

LANNER HOUSE SCHOOL



Learning, Growing, Becoming

NEWSLETTER 16/2010

Dear Parents

Thank-you!

When a school community works together great things are achieved. The freshly painted walls, newly planted gardens, new playground equipment and refreshed décor in our school bear testimony to that.

I want to thank every parent who contributed their time and expertise, donated plants and décor, and who gave money towards our Fix-Up Project. Your contribution has made a world of difference to the physical environment in which our children learn.

I would also want to pay tribute to our staff who worked very hard in the days leading up to our successful Open Day last Thursday. Many staff members stayed late into the evening, some even into the late hours of the night, to complete the work required in the school. We can be grateful that our staff are so committed to making Lanner House a truly wonderful place in which to learn.

Should you wish to add more to the gardens or décor of the school, please contact Marie-Louise du Plessis at the school (023 347 5837).

Lots of excitement still to come!

Although only 3 weeks remain of this school term (can you believe it?), there is a busy diary ahead of us. Please will you note the following as each event contributes in its own way to the overall effectiveness of the school :

1) **Brazilian Evening + Karaoke**

Following the success of last year's Brazilian evening, we will be hosting a Brazilian dinner (complete with authentic Brazilian cuisine made by a Brazilian chef and his Brazilian team!) on **Saturday 18 September**.

This year's event will be slightly different in that we have secured the services of an excellent karaoke DJ from Cape Town for the evening. It will definitely be a night to remember!

Tickets are available from the school office at a cost of R150 each.

This event is a major fundraiser for the school so I implore you to invite family, friends and colleagues to attend.

The event will start at 18h00. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate children at the event. Tickets sales close at 15h00 on Wednesday 15 September.

2) Music Performance

Arista Paxton is an Idols Top 50 finalist who has made several appearances on television and stage and is appearing in a new Afrikaans film to be released later this year.



She will be performing at our school on **Friday 3 September** at 08h00. We ask every pupil from Grade 1-8 to bring R5 entrance fee to her performance. She will also have postcards for sale at R15 and CD's at R80. Parents are welcome to attend.

3) Spelling Bee

This event will take place on Friday 3 September. You will receive your child's completed card and this can then be used to collect money from sponsors who have sponsored each correct word spelt. Please contact Mrs Botha at school should you have any queries about this event.

A reminder that all proceeds from this event go towards the upgrade of our Science Room.

4) Hearing Tests – Grade R

On **Monday 6 September** all our Grade R pupils will undergo a basic hearing test at the De La Bat School. These tests assist the teachers and parents in helping the children have the best possible start to their formal education years.

5) INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

All our Grade 1-8 pupils will participate in the inter-house athletics on **Saturday 11 September**. This date has been in the school calendar since the beginning of the year and each pupil is expected to attend.

More details of this event will be forthcoming from the sports department within the coming days. We ask that you attend the event to support your child and enjoy a great morning out with the family.

6) Inter-House General Knowledge (Grade 1-8)

Each grade's General Knowledge boffins will battle it out on **Monday 13 September** during the school day. Will it be the Blue or Green House which takes the honours this year?

7) *Drama productions*

It has been fun watching our Grade 1-8 pupils prepare for their productions on Tuesday 14 September. You do not want to miss their performances! It is absolutely imperative that every child arrives for the productions as each role is important to the class production.

Pupils need to be at the Worcester United Church Hall at 18h00 on the day for costumes and makeup. The productions will begin at 19h00 and will finish at 20h30. Tickets will be available at the door – R20 for adults, R10 for children.

8) **Hockey – Tour match (Elkanah House)**

We have the privilege of hosting a touring girls' hockey team from Elkanah House school in Cape Town on **Saturday 18 September**. We have invited them to enjoy some Boland hospitality by joining us for a braai after the game. Each player's parents are invited to attend and enjoy the game and the braai afterwards.

9) **AGM / Parentline**

Our school's Annual General Meeting will take place on the evening of **Tuesday 21 September**. Collection of reports will happen after the AGM. More details of this event will appear in next week's newsletter.

10) **Founders' Day – 23 September**

The last day of school in the third term has become the day on which we honour those who have gone before us in making Lanner House the school it is today.

This year we will be visiting the site of the first Lanner House classes and walking back to our current buildings proudly waving Lanner House flags. We will be joined by several past pupils and parents.

More details of this event will be forthcoming in next week's newsletter. Please diarise the date so that you can join us in celebrating our heritage.

Please make a point of diarizing these events and contributing where you are able to their success.

A gentle reminder to the school community that if we manage to meet our R200 000 fundraising target by the end of the year, I will shave my head at the final assembly. At the moment my hair looks safe – surprise me!

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards

A.Preston
Headmaster



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