

## LANNER HOUSE SCHOOL



*Learning, Growing, Becoming*

### NEWSLETTER 12/2010

Dear Parents

#### Welcome back!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome back all our pupils, parents and staff. I trust you had a peaceful and restful mid-year break and that you were able to experience the fantastic vibe and enthusiasm around the FIFA World Cup.

The term has started well and our academic program is in full-swing. Information regarding sport and other extra-murals follows later in this newsletter.

#### Sport Academy

A reminder to all that the Sporting Edge Academy will begin coaching from Monday 15 July. The academy offers personalized coaching in several sporting codes including archery, hockey, shooting, tennis and squash.

More information is available from Mr Wansbury or you may email him with queries at [sport@lannerhouse.co.za](mailto:sport@lannerhouse.co.za)

#### Extra-Murals

You are reminded that every child from Grade 1-8 is expected to participate in at least one extra-mural a week (not including the Grade 4-8 compulsory hockey). This term sees the introduction of two new exciting opportunities in the afternoon timetable :

- a) **Gym Club (Grade 5-8)** : This group will visit the ProActiv gym each week to participate in fun fitness training. They will be taught to use the gym equipment correctly and will also spend time learning about nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices. Pupils who are already members of the gym will not need to pay anything to participate in this club. Those who are not members will need to pay R10 per session to participate.
  
- b) **Brain Gym (Grade 1-3)** : Brain gym is the name given to several exercises used to develop the interdependence between movement and learning. It is especially useful for children who have difficulty reading and concentrating in class. Other benefits include improvement in memory, organization skills and physical co-ordination. More information on this exciting program may be found here : <http://www.braingym.org/about>

Please note that the Thursday afternoon hockey practices are compulsory for all Grade 4-8 pupils and will take place at the Boland Park fields.

The extra-mural timetable is as follows :

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Debating</b> (Grade 6/7) Mrs Wansbury / Mrs Botha	<b>Hockey</b> (Grade 2/3) Mrs Roos <i>(Periods 6/7 in school day)</i>	<b>Arts and Crafts Club</b> (Grade 1-3) Mrs Goossen	<b>Hockey - Girls &amp; Boys</b> (Grade 4-8) <b>Compulsory</b> Mr Wansbury / Mrs Opperman / Mrs Du Plessis	<b>Choir</b> (Grade 1-8) Mrs Canipe <i>(13h30 – 14h30)</i>
	<b>Cross- Country Team</b> (Grade 4-8) Mrs Mostert	<b>Gym Club</b> (Grade 5-8) Mrs Du Plessis / Mrs Higgo	<b>Brain Gym</b> (Grade 1-3) Mrs Roos	

All extra-mural activities take place between 14h00 and 15h00 unless otherwise stated.

Once an extra-mural activity has been selected, pupils are expected to commit for one term.

### **Chess – Class Kings and Queens**

Throughout the second term the Grade 4-8 classes held a chess championship to determine the class king and queen of each grade.

We congratulate the following pupils on achieving this title :

Grade 4 :     King – Nhlanhla Nxumalo  
                  Queen – Lisa Geldenhuis

Grade 5 :     King – Oluwaseun Akinnusi  
                  Queen – Robyne Ontong

Grade 6 :     King – Daniel Goossen  
                  Queen – Clarissa Veiga

Grade 7 :     King – James Duncan  
                  Queen – Danielle Geldenhuis

Grade 8 :     King – Mihle Phokojoe  
                  Queen – Siwon Jeong

## World Knowledge Olympiad – Results

Several pupils participate in a nation-wide general knowledge competition last term. The top 3 Lanner House pupils were :

- 1) James Duncan (Grade 7) – 80%
- 2) Jonathan Rossouw (Grade 6) – 75.9%
- 3) Daniel Goossen (Grade 6) – 62.4%

Well done to these three boys and all others who participated. Next year every pupil in the intermediate and senior phases will participate in this event.

## Fee Payments

I would like to thank those parents who paid their fees timeously during the school holiday. Your diligence in this is much appreciated.

Please remember that the fee increase is applicable from July. It would appear that some debit orders have not been altered and this will reflect as a short-payment for this month on your current invoice. Please would you alter any automatic payments to reflect the fee adjustment. The fee schedule is available on the school website - <http://lannerhouse.co.za/site/page/fees/>

You are also reminded that fees are payable by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each calendar month. The School Board of Governors is taking a very firm stand with parents who default with fee payments as late/non-payment of fees has a very serious impact on financial stability and operational requirements.

A copy of the Fee Policy is available for download here - <http://www.lannerhouse.co.za/datastore/web/files/fee-payment-policy---rev.-july-2010.pdf>

## School Assemblies

Each week the PreSchool and Primary School meet for their respective assemblies. You are invited to attend assembly at any time but particularly if your child is participating or receiving an award. It means a great deal to children when their parents are present at these opportunities for public recognition.

## Diary

The latest Term 3 diary dates can be downloaded from the school website - [Calendar](#)

A hard copy of the term diary is available on request from the school office.

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards

A.Preston  
Headmaster



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