



From the Principal's desk

After what felt like an eternal holiday during April the second term finally kicked off in earnest on the 2nd of May.

The school term was packed with festivals, visits and activities. The visit to Onrus Manor Retirement Village where our learners performed a short concert for the residents and their invited guests was a treat for our learners, co-workers and staff. Thank you for spoiling us with special sweet treats and beautifully knitted winter warmers and teddy bears.



The visit from the Hermanus High School Interact Club and their teachers was another highlight for our School. Thank you for coming to play soccer against our learners and for spending time with us all. The spectators also enjoyed the day immensely and we look forward to your next visit.

We had some sad farewells to old friends, as well as warm welcomes to new staff members during the month of May. The learners and staff said good-bye to our retiring bus driver, Oom Gert Shepherd, beloved *oupa* to all our learners and father figure to many. Michelle van Zyl, our Senior Fundraiser, left the school officially at the end of May after five years of service to Cam-

phill School. We wish Michelle well in her new position. Thank you too and all the best to Clint Fouché; colleague, friend and Foreman at our School since 2014.

On the bright side we gained two new Camphill School staff members: Bradley Temmers and Charlie Joorst. Both are bus drivers and have joined our maintenance team. We hope that you will be happy here with us.

Our School building has become one of our main projects this year. The first phase of this project was to build a retainer wall behind the school to direct unwanted water away from the school building. The building of the retainer wall was completed at the end of April. We would like to thank Thornage Hall Camphill Community and David Gurney and Camphill Friends once again for making this possible. As the rainy season is upon us, we are grateful that part of this project has been completed and just in time! The second phase of this project, once sufficient funds are available, is to restore the roof that is leaking in a few places, to replace all the wooden cupboards in each classroom and to upgrade all the plumbing needs. We are continuously seeking funding to complete the restoration of our School building, to offer our learners the most suitable environment to be educated and cared for.

The Vocational Phase teachers have created a space in the school building for their sewing workshop, beauty therapy training and hairdressing. The hairdressing workshop is really in need of a basin and faucet fitting as the kitchen sink currently fitted in the old classroom is not fit for washing hair.

During the coming July holidays ex-

terior canvas blinds will be installed at our Kindergarten class, enclosing an outdoor patio. This enclosed play area will not only allow more space for the learners to play but will be able to be utilised during the winter months, as their playground gets very wet and muddy during the rainy season. Thank you to the Hermés Trust UK, May-Britt Hartstein together with the 2012/2013 German co-worker group and to the Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust for your contribution towards this much needed project. Our Kindergarten class will not recognise their outdoor patio on their return to school after their holiday.

Our current batch of young German volunteers' year service is sadly



coming to an end. From the bottom of my heart I wish to thank every single one for the love and care that they shared with our learners during this year. It is not easy to see you leave as you have a special place in our hearts, we wish you every success for your future endeavours and hope that you will stay in touch and visit us from time to time.

Jeanne-Marie Botha
Principal

Second term fun

We cannot believe that the term is already at its end. It has been a very busy term with lots of fun and excitement.

We kicked off the term with our Eurythmy performance by an international group, to celebrate The Easter Festival. Thank you to Gera-lyn, Ursula, Eva Maria, Christiane and Bonnie the pianist.

Elizabeth Reppel entertained us with a puppet show about the Princess and the frog. Our learners enjoyed it very much.

We had our learner's annual sports day where the whole school participated including the house staff,

then all went down to the sports field to take part in fun activities like tug'o 'war, sprints, fun relays, jumping through the hoops, potato on spoon, bean bag races and 3-legged races. We ended off the day with piggy back and wheelbarrow races. All the the classes were colour coded; kindergarten- yellow, intermediate -white, creative-green, senior class 1- orange senior class 2 -blue and upper school -red.

June to sing for all the visitors. Even though it was a cold and windy day, the learners managed to warm the hearts of everybody there and our learners enjoyed being there.



Everybody enjoyed this fun day. The residents and friends of Onrus Manor Retirement Village invited three of our classes to visit them and entertain them with a few songs and rhymes. The Kindergarten performed an interactive song and the two senior classes performed songs out of *The Sound Of Music* as well as *The Lion King*. The audience were very touched by our visit.

We hosted our Open Day during May where our visitors and friends had the opportunity to could come and see what we do in our

classrooms and here at our School. They could also enjoy a warm cup of tea and lovely homemade pancakes.

The Whitsun festival was celebrated by the school by having an assembly. We had 12 readers that read the same piece in the Bible in different languages. Christoff Reppel played soothing music with three different instruments.

The three senior classes were invited to the Holistic Faire at the Fernkloof Nature Reserve during

The Hermanus High School Inter-act Club were invited by our Senior learners to come and spend an afternoon here at our School and to play a friendly game of Soccer. The High School learners were very impressed with our learner's soccer skills and it ended up being such a fun day. Thank you to Anika our German co-worker who came up with this lovely idea and for organising this event. A picnic was shared after with both teams and each learner received a medal. Thank you to the Interact Club for visiting us again and thank you to Teacher Joel Geldenhys and Mr Hassenkamp the Principal for allowing us this opportunity. We cannot wait to see you all again in Spring.

The teachers were treated to a quick visit to Mountain Rose - the house of Eurythmy therapist Luise Boedinghaus. We visited her to see the sculptures made by her partner Johannes. She spoiled us with tea and cookies.

We will end off our School term on the 30th June with a wonderful school concert and wish all our learners a safe July holiday break.

maintenance, admin staff and the teachers. We started the day with a short walk from Phoenix house to the school gate. This was then followed by long distance running. We



The Teachers

Giggles and laughs

Our German co-workers hosted a festival for all our learners on the 26th June, to treat and spoil them and also to say their goodbyes.

The playground was decorated with balloons, music and lots of games arranged. From face painting to ball games, everybody had such fun. There was also a lovely array of homemade cakes and treats with cold drink. Thank you to each and every co-worker for organising this very unique and special morning.

After a fun filled morning on the playground, we were all invited to a special concert performed by our co-workers. They entertained us with a short play from the *Jungle Book*. Our learners really enjoyed your show with lots of laughter and big smiles. Baloo and Mowgli you were great hits, not to mention the laughing monkeys. The staff and residents from the farm also really enjoyed watching you all in action. Thank you so much for the entertainment. A Spectacular show, WELL DONE!



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Sad farewells

We all enjoyed a well deserved three week autumn holiday and everyone returned ready to start the second term of the year. We are now in the middle of winter, with the winter solstice upon us, sitting by the fire place enjoying a warm cup of Milo or Hot Chocolate, telling stories to each other or watching a Barney movie, Pieter's favourite.



Sadly within the next 2 weeks we have to say goodbye to our dear German co-workers and at this time, our children start showing signs of sadness. Our group of fourteen co-workers have been with us since August 2016 and have supported and assisted myself, the staff and all our children in our residential homes and in the classrooms. This group of co-workers arrived here full of energy, good will, lots of ideas and love towards our children. Quickly they became part of the family and our School. Their commitment and passion for our children will be sorely missed and it will be a heart-breaking goodbye. We wish them all well, to travel back to Germany safely and we truly hope that they visit us again soon.

On the bright side, we are looking forward to welcoming our new batch of co-workers, making new friends and starting new adventures.



Both residential homes, Phoenix and Cloister are doing well. We did not have many birthday celebrations this term but we did have some lovely outings. We were able to take our children for a long walk on the cliff

paths from Westcliff to the centre of Hermanus to the Old Harbour. During the walk the children took the difficult paths with a bit of rock climbing and crossing



bridges. Pieter gave our co-workers a good run around. We spent time at the playground after the walk and our afternoon ended with a lovely dinner at the Belgian Waffle Restaurant. Camille had the best time, enjoying her banana split waffle with ice cream and chocolate sauce. Everyone had a wonderful time. Our residential children were also spoilt by the co-workers on several occasions. They were taken out to Fabio's restaurant for pizza and pasta and also some lovely beach outings when the weather played along.

We are truly grateful and blessed with the weekly food donations from Woolworths, The Engen and to Checkers. The surplus foods we receive make our meals extra nutritious and tasty. A special thank you goes to the Peninsula Feeding Scheme for your ongoing food contributions.

I would like to thank all my Homelife staff for your support during this term. In particular I would like to specially thank Lilian for keeping Cloister home in 'tip-top' condition. She not only does a fantastic job at keeping the home organized but all the children absolutely adore her and her magic hands help and assist wherever she is needed.

We have had a few furry four-legged visitors popping by frequently, our local baboons. They don't like to miss a thing around the school and our homes. Unfortunately they always make a huge mess on their departure. Thank you to my staff for always helping to clean up the mess they leave behind.

We are thankful for not having been affected by the storms we had a few weeks ago. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all families who live in areas that were badly affected by the storms and also by all the fires in Knysna. At the moment we can say thank you for all the good things happening here at our School and our Homes and to all the donations great or small that we have been blessed with

Angela Coetzee



Our Board Member attending the Camphill Dialogue



gate from Camphill Community Hermanus.

We were met by John Tallow (a jovial fellow and Camphill staff child) and taken to Camphill Murtle Estate where we were house guests of Betty Marx in Mignon house. (Betty's son Tom was one of the organizers of Dialogue and was later to conduct an interview with Yvonne, Ray Potten, David Trojeski and myself).

We were joined the next day by delegates from Le Beal in France, from Spain (an initiative in the planning) and Northern Ireland.

In the evening we attended a civic reception at Aberdeen Town House hosted by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen who was a down to earth chap in spite of his impressive gold chain. He mingled freely with the guests and spent a considerable amount of time in conversation with the South African delegates. It later transpired from his welcoming speech that the reception was his first ever civic function as he had very recently taken up the post. In attendance also was Dame Megg who had been a Labour Party MP for Aberdeen South and who is a good friend of Camphill.

On arrival at the Town House, we were greeted by a group of 5 Scottish bagpipers and 3 drummers dressed in kilts and making beautiful music, a stirring and magnificent sound indeed.

On the 25th May Dialogue officially began in Carnelian Hall, Camphill Estate. The theme for the day was "The importance of our history in shaping who we are". Day 2: "A sense for community" and day 3: "Looking forward: Camphill as part of the future". Suffice it to say that all nine contributions were super interesting and informative.

On day 2 I joined the workshop called "The Ecovillage playing card - designing our own pathways into the future. Common communities' toolbox" was run by a South African lady now based in Findhorn who is the President of the Global Ecovillage Network.

There were 160 delegates at Dialogue from 14 countries and it was a truly remarkable experience to meet so many people from so many different backgrounds but all with a common interest which is Camphill. The informal conversations struck up during break and din-

ner times and in Mignon around the breakfast table were precious.

The weather turned warm and sunny and none of the winter clothes I had packed were needed. The meals we had at Norwood Hall Hotel as well as at Camphill Hall (catered by Murtle Estate) were excellent. And yes, we had Haggis!

Our last free day was spent on a tour of the surrounds of Aberdeen, down to Stonehaven where we had the best fish and chips ever after a fairly windy visit to Dunnottar Castle. Back up to Old Aberdeen and the cobbled streets around Aberdeen University, founded in 1495 and finally on to visit St Machar's High



Kirk where Andreas, from Le Beal, was allowed to play on their Bosendorfer...sublime!

We also had the opportunity to visit several of the other Camphill places in Aberdeen, notably Simeon, Beannachar and Camphill Estate and of course Newton Dee which is within walking distance of Murtle Estate.

It was truly an experience not to be missed. I would like to thank the Association of Camphill Communities UK and Ireland (AoCC) for all my travelling expenses and to the Camphill Communities within Scotland for their warm hospitality and for accommodating me during my travels.

Karin Laubscher



A wonderful term for festivals



We always look forward to the second term because it is a term full of festivals. For this year, the Holy Week falls on the school term break. We started the term with an Easter Eurythmy Festival performance by international Eurythymists. It's autumn with erratic weather and we prayed for nice weather on Ascension Day. As the morning progressed, we were given beautiful blue skies with beautiful cloud formations as we celebrated the community gathering before the Ascension hikes. As in our tradition, all the children and staff, with the maintenance men as marshals, were divided according to their capabilities to the different sites: climbing either to the Irish Cross on top of the "Camphill Mountain" or to Castle Rock and the less able had their own drive up to the Rotary Way viewpoint. The group that tackled Castle Rock tried to explore the other route only to find out that the fynbos vegetation was too overgrown and the route was too difficult to walk. But nonetheless, they were already at the top wherein they were able to appreciate the views of the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.



One of our learners was asking how much further they need to go. But when



she turned around and saw the beautiful view, all she could say was "Fantastic, Fantastic" and the thought of being tired was gone. All of this culminated with blowing of bubbles in their respective destinations, whilst enjoying a deserving snack.

The celebration of the Whitsun Festival was an experience for our Community as we had a new set up for St John's hall. The table and candles were placed at the centre of the hall with the readers around the table, followed by the learners and staff sitting around them, creating a large circle formation, symbolizing a community holding. The readers, with representations from school, homelife, therapies, administrative and maintenance, lit their candles one by one before they read the verse of John 1:1-5, read in 12 different languages. The music which was composed by our music therapist, Christoph Reppel, created the solemn mood of the Festival.



The celebration of St. John's Festival is our Festival of Lights in winter and was truly special. The whole school community gathered around the school courtyard wherein the Upper School performed a Eurythmy to the St. John's Fire Verse by Lawrence Adler. This was followed with a lantern parade whilst singing around the school grounds which ended at St. John's Hall. The darkened hall was brightened by the lights from the beautiful lanterns prepared by each learner and teachers. There was a short program of story telling on *The Light Bearer* as well as the Eurythmy performances on the gospel of St. John 1:1-14 by Geralyn and Luise and a Novalis poem by Luise. The festival culminated with the gathering around a bonfire and the throwing to the flames pieces of paper where everyone had written things they want to change within their lives, symbolizing the call for change as we let the inner light of Christ kindle in our hearts. Another highlight of St. John's was the lovely eurythmy performance of the Creative Class on "St. John's Gift" during the school Assembly.

Julio Lasert

Our Therapies



Whenever I show parents and visitors around our School, they are always surprised that there is a Therapy Centre within our Community, where a range of therapies are provided to meet the therapeutic needs of all our learners. Our Therapy centre, 'Phila' in Xhosa promises that all who come here will be well.

There is also an appreciation and acknowledgement of the warm set-up and architectural design of our Centre that gives you a feeling of well being and love.

Our learners benefit from a range of eight therapies; massage therapy, play therapy, painting therapy,

music therapy, occupational therapy, speech, physiotherapy, equine, and eurythmy (movement) therapy. We welcome Ms. Joanne Schoeman as our new speech therapist who is able to come twice a week for our learners

As the therapy programmes are one of our main holistic pillars here, we work on the thinking, feeling and willing of our children. We continuously work on the therapeutic aims for our children serving their own individual needs. Here at our School we offer each child two structured therapies per week whilst sufficient funds are made available.

It is impossible to mention all the feel good stories about how these therapies benefit our children as each child grows and develops at their own unique pace. Even small progress is celebrated as we see the unfolding of the child's individuality, whether with movement,

speech or self expression through art and music.

We are continuously approaching donors to help us carry through this fundamental programme to benefit each one of our children.



Julio Laset



Remember, remember the 1st of September

Celebrate Diversity gives you the chance to show us who you really are, and what you celebrate most. Your national dress? Your favourite soccer team? Your fabulous stylish sense of fashion? The trick is to do it all with a splash of green, to remind us of summer grass, positive growth, hope and fun, and enjoying who we all are. *Let's celebrate our diversity!*

Casual Day has become a firm favourite on the calendar of many of South Africa's corporations, government departments, schools and organisations. It is an excellent opportunity for corporate team building, whilst also making a contribution to one of the most vulnerable sectors of our society - persons with disabilities.

The project encourages people to dress differently to the usual corporate dress code, whether dressed up or dressed down. The 'license' to be dressed outrageously, is the Casual Day sticker which is obtained for a donation of R10. The project is managed by The National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa. Our organisation participates via the infrastructure of this project to raise funds for the services that we render towards persons with disabilities.

Our Theme for 2017 is

**CELEBRATE
Diversity**
with PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

So Let's celebrate diversity with persons with disabilities



Friends Indeed!!!!

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



This term has indeed been a busy one with many events, festivals and visitors popping by. Apart from all the festivities, we have several ongoing projects which have been specific donations from donors towards; a Bus Shade Port/Garage to house our four school busses, the completion of the retainer wall surrounding our School building and the installation of exterior canvas blinds for our Kindergarten class. We thank each and everyone for making these projects a reality and for your valuable and ongoing contributions towards our School.

We bid a sad farewell to Michelle van Zyl, my fundraising partner at the beginning of the term. I thank her for her guidance and support the last few years and wish her well with her new venture.

Our Annual Report 2016 was distributed a few weeks ago, sharing through words and pictures our successes of the past year. As you will notice paging through our Annual Report, the children at Camphill are happy, fulfilled and self-confident. I would like to thank Dr Mickey Fauel and PSG Wealth Hermanus for the sponsoring of our Annual Report, as well as Colourpix for assisting us with the design and layout.

We were grateful to receive monetary donations from the following individuals, charitable foundations and trusts, and businesses, during our second term-

National Lotteries Commission	Hermes Trust UK	Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund Trust
PSG Wealth Hermanus	Freunde de Erziehungskunst	JET lee Will Trust
Dr Mickey Fauel	Sonnet, Steve and Minnie Cadle	Checkers
Eurythmy therapy sessions	Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust	Dr Steyn
Onrus Manor Retirement Village	Several anonymous donors	T.Smal

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

(*New child sponsors)

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Alan Bailey Civil Engineer cc	J van Tonder	ABSA

We would like to make special mention of 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:

Deborah Lippan-Fridge	Onrus Manor Retirement Village- Knitted scarves, hoodies, sweets	Kustermann Family- Carpets, exercise bicycle, etc
Hennie and Thea Kruger- Ice-cream donation	Suzaan and Cindy van Oordt- Clothing, shoes	Anja Brandt- Cake mixes, stock powders, wet wipes, soap
Kate Niemantinga- Clothing	Kara Niemantinga- Toys and dolls	Mrs Loubser- Clothing
Hannie Koch and Huis Lettie Theron ladies- knitted jerseys	Vida Robertson-knitted hoodies for the whole school	

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

Genevieve Linney

From ice-creams to winter wooly donations



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Co-workers 2016/2017 we wish you a fond farewell!

