

LANNER HOUSE SCHOOL



Learning, Growing, Becoming

NEWSLETTER 06/2010

Dear Parents

Fundraising is an integral part of our business as a school. It allows us to meet our budgetary demands without having to make substantial fee hikes every year. As an independent school we receive no financial aid from national or provincial government and are reliant on our fundraising program to carry us through the financial year.

We are currently working on several projects to garner support from large donors through grant applications and requests. There are some big school-wide events in the pipeline for the coming months and then there are the ongoing smaller fundraisers which provide a constant stream of income for the school.

The reality is that without these fundraisers our school would have to implement steep fee increases to allow us to continue our small classes and to constantly pursue new and better teaching methodologies. Our Vision 2015 statement requires us to move towards higher standards of excellence in all areas of our school life. This cannot be achieved without financial backing.

So how are we to meet our current financial demands and move into the future confident of the school's ability to continue high-quality values-driven holistic independent education?

The answer lies in a multi-pronged approach :

- 1) **Tight control of fee payments** : School fees continue to be our greatest source of funding and we are taking strong measures to enforce our finance policy so that we protect this income stream from abuse.
- 2) **Marketing of the school** : More pupils on seats (within our maximum child per class policy) allows for greater fee income. We are giving this very intentional attention this year with the appointment of Lynn Stanford (in a volunteer capacity) in the marketing office. Her efforts are already bearing fruit.
- 3) **Large donors** : We will continue to seek funding opportunities from local and international sources.
- 4) **Friends of Lanner House** : Our past-parents and other interested parties will be asked from time to time to consider assisting the school with specific projects.
- 5) **Ongoing Fund-Raising projects** : The MySchool project, our Lanner House Deli and the second-hand clothing shop continue to provide a small but regular income stream.
- 6) **Once-Off Fund-Raising Events** : Various fund-raising events are scheduled throughout the year.

Parental support is absolutely critical to the success of these initiatives. Our school cannot continue to rely on the support of the very few to carry the success of all. Staff and parents need to commit themselves fully to the task of fundraising if we are to succeed in raising the R200 000 needed each year to meet our budget.

I implore you to move from being a consumer of the educational product we offer your family, to becoming a participant in the current and future success of our school - not only for your child but for future generations of Lanner House pupils. Be part of building a legacy in our school and participate in our fundraising initiatives through the offering of time, talent or money.

You can make a difference, no matter how small it may seem to be.

PLAY IT FORWARD

Lanner House continues to lead the pack...

Our school continues to head up the list of Worcester schools in the Play It Forward campaign. Well done to all those who continue to support our school in this campaign.

Since last week we moved up 5 places in our national placing to be ranked 143rd in the country.

Our winning class of last week, the Grade 5's, won a class party to the value of R150 from Woolworths. This week they find themselves knocked off their perch ...

Our top 3 classes are now :

- 1) Grade 6 – 1585
- 2) Grade 5 – 1441
- 3) Grade 2 – 1234

Please note :

You must register your MySchool card or Woolworths card to participate in the PlayItForward campaign.

Registration can be made online at <http://www.playitforward.co.za> or by contacting Hilary at the school office who will register the card for you.

Also note that points are not awarded for how much you spend but rather on the frequency of use, the number of different stores visited and so on.

Every time you swipe your card at a Woolworths store you earn points (and money) for the school. Please encourage family members to sign up for a MySchool card, register for the PlayItForward campaign and help our school.

May Cheese Promotion

Have you placed your order yet?

Prize : A framed family portrait taken by a professional photographer.

How can we win this great prize? : Place your order for cheese, olives or olive oil with Hilary and stand in line to win. The family with the most orders by 12h00 on Friday 28 May will win the prize.

Order forms may be collected from the office or downloaded off the school website under the "[Fundraising](#)" section.

Return completed order forms to the school office or email them to deli@lannerhouse.co.za

Our cheese supplier is Alfalfa Dairy and our olive products come from Olyfberg Olives.

Winter Uniform

Please note that pupils will be expected to wear winter uniforms from Monday 3 May. Either summer or winter uniform may be worn until then.

A reminder that all clothing and sports gear is to be marked with the child's name.

School Holiday

As per the year calendar, Monday 26 April is a school holiday. Lanner House will not be open on that day.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Kind regards

A.Preston
Headmaster



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