



Hardloop met Hart

Teachers taking on the Jacaranda Race for a cause

24 October 2026 | Pretoria

A proposed Menlopark staff wellness and fundraising initiative





THE IDEA

What if Menlopark teachers ran for more than just the finish line?

On 24 October 2026, Menlopark teachers, in partnership with the Menlobond will take part in the Jacaranda Race, choosing between the 5 km, 10 km or 21 km events.

Parents, Menlo-alumni and the wider Menlo-community are invited to support the teachers and donate towards our fundraising Race. Through this initiative we aim to raise funds in partnership with the Menlobond to support the learners of Die Hoërskool Menlopark and help the school prosper.

Every donation of R2500 or more will qualify for a 18A-receipt. Do not hesitate to contact the Menlobond menlofonds@menlobond.co.za to confirm the 18A receipt.



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HOW IT WORKS

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Step 1: Teachers Enter – Teachers volunteer to participate in the 5 km, 10 km or 21 km race.

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Step 2: The Community Supports and Donates – Parents, Menlo-alumni and supporters pledge their support by donating towards the Menlo Team Campaign.

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Step 3: We Run for a Parkie – Funds raised are directed towards supporting students through Menlopark's approved financial assistance or bursary structure through the Menlo-OMGEEfonds in partnership with the Menlobond.

THE BENEFITS

Staff Wellness – Encourages teachers to train, exercise and work towards a shared goal.

School Spirit – Creates an opportunity for teachers, parents, students and alumni to participate in something positive together.

Meaningful Fundraising – Connects fundraising directly to supporting learners of Die Hoërskool Menlopark.

Storytelling and Engagement – Parents do not simply receive a request for a donation. They can follow the journey of the teachers they know as they train towards race day.

THE CAMPAIGN

The initiative could be promoted under the message:

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The participating Menlo-teachers will form part of a campaign to promote their participation - because they care!

IMPACT MADE

The fundraising potential can grow according to the number of participating teachers and the support generated by the community.

Example: 20 teachers × an average of R5,000 raised each = R100,000.

The fundraising target will be to make an impact on the lives of people less fortunate through the Menlo-OMGEEfonds in partnership with the Menlobond.

WHAT WE NEED

We need donations and support to start a new initiative that could impact the lives of many people. This could also set off a new trend and motivate more schools to take part.

With your help this could be the start of something WONDERFUL!



THE OPPORTUNITY

HARDLOOP MET HART has the potential to become more than a once-off fundraising activity.

It combines wellness, school spirit, community participation and meaningful fundraising in a way that allows people to support a person they know while contributing towards a larger cause.

With the right structure, it could become an annual Menlopark initiative that grows in participation and impact each year.

LET'S RUN FOR SOMETHING BIGGER

TEACHERS. PARENTS. PARKIES. ONE TEAM.

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EVERY KILOMETRE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



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