

Camphill goes green

Ten trees were planted at Camphill School in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley thanks to the initiative taken by Miss Earth SA Western Cape finalist, Lara Potgieter, who visited the school recently.

Lara, who lives in Rondebosch, said she came to Hermanus because she has a special interest in the special needs children of Camphill. "I know that their natural surroundings are already wonderfully green, but I thought it would be great to get them involved in the actual planting and maintenance of 10 of their own special trees," she said.

The school children got digging and planting with Lara on the afternoon of Wednesday 13 June.

Miss Earth South Africa is a social and environmental ambassadorship programme that selects young women to represent the organisation by performing a variety of social and environmental projects each month.

The 2012 winner will be announced at a gala dinner in August.

"This month was our month to plant trees at underprivileged schools around our respective provinces," explained Lara.

"The purpose of most of the plantings was, of course, to green the often arid environments of these schools, as well as to provide an educational and fun hands-on session for the learners. I have planted 80 trees in total in Langa, Grabouw, Villiersdorp, Hermanus, Bonteheuwel, Kalksteenvontein and Bellville South."

The trees were sponsored by Themba Trees (www.thembatrees.co.za).



Earth buddies Miss Earth SA regional finalist Lara Potgieter and Camphill School pupil Asemahle Ngqumeni enjoyed the muddy art of tree planting.



Lara Potgieter, Miss Earth WC regional finalist, interacts with children from Camphill School in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley where she planted trees last Wednesday. In front with her is Joshua Ryan.