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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

Dear fellow educators,

I have been reading the book written by Randy Pauch called “The Last Lecture” and came across these wise words. “We professors [educators] play the roles of trainers, giving people [learners] access to the equipment (books, labs and our expertise) and after that it is our job to be demanding. We need to make sure that our students are exerting themselves. We need to praise them when they deserve it and to tell them honestly when they have it in them to work harder. Most importantly we need to let them know how to judge for themselves how they are coming along.”

He goes on to explain how we can build the learners’ self esteem by giving character building honesty during opportunities of feedback.

In my experience, I am often disappointed by my learners’ June exam results. (I still have two small classes that I teach once a week) This term, instead of just giving a mark I also gave a written comment. Where learners did well I thanked them for their effort and enthusiasm and where learners did not do their best, I acknowledged that fact and then admonished them. I have given myself permission to expect more from the learners I teach.

Use this opportunity when writing reports or handing out marked exam papers to give honest feedback to your learners. This can be one of the hardest (also time consuming) things you will have to do but at the same time the most character building exercise you can perform for your learners’. We need to care enough to tell them the truth so that they will care enough to do better.



### WINNERS! Saxon Hotel High Tea

Thank you all for the wonderful contributions towards the “Brag File”.

Thank you especially to Gina and the rest of the EMS team of Edenvale High School. Your enthusiasm for EMS is obvious by the quality of work your learners are producing. The positive feedback you give your learners is encouraging them to great heights! Enjoy your High tea! (No pun intended)

# Congratulations!

## POSTER

**NEWS!**

We designed the “Factors of Production” poster to add to your collection of teaching aids. We are making it available at cost so that everyone will be able to afford one for their classrooms. The poster is A1, full colour and laminated. See attached order form.

## CASH BACK 2008/2009

This year we have introduced a “Cash Back” plan for early and on time settlements. This is how it will work:

- 1) Your school will be invoiced for the full amount.
- 2) The 5% or 2, 5% “Cash Back” will be paid directly via EFT into your school’s bank account within 5 working days of your payment being received.
- 3) This amount can be used to subsidise the learners’ EMS workbooks, Educator guides or any other departmental needs (or wants!)

**Cash Back!**



## ORDERS 2008/2009

Deadline: 30 August 2008

Please fill in the order form attached and fax to 086 611 3855

We are taking a proactive approach and printing early this year in the inevitable event of load shedding.

Thank you for your continued support!

The first three schools to place their confirmed orders for 2008/2009 will receive a free copy of Randy Pausch’s “The Last Lecture”.

## WEBSITE UPDATES

Please feel free to download the latest updates (June exams 8/9) for your files.

Yours in the classroom

Yvette Gietl

