

and Paul Klee, learning how their unique styles and philosophies can inspire contemporary creativity.

Already, our young artists have produced remarkable works influenced by Cubism, the powerful imagery of William Kentridge, and the timeless symbolism of Ancient Egyptian art.

This term continues the art journey of our learning with kindling imagination, courage, and thoughtful experimentation. We look forward to watching each student grow in confidence, skill, and artistic voice. This term's journey has only just begun, and already the future looks wonderfully creative.


For information on how to enroll, send a WhatsApp text to Ronél Henning +27 (0)82 561 8842 or visit our website <https://ladybirdarts.com>



One-dimensional profile - Perspective from Egyptology.



A visual explanation by a student of his perspective of William Kentridge's style.




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NEW GRADE 8 RCL ELECTED AT LADYBRAND HIGH SCHOOL

Correspondent

Ladybrand High School has proudly announced the election of its new Representative Council of Learners (RCL) for Grade 8, marking an important step in the development of young leaders within the school community.

The newly elected RCL members are already being recognised as promising individuals who embody responsibility, integrity, and a willingness to serve their peers. The Grade 8 representatives are:

- Grade 8A: Makayla Loots and Vaughan Bergman
- Grade 8E1: Rethabile Kabi and Letlotlo Mochochono
- Grade 8E2: Anza Melato and Hlonogatso Rantsatsi

• Grade 8E3: Nala Cadribo and Simollang Molapo

• Grade 8E4: Nthabeleng Morake and Andile Cekwane

At Ladybrand High School, leadership development is not taken lightly. The school places strong emphasis on equipping learners with the skills and values needed to become confident and capable leaders, both within the school and beyond. Through structured programmes and ongoing mentorship, learners are given opportunities to grow in areas such as communication, teamwork, and decision-making. The Grade 8 RCL serves as an entry point for these young learners to begin their leadership journey, learning the importance of accountability and leading by example. The RCL also plays a vital

role in maintaining general discipline at the school. Acting as a bridge between learners and staff, members are expected to uphold the school's code of conduct and promote a positive and respectful environment. Their presence helps to foster a culture of mutual respect and responsibility among the student body. Ladybrand High School

has expressed great pride in its newly elected Grade 8 RCL. The school is confident that these learners will rise to the challenge and make a meaningful contribution to school life.

As they step into their roles, the new RCL members carry not only the trust of their peers but also the full support of the school community.



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LHS NETBALL STARS SHINE AT TRIALS

Correspondent

The netball players of Ladybrand High School have once again proven their mettle, delivering outstanding performances at the recent Thabo Mofutsanyana netball trials.

Competing against strong opposition from across the district, the

young athletes showcased exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork.

Among the standout performers were Relebohile Mantse (U/18), Ditshwane-lo Mosaqa (U/17), Ntswaki Ramaseli (U/17), and Lethabo Bothman (U/17), all of whom earned well-deserved selection to advance to the Free State trials, set to

take place on 30 May. Their achievement not only highlights their individual talent but also reflects the growing strength of netball at the school.

The success of these players is no coincidence. It is rooted in the dedication and passion of the coaching staff, who continue to invest countless hours in develop-

ing their athletes. Without enthusiastic coaches who bring energy and passion to every practice and match, such results would be difficult to achieve. As these talented young netballers prepare for the next level of competition, the entire Ladybrand community can take pride in their achievements.



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PUBLIC NOTICE CALLING FOR INSPECTION OF 3rd SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 49 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), hereinafter referred to as the "Act", that the Supplementary Valuation Roll for the **2025/2026** financial year is open for public inspection at the municipal venues listed below, from **01 May 2026** to **12 June 2026**.

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An invitation is hereby made in terms of Section 49(1)(a)(ii) read together with section 78(2) of the Act that any owner of property or other person who so desires, should lodge an objection with the municipal manager in respect of any matter reflected in, or omitted from the supplementary valuation roll within the above mentioned period.

Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50 (2) of the Act an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the supplementary valuation roll as such. The official form for the lodging of an objection is obtainable from the abovementioned Municipal Offices or website www.mantsopa.co.za

The completed objection forms must be returned to the above-mentioned Municipal Offices. **CLOSING DATE FOR OBJECTIONS IS 15:30 ON FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2026. No late objections will be accepted.**

For enquiries, please contact the Revenue Manager, Mr. T Chaka, at 051 924 0654 or email revenue@mantsopa.co.za

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Community Calendar

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Ladybrand Bowling Club every Wednesday from 17h30 (all welcome)

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Ladybrand Business League

Ladybrand Golf Club 9 May 2026 @ 11h00

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TASTY CHICKEN SISHEBO

Tasty Chicken Sishebo combines the great flavours of Knorrox Chicken Stock Cubes and Knorrox Spicy Chicken Soup for a fully satisfying meal.



Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 tablespoons Rajah medium curry powder
- 1 tomato chopped
- 500 g mixed chicken pieces
- 2 carrots peeled sliced
- 2 potatoes peeled cubed
- 2 cups water
- 2 Knorrox chicken stock cubes
- 2 tablespoons Knorrox spicy chicken soup mixed with 4 tablespoon water



Method:

- 1 - Heat the oil in a large pot, then fry the onion until soft.
- 2 - Add the Rajah Curry Powder and tomato, and fry for about 2 minutes.
- 3 - Add the chicken pieces and fry until well browned.
- 4 - Add the carrots, potatoes, water and Knorrox Chicken Stock Cubes, stir well and simmer for 30 minutes with the lid on, stirring occasionally.
- 5 - Mix the Knorrox Spicy Chicken Soup with a little water to make a smooth paste and add it to the pot. Simmer for a further 5 minutes to thicken.
- 6 - Serve with rice.

Weekend Weather

Friday

April 24



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13° Lo 9°

Saturday

April 25



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Sunday

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Points to Ponder

Modern technology promised to make life easier. Instead, it has politely asked us to update our passwords for the third time this week. Once upon a time, you needed only one password. It was probably "1234," and no one minded. Now, your password must include a capital letter, a symbol, a hieroglyph, and the name of your childhood pet spelled backwards during a full moon. And just when you've finally created the perfect, uncrackable code, the system gently informs you: "You cannot re-use a previous password." Previous? That was 12 seconds ago! Then there are smartphones, those pocket-sized life-managers that somehow require more management than actual life. They track

your steps, your sleep, your heart rate—and still can't tell you where you left your keys. They listen attentively to your conversations, only to recommend ads for things you merely thought about. Then of course there are the updates... Updates arrive with the urgency of a medical emergency and the consequences of ignoring them are vague, but terrifying. "Install now or later?" Later, obviously. Always later. Until your device rebels and installs it anyway at 2 a.m., just to assert dominance. Perhaps the greatest irony is that technology designed to "connect us" has perfected the art of avoiding people. We can now ignore calls, mute chats and respond with a thumbs-up emoji—human interaction, distilled into a single pixelated gesture. Progress, it seems, is real. It's just slightly more complicated than advertised.

LADYBRAND PRIMARY PREPARES FOR LANDMARK 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Correspondent

Excitement is already building at Ladybrand Primary School as preparations get underway for a major celebration, marking the school's 80th anniversary this September.

The event, scheduled for 9–11 September, promises to be a highlight on the town's calendar, blending rich history with vibrant performances by current learners.

At the heart of the production is a thoughtfully crafted script by Dr Janny Myburgh, whose extensive research traces the school's journey from its humble beginnings to its present-day standing as a pillar of the community. The text is described as both insightful and original, offering audiences a compelling narrative of growth, resilience, and educational excellence over eight decades.

All classes at the school will take part in the production, with rehearsals set to

begin as early as next week. Teachers and learners alike are expected to invest significant time and energy into ensuring a polished and memorable performance. The programme includes three shows: a full dress rehearsal on 9 September, followed by two main performances on 10 and 11 September. Each show will showcase the talents of the learners while bringing the school's history vividly to life on stage.

Although September may still seem some distance away, the school is eager to inform the community well in advance. Organisers hope to spark anticipation and encourage residents to be part of what promises to be a nostalgic and celebratory experience.

As Ladybrand prepares to honour one of its long-standing institutions, the anniversary event is set to not only celebrate the past, but also inspire pride and unity for the future.

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BIG THANK YOU FROM LHS

Correspondent

The Maluti Athletics meeting for high schools were hosted by Ladybrand High School this year.

After many years of insurmountable obstacles, the school succeeded in preparing a track suitable for peak performances by athletes. The school would not have been able to upgrade the track without the help of

businesses and individuals who supported the school in this regard.

A word of thanks goes to OVK, Ladybrand Crushers, New Holland, Nic Venter, Pierre Oosthuizen, Ida Rego, SAPS, Suzuki, Blue Ribbon, Yeshua College, Leon Bosch, Ray Ball, Mantsopa Municipality, Fire Brigade, Louis Strydom, Zameer Khan and Jaco Kotzé.

