



CAMPBILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the Principal's desk

As we have reached the halfway mark of our academic year, we can take the time to reflect with gratitude and how very fortunate we have been during the first six months of this year.

During summer the entire school community went on a beach picnic to Grotto beach. From a braai at Piet se Bos, to swimming and playing beach bats, it was a wonderful outing and good time spent together. Thank you to all that made this outing possible.

In April our School had its second successful Open Day. Various groups of visitors were taken on guided tours of our School, classrooms, therapy centre and Mercury hall. Each class had prepared a presentation for the visitors either a song or a recited poem. Our learners were also given an opportunity to present their school work and proud to display the arts and craft works. After a successful day, tea and pancakes prepared by Teacher Johanna Gardiner were served in our residential home. We would like to thank each and every visitor for their time and interest in our school; it is greatly appreciated.

Camphill School's Annual General Meeting took place mid April in St John's hall. The Audited Financial Statements for 2015 were presented and adopted at the meeting, Mr Don Adams was reappointed as Auditor for the 2016 financial year. We are happy to report that Ms Naomi May from Child Welfare Hermanus has been appointed as a new board member. Thank you to all the board members, staff and parents of our learners who attended this meeting.

Michele Lorton our Deputy Principal and I met with Annelien Crous and Koos van der Westhuizen from the Department of Education, who visited the school to verify our learners on the Centralised Education Management Information System (CEMIS), to ensure that we had accurate and verifiable psychological and / or medical assessments for each of our learners. Annelien Crous, Deputy Chief Education Specialist and Koos van der Westhuizen, Senior Psychologist, visited our classrooms and gave valuable support and guidance. We look forward to their next visit.

In May we had to say good-bye to our beloved teacher Rumbi Nyamakura Kamber, after 9 years of dedicated service to all our learners and staff. *Dearest Rumbi, you will always be part of our Camphill family. Thank you for your commitment, love and heart-felt interest in every single learner's well-being. We wish you well in all your future endeavours.*

Thank you to all the parents, staff, learners, friends of our School for your valuable support during the last six months.

Enjoy the winter holidays!

Jeanne-Mariè Botha

Principal



Education is KEY

With winter fast approaching, it is hard to believe we are already at the end of our second term.

Our learner's sports day took place on the 20th of April. Our learners started the day off with a relay race around the school building to get the team spirit flowing. They then proceeded to take part in a variety of activities from tug-of-war, hurdle jumping to a potato and spoon race. Each class was dressed in a specific colour to represent their team and fun was had by all.

This Heritage Day was celebrated by the entire school. Each class had an opportunity to present an act or reading to symbolise what this day means to them. Teacher Michele proceeded to explain our flag and all the colours that are represented whilst Teacher Suzette played the piano and encouraged us to all sing along to the memory of Nelson Mandela.

Our Senior Classes went on an educational trip to Cape Town along with their teachers and German co-workers. During the school terms the learners have spent most of their time learning about the history of our country. It was then arranged that we visit the Iziko museum, the Planetarium and the Cape of Good Hope Castle. We would like to thank Mr. Geoffrey Weir our Chairman of our board for providing our learners with this wonderful experience; it was a history lesson to be remembered. In addition we would like to thank Teacher Karin Sinclair's son, who sponsored our

picnic lunch for the day. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We would like to thank the Hermanus High School Interact Club that came and spent another day with our Kindergarten and Intermediate classes. A pool party was planned but the weather did not play along, instead we played games, blew bubbles and had a lovely picnic indoors.

We cannot wait for your next visit.



On a quarterly basis we visit retirement villages within Hermanus, to sing for the elderly as a thank you for the ongoing support and love they show towards our learners and our School.

We would like to congratulate Karin von Maltzahn, our Vocational Phase Teacher, for receiving her 3 year National Professional Diploma in Education from the North West University. What a great achievement.

During the busy six months, the teachers managed to visit Vera and Khanyisa schools and the Centre for Creative Education training on Tuesday the 24th of May.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to Teacher Rumbi, who dedicated nine years of service to our School and learners. You will be sorely missed by all. We would like to express our gratitude to Class Assistant Lonel for taking the reins until this role has been filled.

We look forward to our winter break and the second half of the year ahead.

The Teachers



Co-worker fun day

The German co-workers treated the Teachers and our learners to an amazing fun day at the beginning of June.

We were so impressed with their organization and creativity. They supplied everything, they organized 6 activity 'stations' throughout the school: A photo booth (with fun props), portrait painting, a play dough workshop, they tie-dyed t-shirts, face painting and circle activities.

At the end of a busy day we all went to Cloister house where a German 'fes' had been organized for us: scrumptious cakes and cookies, all beautifully decorated.

We were very honoured by this special day and say a big THANK YOU and FAREWELL to our wonderful co-workers. It was a day always be remembered.

Michele Lorton



Food food glorious Food



We started the new year off at Homelife with a new addition to our residential home. Jack is a 7 year old boy, he is the youngest in the home and the older learners love having him around.

Most of our learners are growing up so fast, we have a house full of teenagers at the moment. In March we had a lovely birthday party for Jamie-Lee, who turned 19 yrs old. Thank you to all our staff and the co-workers, who were involved to make her birthday a special and memorable day. She received lots of presents and her most favorite gift was a CD player and now she listens to gospel music whenever she gets an opportunity which puts a big smile on Jamie's face.

During the summer we had lovely outings to Grotto Beach, The Petting Farm in Stanford and the Fernkloof Nature Reserve, where the learners had a wonderful time exploring and enjoying the outdoors. Thank you to Clint and his wife Jill for the lovely volleyball game at Grotto, we look forward to playing again.

Last month we were surprised by two special visitors from the Hermanus High

School, Shana Horn and Alissa Coetzee. Alissa is a finalist for Miss Teen Commonwealth. These 2 young dynamic ladies have visited us at the school frequently and have Camphill close at heart. They decided to initiate a food drive campaign throughout the Hermanus community. Food bins were placed in several busy food outlets encouraging shoppers to support this initiative. From radio interviews to press releases the word spread and we have received a considerable amount of dry foods and cleaning products. Thank you to these ladies, you have made a huge difference.

It is again that time of the year when we sadly have to say goodbye to our German co-workers. They have been with us since August 2015 and have supported and assisted myself in our residential home and in the classrooms. Their commitment and passion for our learners will be sorely missed and will never be forgotten. We wish them all well and truly hope that our paths cross again in the near future.



Winter is here and we enjoy sitting around the fire every evening with a cup of hot Milo whilst listening to the stories read by our co-workers. A firm favourite is Barney and Harry Potter stories amongst Shaun and Pieter.

Thank you to Margaret, Elaine, Lucky and Hans for keeping our home a happy one.

Angela Coetzee

Swings, slides and things

This year started off on a busy note and for those of you that read our last December edition will be happy to know that our Foundation Phase project is underway and near completion.

With financial assistance from the Association of Camphill Communities in the UK and NI (AoCC) we were able to repair both Kindergarten and Dawn house roofs (our Vocational Phase classroom) and sorted out the ongoing drainage problems around the houses.

With the additional playground area we also needed to build a passageway leading from the playground to the classroom. With thanks to the Hermes Trust in the UK and Vincent Brogan another jungle gym has been purchased and fencing around this area will be erected in the beginning of the third term.

Improving our security is always high on our priority list and additional measures have been put into place throughout the school and the grounds.

We welcomed Rushweld Johnson to our maintenance



team a few months ago. He is also one of our dedicated and responsible bus drivers.

I would like to thank my team and we are all looking forward to the upcoming projects for Spring.

Clint Fouche



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Visiting Camphills abroad

I represented the 4 Camphill Africa Region (CAR) Communities at the AGM of the Association of Camphill Communities UK and Ireland (AoCC) in Milton Keynes in early June 2016.

I visited a few Camphill Communities whilst in the UK.

Simon Becket was my guide in Newton Dee, a Community of about 200 people; 86 being adults with special needs. They specialise in biodynamic farming, selling their organic and biodynamic produce, i.e. milk, fruit, vegetables and freshly baked goodies in the Newton Dee Store. It was wonderful to see how the residents each play a part in producing an item when visiting the metal and wood workshops where jewellery and toys are for sale in their gift shop. Thank you for this experience.

I visited Aberdeen School next. Alex Busch, Deputy Executive Director, was my guide of the school and Murtle Estate. They offer many services such as residential and day placement, work experience, respite care and a vast array of workshops.

Aberdeen School's Curriculum is sometimes used as a holistic (curative) guideline in the implementation of the SA National Curriculum by our School.

Camphill got its name from the original "Camphill House" where



the Community and Movement started. Entering the unaltered library of Karl König I could feel the energy of those who have gone before. Their determination and devotion then, serve as inspiration in our work today.



Laurence Alfred, Executive Director, took me to Cairnlee House, a community for young people aged between 16

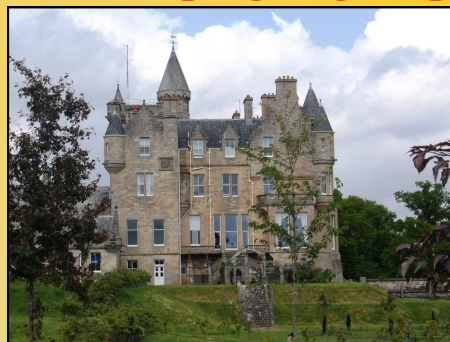
and 25, as well as to "Simeon Care for the Elderly". I saw the care home's living quarters; designed and built to be "fit for purpose".

Use the link to read the history of Camphill Aberdeen.

<http://www.camphillschool.org.uk/about-us/history>

Next stop Blair Drummond Community near Stirling.

Jason Glass, Director of Operations, was my tour guide. Blair Drummond's admin building is situated in a castle. High ceilings and ornate fire places hint at the opulence once present here. The castle not being "fit for purpose" as home for people with special needs, new houses were custom designed and built to meet their needs and recommendation made by residents. This community has recently undergone many changes, but is committed to work together for the future that they want.



My last Scottish Community was Loch Arthur in Dumfries; a beautiful vast estate and Loch!

Loch Arthur Shop and Café sell all their workshop produce and treats from the Farm shop kitchen.

Dave Mitchell, AoCC Chair who has visited SA, and I did a presentation about the African Communities that night which was well received.

Camphill Scotland is alive and thriving, working alongside their Government, making a difference. Thank you to all my Scottish host Communities for welcoming me.



Mourne Grange in Northern Ireland has supported our Kindergarten for many years and I was invited to make a presentation there. I managed to visit some of their lovely workshops and had a great experience.

The next day I left for Milton Keynes to attend the AGM. Milton Keynes Shop sells their crafts and organic produce; the Café serves lovely meals and the Chrysalis Theatre which is a multi-functional venue that can host any type of production. This is a vibrant community.

My CAR presentation thanking the AoCC, showing how their contributions have impacted the lives of our residents and learners, was well received. The AoCC agreed to support the Camphill Africa Region for a further 3 year cycle, should the funds be available.

Thank you to the AoCC Chairman Dave Mitchell, Tim Davies for your assistance and to all the AoCC co-ordinators who helped to organise my trip. It was a pleasure and honour to represent CAR.



Jeanne-Marié Botha

Festivals



The festivals are special events in our School and all the learners and staff join together in all the celebrations.

As part of their religion classes, the children sang songs and heard stories on Epiphany, the Lent and Easter.

We started the second term with the Eurythmy performance on the theme of Easter in the school assembly. On Ascension Day, we did our traditional hiking to different places like the "Camphill Mountain", the Castle Rock and to the Rotary Drive and at the end of the walk the learners blew bubbles when they reached their respective destinations, celebrating this special event.

The solemn celebration of Whitsuntide or Pentecost was done with special preparation of St. John's Hall with white motif including the flowers and curtains. All the units of the school were represented in the reading of John 1:1-5 was read in 14 languages: English, isi-Xhosa, isi-Zulu, Afrikaans, German, Filipino, Dutch, Polish, Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Romanian. The music provided by Christoph Reppel, our music therapist, also touched our hearts to the mood of the festival.

With our celebration of St. John's Day, we started the day off by gathering together and singing songs. From there we walked around the school towards St. John's hall. The darkened St. John's Hall which was slowly brightened up as the children entered with their

specially prepared lanterns. We sang songs, read St. John's story, together with Eurythmy performances which added to the solemnity of the festival.

The day was ended with all the staff and learners gathered around a fire and threw their paper (a little something they would like to change within themselves) into the flames, symbolizing change.

Indeed, the warmth of St. John's fire will be kept alive in our hearts this winter.



Julio Laset



Welcome back, Geralyn

The school community welcomes back Geralyn Laset as an Eurythmy teacher and therapist. She started at Camphill School as a Kindergarten teacher in 2006 to 2007 and 2009 to 2010. She was also a Houseparent of Phoenix House in 2008. She took study leave to take the BA Dance in Eurythmy at the Kairos Eurythmy School of the Centre for Creative Education (CCE) in Cape Town. After she completed her training in Eurythmy Therapy with the Southern Cross Eurythmy Therapy Training, here in South Africa from 2013 to 2016.

She received her degree in 2015 from CCE and a diploma on her therapy training in Dornach, Switzerland in June 2016. She is now back at Camphill practicing the Pedagogical Eurythmy with the older learners and Eurythmy therapy for selected learners in our School. She also performs Eurythmy in tone and speech for our School festivals and concerts. It is with great honour and privilege to have Geralyn back in our Community.



Past Events 2016

SPORTS DAY CHALLENGE 2016



Shortly after the beginning of our first term we hosted our first fundraising event in February. The fundraising team managed to get everything in place before the end of 2015.



There were mountain bike rides, trail runs and a moms and tots fun walk. Enthusiastic MTB cyclists and trail runners were able to master the challenge of the tough courses laid out for them uphill and down across the Hemel en Aarde Valley, while scores of walkers and less energetic runners of all ages, jogged or strolled their way around gentler routes, some beside

the tranquil Onrust River.

All the routes, amongst the most picturesque in the Western Cape, were designed by Hermanus Adventures, under the leadership of Paul du Toit of the Wine Village.

A special thank you to Kia Motors Hermanus for sponsoring our Boerewors stand and to Maggie for being the braai master of the day. We thank the Line Dancers for once again 'strutting' your stuff and to Madam Mayor for handing out the raffle prizes. We would like to thank all the participants, staff, the Hermanus media and to everybody that made this event a resounding success.

FOREST FUN RUN

Camphill School hosted a joint-fundraiser with the Overstrand Training Institute (OTI) on 18th March.

It was a night forest fun run and the race commenced at 18h30. All participants were geared with torches, head lamps and colourful glow sticks, some even took the initiative of dressing up for the event. It was a 5km fun run on the weekly parkrun route in the beautiful Hemel and Aarde forest. It was an evening of fun for the whole family with a jumping castle and an Easter egg hunt for all the children. The fires were lit after the run and braaied marshmallows were enjoyed and food stalls offering delicious hamburgers, hotdogs and potjiekos.



We are hoping to have another night run in October and hope to see you all there.

ALLURE HAIR COUTURE EVENT



Allure Hair Couture presented their latest winter hair trends during May on behalf of our School. The guests enjoyed a glass of wine on arrival with the show commencing at 15h00. The models showcased the latest winter hair styles with beautiful fashion and accessories sponsored by @ Miens Boutique.

During the interval guests enjoyed more local wine and a delicious spread of eats prepared by our caterer Ingrid Vermeulen. After the interval the show carried on with fabulous prizes up for grabs.

On behalf of Camphill School we would like to thank each and everyone that made Allure Hair Couture winter trends collection show a success. A BIG thank you to all our sponsors, Made to Measure for the use of the venue, @ Miens Boutique for the beautiful clothing and accessories, Ingrid Vermeulen for the catering, Wella, Joico, Rose Fivelman and Skin Harbor. Thank you to Alex Grant, Engen, Office National, Madron farm and Abraham Smit from Timsa. Thank you to Analena and Efthimia and to the extensive publicity made possible through our Hermanus media and all social platforms.

Thank you to our MC Theresa Le Roux and a special thank you to the whole team at Allure Hair Couture, especially to Hanri Vermeulen for making this event possible and to all the lovely models. It was a beautiful show and we appreciate all our friends that came to support us.

Friends Indeed!!!

The beginning of the year started off in full swing with two major events at our doorstep. Both events proved to be a huge success and our office remained very busy with ongoing projects, fundraising workshops and PR activities in and around the community.

We have had an incredible amount of visitors since the beginning of the year, here is but a few special highlights- Enlighten Trust bearing books for each class, the Walkerbay Walkers bringing a generous monetary donation and to Old Mutual Care and Share, we thank you. From our monthly MySchool card drives at Woolworths to selling raffle tickets, clothing and food drives, to continuous interaction with the Hermanus High School, it has been a truly eventful six months. Apart from our planned events, we were selected as a beneficiary by Allure Hair Couture and secondly by Strauss & Co at their events. We thank them wholeheartedly for their continuous support.

We are constantly striving to spread our message within our community and greater afield. We were delighted when we received word that Kelsey and BC from Pennsylvania in the States working for Uphold Global, wanted to visit us and spend time with our learners. They spent three full days at our School interacting and making truly remarkable footage. They left our School feeling inspired and ready to carry our message across the USA. We also had visitors from the UK Jeremy & Marti Trevethick. We thoroughly enjoyed your visit here.

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 lead to a monthly passive income. Thank you to the Singer family (Greg's parents) and to the late Geoff Saevitzon (Greg's grandfather) for making a considerable donation towards our Cloister project and to Adam and Laila Kustermann and their family and friends for their kind gesture in lieu of wedding gifts.

With winter upon us and July around the corner, we are already preparing for upcoming projects in spring and constantly seeking new 'friends' to invest in our School and our learners.

Fundraising Team



THANK YOU

We have been blessed indeed by the generous support we have received from many friends, both old and new. Not only do these donations, whether monetary or in-kind, help our School to continue offering high-quality education and care to our very special learners. Every contribution, no matter how small, is received with as much excitement and appreciation as any other.

Over and above the R 11 000 we raised through our first street collection and just over R 26 000 from our annual Sports Challenge we were grateful to receive monetary donations from the following individuals, charitable foundations and trusts, and businesses, during this period:

Association of Camphill Communities UK and Ireland (AoCC)	Viking Social and Upliftment Trust	EJ Lombardi Trust
Anglo American Chairman's Fund	Syringa Trust	Alfred Rosenberg and Associates
William Morris Camphill Community	Pick N Pay (Ackerman Family)	Kay-O Kissling and Anika
Freunde de Erziehungskunst	Mourne Grange Camphill Community	Emmanuel Laset piggy bank
Solborg Norway Camphill Community	Frances J Appleby Trust	Victoria Frances Clive-Smith Charitable Trust
Lily Ashton Charitable Trust	Richmond York	Adam & Laila Kustermann
Dr MC Fauël	J E T Lee Will Trust	Singer & Saevitzon Family & friends
Kirchenkreis Lichtenberg	May- Britt & Friends	Vincent Brogen
Hermes Trust UK	Several anonymous donors	Grand Gaming Corporate Social Investment Company
Sonnet, Steve & Minnie	Lalla Margate	

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
Simple Active Tactics	PJ Myburgh	Rusty Demmer
Alan Bailey Civil Engineer cc	Joshua King Foundation Trust	ABSA

We would like to make special mention of Anja Brandt, Madron Farm, 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 we received during this period, it is impossible to mention all our generous donors, but we would like to thank the following in particular:

Hermanus High School—Food donations	Gamco Engineering, Andre Coetzee, Victor Chemicals—food and cleaning agents	Louise Rundle, Silke, Sam Hodson, Aletta & Carol Wallis—clothing donation
Sally & Guy Paulet—4 plate stove top	Cindy & Bertus van Oordt—clothing & microwave	Peter & Sarah, Tony & Sue Hughes & Bruce—table tennis tables & bats
SAD donation—fruit & biscuits	Norma Leviton — fridge & chest freezer	Ryan Family—flowers & food donations
KIA Motors Hermanus— sponsorship towards events	Cashkows Hermanus—sponsorship towards events	Bridge Community UK & Tayo — stationary & craft materials
Pick 'n Pay Hermanus—sponsorship towards events & Easter eggs	OASIS Hermanus—sponsorship towards events	Marius & Anè Eksteen—food donation

We would like to thank Madame Mayor for her continuous support, to the Hermanus Community and to the local media for your valuable role you play within our Camphill School Community.

Fundraising Team—Genevieve Linney & Michelle van Zyl

