

CAMPHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's desk

The first term of 2017 brought many blessings to our School for which we are truly thankful.

The learners and staff returned to school filled with enthusiasm for the year ahead. We also welcome new admissions to the school and our learner total has grown up to 70 learners. All our classes are to full capacity and we still have a waiting list of children eager to join our school. This proves that there is still a great need within our Community to accommodate children with special needs.



Our school building was built in 1985 and currently houses 4 large classrooms. It has undergone minor maintenance work through the years, but full restoration is now required should funding become available. We will certainly fundraise for this project as, through the years, rising damp has infiltrated all the classrooms and caused severe damage. The damp is mainly caused by the earthworks around the school building not being at ground-level causing soil to settle against the outer walls of the building.

At the end of last year we received a generous donation towards building a retaining wall behind our School building in order to address this problem. This donation came from

Thornage Hall, a Camphill Community in East Anglia (UK) which provides supported living to adults with learning disabilities and from Mr David Gurney who has been involved at board level with the community for many years. This project started in February and will be completed well before winter sets in. *This gift came at a perfect time.*

In the beginning of March Camphill School hosted the Camphill Africa Region (CAR) meeting, which takes place every six months. Delegates from the 4 African Communities (Camphill School, Camphill Farm Community, Camphill Village West Coast and Camphill Community Trust in Botswana) and the representative from the Association of Camphill Communities UK and Ireland (AoCC), meet to ensure associative working, to share experiences and to support and learn from one another. With this opportunity Camphill Farm Community invited everyone to the official opening of their new supported living facility, Raphael House.



Our School was honoured to receive a visit from 4 delegates from the Botswana Department of Basic Education Curriculum Development team specialising in the adaptation of the curriculum to accommodate learners with special needs within the inclusive education model. They came to South Africa on a benchmarking mission. What a wonderful experience it was to meet them, to spend time with them and to share resources with each other. It was a

very positive visit and we look forward to their next one!

Enjoy the school break and may you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter holiday.

Jeanne-Marie Botha
Principal



Chainsaw training in progress
for the maintenance team

School life

At the beginning of the term we were so honoured to welcome the new Mayor Rudolph Smith to our classes. He seemed touched by our learners warm welcome and we enjoyed singing songs and his interaction with us.

Five new learners started at the beginning of this year. We welcome these learners into our Community and wish them all the best.

Congratulations to our Foundation Phase Teacher Nadia Visser, who tied the knot during December 2016. We wish her and her husband all the best.

Our therapy programme is showing huge benefits in our classrooms and we are pleased to have a new speech therapist Joanné Schoeman onboard.

On the 4th of March we had our first tin shake collection. The community of Hermanus supported us well in our collection. We set a new record and thank you to all the staff, co-workers and volunteers that assisted us on the day.

During March the Ladies Knitting Group from Onrus Manor Retirement Village came to visit and meet our learners. They are interested in assisting us with knitted items for our learners for winter and also expressed an interest in helping us with some of our Vocational Phase workshop classes. We look forward to visiting them soon to showcase our talents with a small concert.

Our Vocational Phase started this year with a new workshop, hairdressing for the girls-this is proving to be quite a popular workshop. The girls are also still enjoying baking, needlework and housekeeping workshops. The boys are furthering their skills with farming, woodwork, maintenance and car wash workshops.

All the teachers attended a very informative workshop on Basic Fire Training presented by the Station Commander Angelo Aplon, from the Overstrand Fire and Rescue Team, based in Hermanus. After the workshop, we all had the opportunity to extinguish a fire as a practical demonstration. This was an essential training opportunity and we received valuable educational materials to educate our learners in the classrooms on

basic fire safety.

The teachers and learners would like to thank the Old Mutual Care and Share for the donation of educational toys we received. The toys are a great addition to assist with the teaching methods in all the classrooms.



We are sad to say goodbye to our longstanding Creative phase teacher Karin von Maltzahn and to our

Vocational Class Assistant Lonel Olivier. You have both been huge assets to all the learners and staff throughout the years. You will be missed, out of sight but not out of heart. We wish you all the best on your new journey's and hope that you make the best of every opportunity.

As we are approaching the end of term, we are getting ready for our Eurhythmy concert performed by our learners and led by Geralyn and Luise, our Eurhythmy Therapists, followed by our end of term concert.

We look forward to what the second term holds for us all.



The Teachers



Wishy washy



During February one of the local restaurants in Hermanus, Dutchies, owned by Joke and Daan Gonggrijp initiated a week long awareness campaign for people with disabilities. They approached us with this wonderful idea and asked if we would be interested in running a car wash next door to Dutchies at Piet se Bos.



Our Senior Classes together with their respective teachers and co-workers enjoyed being a part of this fantastic campaign. It was a particularly hot day, but the cars were washed with much enthusiasm whilst our Marimba team played, led by Daniel Kamber. The day was filled with so much laughter, dance and excitement.

Thank you to Joke and Daan for this great opportunity. We hope that we will be able to do it again soon.



Interact club

The Intermediate and Foundation phase classes were invited by the Hermanus High School Interact Club to join in their school fun team-building day. The Interact Club set up several activities on their sports field: ball games, potato-on-spoon races and bubbles. They also prepared healthy snacks and hotdogs for lunch which we enjoyed under the gazebo's. We were so impressed by how much the High School learners wanted to interact with our children and they were all sad to say goodbye to their new friends. It was a heart-warming and well organised day and we were very grateful to have been invited.

Thank you to all the High School teachers that made this day possible and a special thank you to Mr Hassenkamp for providing our learners with this memorable occasion.

Michele Lorton



Fun at Home



Our year started off with the welcoming of two new residential learners to Phoenix House, Camille aged 6 and Nikita aged 13.

Little Camille came to us like a warm breeze and melted all our hearts with her adorable ways. She is a real busy body and has brought loads of love and fun into our home.



Nikita used to be a residential learner here two years ago and has rejoined our family. We are happy to welcome her back and hope the girls settle in well.

During this term we celebrated many birthdays almost every week. Presents, cakes and fun were our favorites on the menu this term. Jamie-Lee celebrated her 20th birthday. It was a celebration to remember, she was spoilt to a three day party, starting at school, waffles in town and

ended off with a day trip to Cape Agulhas. In addition we also had parties for Pieter, Niel, little Jack and Lilian Teunissen our Cloister House Parent.

During our mid-term break, we were treated to two outings. We visited Rocklands Petting Farm once again to feed the animals. It was such a warm day that we decided to pop in at Grotto Beach for an afternoon swim. We ended off the long weekend at Afdaksrivier Nursery for a picnic and ran through sprinklers to cool down. Thank you to all that made these outings possible, our learners really enjoy these happy occasions.

All our co-workers returned safely from their summer holidays and the countdown has begun....there are only four months left until their return back to Germany. They will be leaving us at the end of July and we hope that they will enjoy these last few months ahead.

We are still fortunate to be receiving an abundance of food donations, which contributes daily to all our meals. Thank you to my team, Elaine, Margaret, Lucky and Hans for your continuous efforts towards our learners and to the upkeep of our residential homes.

We wish everyone a lovely Autumn holiday and safe trips to your destinations.



Angela Coetzee



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A farewell note by Karin von Maltzahn



I arrived at Camphill School in May 2003 and started working as a co-worker / work master in the Vocational Phase of Upper School. I left Camphill School at the end of December 2004 and was appointed as a teacher at Okkie Smuts Primary School in Stanford. There I taught Arts and Culture to grade 4, 5, 6 and 7 learners. In 2007 I returned to Camphill School where I was appointed as work master of the Arts and Crafts workshops and a paper craft workshop. In addition I provided extra learning support for all the learners of the Vocational Phase classes, namely literacy and numeracy. Four years later I was then appointed as the Vocational Phase Teacher and remained in this role for several years.

After 14 years of service, it is with great sadness that I greet you at

the end of this term to further my studies in the Educational field.

I will miss everyone!

Throughout the years I have learnt so much from all the learners of our School. You are all special to me and I will always remember you! I would like to thank all the parents I got to know over the years for all their friendliness and support.

Special thanks also go out to all the teachers for all their kindness, assistance as well as companionship and to our Head of Department, Johanna Gardiner for her support and patience.

Thank you to Dr. Julio for organising all the therapies and taking care of all medical and social concerns regarding our learners. To Geralyn and Luise for the Eurhythmy, Daniel for Marimba music classes as well as to the co-workers for all their dedication and commitment in the classrooms. To the Homelife and House Parents for all their time and effort in cooking all our meals, as well as creating a warm and loving home environment for the residents. To the maintenance team for the beautiful gardens as well as maintaining the school buildings and houses and for the excellent bus services daily.

Last but not least I want to thank the admin staff and Fund-raisers for all their hard work. Then a special word of thanks to our Principal Jeanne-Marie, for all her hard

work, commitment and dedication to our School, in addition to the Board and to Geoffrey Weir.

To my Class Assistant Valda, thank you for all your efforts and care for the learners and to the co-workers of the Creative Vocational Phase. I will miss your valuable friendship.

To my dearest class, always remember...you are all very special to me and I will keep you in my heart forever!

Trimaine for your good heart. Aviwe for your smile and positive attitude. Joshua for your friendliness and flowers. Kenewe for your smile and loving nature. Yomelela for your smile and counting in English, you are so cute! Greg for your sense of humour and your good soul. Pieter for your smile and jokes and Jessica for your beautiful soul.

You are all like a family to me! My wish for you is that this special school will grow from strength to strength and that all of you will prosper!

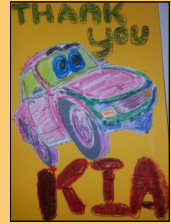
Karin von Maltzahn



Sports Challenge



This annual fundraising event took place on Saturday, 18th February and drew an entry of around 200 participants. This was the sixth year that this important fundraiser was held with entries in the mountain bike rides (12 and 35 Kms), trail run (8 Kms), river run/walk (6 Kms) and fun walk (2.5 Kms).



The weather played it's part and the scenic routes, through the Hemel and Aarde valley, provided tough challenges for those competing in the various disciplines. The feedback from all concerned was positive and a most enjoyable morning was had by all. The routes, among the most picturesque in the Western Cape, were designed by Hermanus Adventures under the leadership of Paul du Toit of the Wine Village.

The morning festivities included an exhibition by the Hermanus Line Dancers, while our Mayor, Mr Rudolph Smith was present to draw the winners of the raffle and conclude a successful and well organised morning of the Camphill School Sports Challenge.

Camphill School thanks the many sponsors and donors of the event, among them, Remax Town and Country, Estate Agency (Hermanus), Kia Motors (Hermanus), Pick 'n Pay (Hermanus), and Oasis (Hermanus). And a huge thanks to Paul du Toit for your ongoing support.

Tony O' Hagan



Street Collection



We held our first street collection on the 4th of March. We raised R 12 457.00

Thank you to all our staff, German co-workers and to all our volunteers that assisted us with this day.

Thank you to the Hermanus Community and to all the shopping outlets for granting us permission to collect outside your busy outlets.



Hit the ground running

We started off in full swing with two fundraisers at our doorstep, our annual Sports Challenge and our first street collection.

We have had an incredible amount of new and old Camphill friends and donors visiting since the beginning of the year. The Old Mutual Care and Share team once again surprised our learners with a donation of educational toys.



Pieter Govaerts from Belgium and Mathijs Wissnik from Netherlands popped by to introduce themselves as they are both about to start their studies in special needs education. In addition we welcomed the Onrus Manor Retirement Village ladies from the knitting group, Brian and Mandy Whitley from the Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation, Jeremy and Marti Trevethick from the UK and we were ecstatic to welcome

Bidvest Data who delivered school stationary supplies for the entire school.



We are still constantly striving to drive Public Relation campaigns in an around the Hermanus Community. In particular we ran two MySchool card drives namely in Somerset West and one at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town.

We then would like to congratulate Emmanuel Laset, who is a junior parkrunner at Hermanus parkrun who completed his 50th run on 25th March. We are all extremely proud of him. His determination and dedication is truly inspiring.



We have been blessed to have met all these significant people and now carry a valuable friendship with each and every one. We would like to acknowledge Sonnet, Steve and Minnie (Shaun's family) for pushing a clothing drive in Ashton, which has led to a monthly passive income. Thank you to Mercia Horne for kindly making us personalised safety reflector jacket bibs for events and for certain projects.

This term has flown by and we welcome the second term with projects which are already underway.

See you later!

Fundraising Team





Camphill Friends & Donors

Every contribution, no matter how small, is received with as much excitement and appreciation as any other.

These donations, whether monetary or in-kind, help our School to continue offering high-quality education and care to our very special learners. All in-kind donations from tea to clothing is utilised and makes an immense difference in these learners lives and brings our daily costs down tremendously.

We continue with our clothing-drive from last year and we appeal to the Hermanus Community, churches, schools and sports clubs to spread the word and to become part of this initiative.

Thank you to the following donors who have contributed monetary donations this term:

Lucie Cluver	Viking Social and Upliftment Trust	The Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation
Marine Crew Services SA Pty Ltd	Simeon Care for the elderly Camphill Community (Scotland)	Alfred Rosenberg and Associates
Mourne Grange Camphill Community (UK)	Milton Keynes Camphill Community (UK)	Van Vuuren Physio and clients
Freunde der Erziehungskunst	Shoprite Pty Ltd (Checkers Hermanus)	Wetterhahn Foundation
Anderson Family	Frances J Appleby Trust	Victoria Frances Clive-Smith Charitable Trust
Lily Ashton Charitable Trust	J E T Lee Will Trust	Sonnet Cadle and Minnie James
The Gift Market	JDE Manufacturing	J van Tonder
Onrus Manor Retirement Village	Ters Fourie	Education Department Botswana Delegates

We also thank our regular contributors, who month after month, support our School and our learners, in particular:

(*New child sponsors)

Carin Johnston	Kerrin Michelson	MySchool (please do sign up)
Ad Ops	Acacia Trust (Suzanna Elsholtz)	Jan and Letanie Nel
Anonymous Donor	PJ Myburgh	Rusty Demmer
Alan Bailey Civil Engineer cc	Joshua King Foundation Trust	ABSA
Kirchenkreis Lichtenberg Germany	Lalla Margate	Tim Apter *

We would like to make special mention of Anja Brandt, Woolworths Hermanus, Checkers Hermanus, Peninsula Feeding Scheme and to the Engen convenience store. We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to them for their continuous support of food donations.

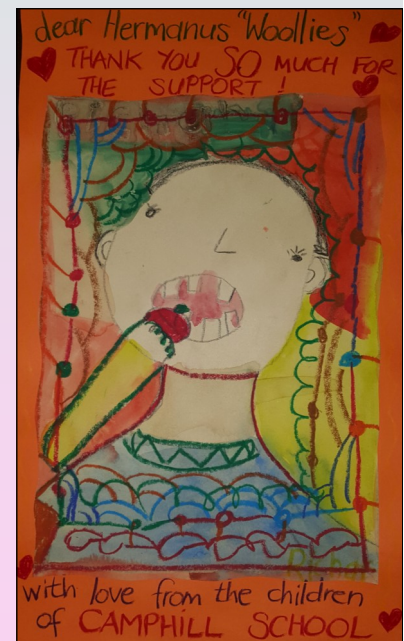
Equally important are the donations-in-kind and sponsorships we received during this period, it is impossible to mention all our generous donors, but we would like to thank the following in particular:

Pick n Pay- sponsorship towards Sports Challenge	Helga, Jessica and Wolfgang Welk- Books and clothing	Rooibos Bpk Ltd-Tea donation
Suzaan van Oordt-Clothing and stationery	Kathleen Saunders-Yoghurt	Anne van de Mark- Clothing
Elma Fourie-Stationery	Schulphoek Guesthouse- Bath-room, kitchen cupboards, fittings, wood, roofing materials, cupboard	Remax Hermanus-Sponsorship towards Sports Challenge
Kia Motors Hermanus- Sponsorship towards Sports Challenge	Cashkows Hermanus- Sponsorship towards Sports Challenge	Mrs Loubser- Clothing, curtains
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Wine Village-sponsorship towards Sports Challenge	Grant Mclachlan and Source Restaurant-sponsorship towards Sports Challenge	Pennypinchers Hermanus- Sponsorship towards Sports Challenge
Spyros Jewellers- Sponsorship	Calma Relaxation Spa-Sponsorship	Allure Hair Couture- Sponsorship towards Sports Challenge
Worcester Mineral Depot- Sponsorship towards Sports Challenge	Kirsten van Kniekerk- gifted stationery	Bidvest Data-Stationery

We would like to thank the Hermanus Mayor for his support, to the Hermanus Community and to the local media for your valuable role which you all play within *our* Camphill School Community.



Fundraising Team—Genevieve Linney & Michelle van Zyl



Art by our learners