



# Arbor Primary School

*"Aequitas - Fairness to All"*

13 November 2024

Dear Parents

## **A.G.M. 5 NOVEMBER 2024 AND SCHOOL FEES FOR 2025**

**Thank you to all the parents who attended our Annual General Meeting last week. Once again, we achieved our quorum with 311 parents attending! Our School Fees for 2025 and Resolutions were approved by all present.**

**We also thank you for the support you are giving to the SGB, SMT, educators, maintenance and administration teams, and most importantly, your children.**

Mr Arentsen, the Principal stated that this would be his last Annual General Meeting as he is retiring. He is handing over the reins to Mrs Liebenberg and she will be Acting Principal until a formal appointment as Principal has been made.

Mr Arentsen highlighted all the major improvements that have been made over his time at Arbor Primary School. Mr Arentsen stated that 2024 has been an excellent year both academically and in the sports arena with the school achieving high accolades. Arbor Primary's overall academic promotion across the grades is 96%. Coding and Robotics is being introduced in 2025 with Arbor Primary School being a pilot school for the subject as approved by the Department of Education. Mr Arentsen stressed that the payment of school fees must be a priority, and the school could not have achieved what it has achieved without committed parents paying their school fees. Bear in mind that Arbor Primary School is the most reasonably priced school in the area and the fees include basic stationery and end of Term activities.

The School Governing Body Chairperson, Mr Mdlalose commended Arbor Primary School on upholding its commitment to providing a high-quality education to the learners and highlighted the most recent upgrades that were finalised in 2024. Mr Mdlalose mentioned that Arbor Primary School would like to present an upgraded sports kit and not represent the school just in their PT kit at events. He appealed to parents with companies and those willing to approach their employers, to advertise on the sports kit. Potential ideas will be shared in the new year.

Mr Mdlalose thanked Mr Arentsen for his 31 years of service to Arbor Primary School. HIRE to RETIRE has been personified by Mr Arentsen's service to Arbor.

He further extended his gratitude to the dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year and also thanked the parents for their continued support.

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The Deputy Finance Chairperson, Mr Du Toit, summarised the 2024 financial year and presented a slide show detailing the proposed budget for 2025. Mr Du Toit said with the various upgrades around the school, learners can now enjoy a safe environment as well as protecting the School's assets. The frugal management of the schools fiscus and commendable performance by staff across the board in terms of extracting maximum value out of their budgets keeps Arbor Primary buoyant.

Mr Du Toit again stressed the concern of parents who do not pay the school fees. 1 in 3 parents are not paying school fees. This situation has forced the SGB to take a no-nonsense approach to defaulters and have appointed two Debt Collector agencies to act on Arbor Primary's behalf.

## SCHOOL FEES 2025

<b>Annual Fee:</b>	R 24,640.00 per child
Option 1:	Full settlement before 31 January 2025 = R 22,176.00 (10% discount equivalent to R 2,464.00)
<i>Note: if you are paying by Debit/Credit card, discount allowed will be 7.5% (due to card fees payable)</i>	
Option 2:	Half year (January to June) settlement before 31 January 2025 = R11,088.00 (5% discount equivalent to R 1,232.00)
	Half year (July to November) settlement before 31 July 2025 = R11,088.00 (5% discount equivalent to R 1,232.00)
<i>Note: If you are paying by Debit/Credit card, discount allowed will be 2.5% (due to card fees payable)</i>	
Option 3:	11 x equal monthly installments of R 2,240.00. If paying by debit order, you are entitled to a R10 discount on your monthly fees.

## Payment Methods

### 1) **Internet Payments & Cash Payments into the School's Bank Account:**

Payments may be made into the Arbor Primary School bank account. The bank details are:  
ABSA BANK

ACCOUNT NO: 4051210458

BRANCH AND BRANCH CODE: Tom Jones Street - 632005

All payments must have your account number (as it appears on your School Fees Statement) or your child's name and surname as a reference.

2) **Debit Orders:** This is a preferred method of payment whereby the school initiates the payment from your bank account upon completion of a Debit Order Authorisation (obtained from the office). Debit orders run from February to December due to administration considerations. Parents are given a monthly rebate of R10.00 if they pay by debit order. Therefore, school fees will be R 2,230.00 per month for parents on Debit Order. Please contact Mrs Lourens for more information: [geraldine@arbor-primary.co.za](mailto:geraldine@arbor-primary.co.za) or 0118494227.

3) **Credit Card Payments:** The school has credit card facilities in the school office. Parents are requested to make an appointment with Mrs Lourens if they wish to pay by credit card.

**We would like to remind parents of the following:**

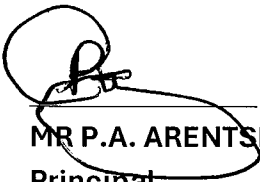
Arbor Primary is a Section 21, fee paying school in terms of the South African School's Act. **Therefore, school fees are compulsory and are regarded as a statutory payment.** The Act stipulates that, biological parents or legal guardians, regardless of their marital status, are liable for school fees. Parents who can't afford school fees may apply in writing for an exemption from payment of school fees. The exemption is based on affordability and is calculated using the formula determined by the Department of Education. Parents who feel that they qualify for an exemption are to contact the office as soon as possible in 2025.

**Stationery 2025:** The school will provide essential stationery from the LTSM budget granted by the Gauteng Department of Education. Additional Stationery must be purchased by parents from Waltons Stationers or other suppliers. Letters have been sent to parents regarding stationery requirements.

**Fundraising:** The school will notify parents in advance, regarding fundraising events for 2025.

**The Governing Body and Executive of Arbor Primary School would once again like to thank all our parents who do support the school and prioritise education.**

Thanking you,



MR P.A. ARENTSEN  
Principal



MR S. MDALOSE  
SGB Chairperson



MRS S. CORRADO  
SGB Finance Chairperson