



Arbor Primary School

"Aequitas - Fairness to All"

7 November 2025

Dear Parents

A.G.M. 4 NOVEMBER 2025 AND SCHOOL FEES FOR 2026

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Annual General Meeting last week. We are pleased to share that we once again achieved quorum, with 216 parents in attendance. Our School Fees for 2026 and related Resolutions were approved by all present.

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support you provide to the SGB, SMT, educators, maintenance and administration teams, our new Parents Forum, and most importantly, to your children.

Principal's Message

In her first year as Principal, Mrs. Colleen Liebenberg celebrated Arbor Primary's remarkable 2025 successes, crediting the dedicated staff, supportive parents, and resilient learners for upholding the strong "*Arbor Village*" spirit. She highlighted the school's holistic approach to education — nurturing academics, life skills, sport, culture, and technology — and expressed pride in the Pre-primary's runner-up placement in the Readers' Choice Awards.

Learners excelled across multiple areas, from the Roboticon Coding Championship to sports, arts, and academic Olympiads, showcasing Arbor's all-round excellence. Mrs. Liebenberg thanked the SGB, especially Mr. Corrado, for his invaluable service, and reaffirmed that continued parent support and timely fee payment will enable Arbor to thrive as one of Benoni's most respected schools.

Highlights from the Chairperson's Report

In his 2025 Chairperson's Report, Mr. Samkelo Mdlalose reflected on a year of transition, resilience, and progress at Arbor Primary School — marked by leadership changes, including the appointment of Mrs. Colleen Liebenberg as Principal, Mrs. Memory Panayi as Deputy Principal, and Ms. Tammy Kohl as Foundation Phase HOD.

The SGB upheld transparent and accountable governance, revising key policies in line with Department of Education directives. Academically, the school maintained strong performance, particularly in literacy and numeracy, and advanced technology integration.

Major infrastructure improvements included hall refurbishment, plumbing replacement, IT upgrades, and securing a municipal lease for the park area. While some projects were deferred due to funding limits, Arbor's community spirit continued to flourish through events, partnerships, and parent engagement.

Mr. Mdlalose extended his gratitude to staff, parents, and learners, with special thanks to outgoing Finance Chairperson Mr. Sandro Corrado for his dedicated service, reaffirming Arbor's commitment to quality education and a bright future.

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Highlights from the Financial Chairperson's Report

In his final address as Finance Chair, Mr. Sandro Corrado commended Arbor's staff and community for their dedication in maintaining excellence despite financial challenges.

He noted that non-payment of school fees — reaching up to 40% — continues to place strain on operations, especially following significant reductions in government grants. Through strict financial oversight and proactive collections, the school nevertheless completed major infrastructure, IT, and security upgrades, with plans for 2026 projects such as a new multi-sport training facility and enhanced sports programmes.

Mr. Corrado expressed appreciation to parents who consistently pay their fees and called for continued collective responsibility to sustain Arbor's 50-year legacy of affordable, high-quality education.

Annual Fee for 2026:	R 26,180.00 per child
Option 1:	Full settlement before 31 January 2026 = R 23,562.00 (10% discount equivalent to R 2,618.00)
<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 2026 = R11,781.00 (5% discount equivalent to R 1,309.00) Half year (July to November) settlement before 31 July 2026 = R11,781.00 (5% discount equivalent to R 1,309.00)
<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 instalments of R 2,380.00. If paying by debit order, you are entitled to a R10 discount on your monthly fees.

REMINDERS

Arbor Primary is a Section 21 fee-paying school in terms of the South African Schools Act. School fees are compulsory and legally binding on all biological parents or legal guardians, irrespective of marital status.

Parents who cannot afford school fees may apply in writing for an exemption. Applications are assessed according to the Department of Education's formula. Please contact the office early in 2026 if you believe you may qualify.

Stationery: Essential stationery will be supplied from the GDE LTSM budget. Additional stationery must be purchased by parents (letters have been distributed).

Fundraising: Details of 2026 fundraising events will be shared by the school and Parents Forum in due course.

The Governing Body and Executive of Arbor Primary School extend heartfelt thanks to all parents who continue to support the school and prioritise education.

Thanking you,



MRS C.J. LIEBENBERG
Principal



MR S. MDALOSE
SGB Chairperson



MR S. CORRADO
SGB Finance Chairperson