

### From the Principal's desk



The first term brought new learners to the school, new faces working in the boarding facilities and changes to the school schedules.

The school has adjusted schedules in order to allow for an earlier start of the school day and an earlier home time in the afternoons on a trial basis for the duration of the first term to test the practicality of this arrangement. This was done on behalf of learners and parents as our learners usually only got home at 1600 or 16h30 which did not leave them much play time before evening meals. Learners are also now allowed to wear grey and white school uniforms if they so desire.

We solved our communication problems by means of an automated messaging service which now provides parents, staff and teachers with instant updates and communications from the school.

At our very successful parent / teacher meeting held on the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> March parents expressed their satisfaction with all the arrangements mentioned in the paragraphs above. The parents really enjoyed the classroom visits and were impressed with their children's work.

Our school building is aging and in need of renovations and repairs. Thanks to the hard work of our fundraisers Camphill Foundation USA has provided funds to support this project. We are very grateful as the roof and windows need urgent attention before winter sets in. Renovations will start after the Easter weekend.

Funds were also secured to build a bus port to

shelter the 3 school buses. This project should be completed by the end of March.

The school was in need of a reliable new fleet car which can be used to transport learners to and from therapies, doctors and hospital visits and general transport. Gerrie du Plooy from Sterling Motors generously offered us a great deal on a Chevrolet Spark with service support included. We are really grateful.



During this term we were very honoured to have a visit from delegates from the German Buntestag, the German Ambassador Martin Schäfer and his daughter as well as the previous Ambassador Dieter Haller. They were en route to Gansbaai and came for a short tour of the school. There was just enough time to squeeze in a quick visit to the herb workshop at the Camphill Farm Community. We hope to see them again soon.

Our young German Volunteers come to our Community through an organisation named Freunde der Erziehungskunst in Germany. In February Martina Bipp, a volunteer coordinator, came to stay at the school for 3 days to see what the volunteers do in school and in the boarding facilities. She really enjoyed her stay and will definitely come to us more often.

I wish everyone at school a blessed Easter and restful holidays

**Jeanne-Marie Botha**  
Principal

# School life

It is hard to believe we are heading into Easter holidays already. The first term has flown by. At the beginning of the year we welcomed back our Creative Class Teacher Lize-Marie, after a long knee operations recovery. She also got married on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2017, we congratulate her and wish all the best.

We were sad to say goodbye to our Foundation Phase Teacher Nadia this term. We will miss her terribly. Out of sight but not out of hearts. We wish her well on her new journey and we thank her for the hard work, dedication and happy presence. Make the best of every opportunity.



The theme this term has been The Sea in the Intermediate class and we are so lucky to have the ocean 'at the bottom of the road'. We were fortunate to go on an educational outing, the weather started off cloudy, but when the sun came out it turned really warm. Teacher Michele taught the children how to climb carefully over the rocks and into the rock-pools to see what sea-life they could find: - sea anemones, periwinkles and shoals of tiny silver fish and slimy seaweed were all we could see. The water was FREEEEZING and the only girl brave enough to swim was Nikita Tiwana. Bravo, Niki! Everyone else got a cool splashing in the rock-pools. We had a delicious picnic snack afterwards under the Milkwood trees, before returning to school.

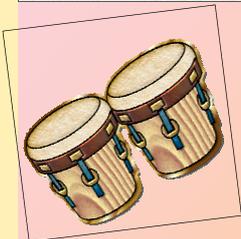


Our learners have been enjoying the swimming pool on hot summery days.

Once again, the Intermediate and Foundation Phase classes were treated to a Fun Day by the Interact Club at Hermanus High School. The Interact team, most of them wearing gorgeous tutus, organised soccer games, stilts, face-painting and other ball games like 'cricket'. Ja-reemon ran to the far side of the field so that he could have a really good run-up; - it was terrifying! Some of our children were allowed to paint the faces of the Hermanus pupils and they really enjoyed this. We finished off with yummy hot-dogs, juice and cup-cakes by 'Anja's Ouma.". Thanks to the Interact Club once again, you're the BEST buddies ever!



We thank Dutchies Restaurant owners Joke and Daan for placing much emphasis on Disability Awareness Week in the last week in February. What a great honour it was for our Upper School learners when we joined hands once again to have our Marimba band play at this busy establishment on the beach. We enjoyed the day, entertaining your patrons and beach goers. Thank you once again for including us and allowing our learners this opportunity to showcase their talents. Our Marimba band was also asked to play on Human Rights Day in the Moffat hall in Mount Pleasant. Thank you to Emmanuel, Sinalo and Edward for participating.



Workshops this term have been going well. The senior girls are enjoying the hair-dressing workshop and assisting in the residential homes with our Homelife staff.



The girls help with certain house chores and are a tremendous help in the kitchen with the preparation of the lunches. The senior boys are enjoying working with our maintenance team and assisting next door on the farm. We made slightly different crafts during the term like knitting, detailed crochet work, jewellery and decorating tekkies with colourful beads.



On the 27<sup>th</sup> March, all our learners participated in a Eurhythmics performance. What a beautiful show it



was and we thank therapists Geryl and Luise. The last week of school we will celebrate various festivals including an Eurhythmics performance together with our Easter celebrations.



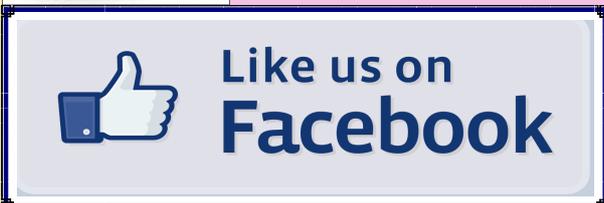
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# Celebrations and farewells

This term has been a busy one, and has flown by with Autumn now in the air and thoughts of lighting fires in the homes soon. It feels like we have just packed away the Christmas trees and now we are about to celebrate Easter.

It is hard to believe that our German volunteers have been here for three quarters of the year already and have one more term with us. Most of our volunteers families will be visiting them over the Easter holidays, so they are all looking forward to connecting with them again.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to our Housemother Lillian, she has shown true dedication and love for her work and to all our children. She has kept Cloister home in top notch condition, working very closely with Hans and Margaret. We will miss her compassion here and wish her only the best with her new adventure.



On a happier note, we celebrated Jamie-Lee's 21st on the 9th of March. Jamie was brought to our School at the age of 2. Since then, the School is the only home she has known and the caring Camphill Community, the only family she has had.

All the learners and staff celebrated Jamie-Lee's special birthday with her, she was dressed as a true princess as she walked to the school building courtyard and we all sang Happy Birthday to her, with many hugs after. The school made Jamie-Lee beautiful cards and put together a big photo album of all her many memories and happy times here. She then enjoyed a feast prepared in the St Johns Hall with all her senior class mates with lots of music and dancing after. Thank you to all that decorated the hall and to everyone that made this day so truly memorable. The party didn't end there and a whole weekend of festivities were planned for Jamie and all the residential learners, by the Housemothers and all volunteers.

Two weeks later we had to bid a very sad farewell to our Jamie as she has moved to an adult community, Trevelyn Lodge, in Vredenburg on the West Coast. John and Marianne Robinson own and run this 10 ha farm based safe haven for adults with special needs situated 4km from Vredenburg. Being on the top of a hill, it



offers views of sea, farmland, Vredenburg and the Langebaan Lagoon in the distance. On a clear day one can see Table Mountain in the distance. The

Robinsons have known Jamie since childhood thanks to their involvement in Camphill Hermanus many years ago and Jamie has spent most of her holidays there in recent times. Trevelyn Lodge has offered a home to a number of our learners who had to transition to an adult environment. We miss Jamie already but know that she will be happy there and that she will come visit us again soon.

I wish all my Homelife staff a wonderful Easter break.

Angela Coetzee

# Ian and Vivienne von Memerty

**Synergy** 1+1=3

**4 APRIL 2018**

**VIVIENNE & IAN VON MEMERTY**

**VENUE:** Sandbaai Saal, Hermanus • **PRICE:** R 160.00  
**SHOW STARTS:** 18h00 • Cash bar and refreshments available  
**TICKETS SOLD AT:** Alex Grant Pharmacy, Onrus Pharmacy and Wine Village

SCAN FOR A SHORT PREVIEW OF OUR SHOW

For more information contact: Camphill office: 028 312 4949 / 082 715 7817 (Genevieve) Camphill School Hermanus

Back by popular demand.....

Ian von Memerty known as 'captain entertainment' will be performing with his wife Vivienne known as 'the queen of dance'. The production is SYNERGY 1+1+3, exploring partnerships and taking a fresh insight into the synergy that ignites when two people work as one. A spectacular cabaret performance, with excerpts from the 1960 and 1970's musicals, fabulous costumes and pianistic dynamite. An elegant show not to be missed.



Come and enjoy **THIS ELEGANT AND GLAMOROUS, DAZZLING SHOW OF THE YEAR** on the 4<sup>th</sup> April at the Sandbaai Hall Hermanus at 18h00. Tickets are at R160 per person with a cash bar during interval. Tickets will be distributed at various outlets, **Alex Grant Pharmacy, Onrus Pharmacy, Wine Village and Camphill School.**

Please contact Camphill School office for further information on 028 312 4949 or email [genevieve@camphill-hermanus.org.za](mailto:genevieve@camphill-hermanus.org.za)

## Camphill Friends

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 furniture to clothing is utilised and makes an immense difference in these learners lives and brings our daily costs down tremendously.

This term we continued to place much emphasis on our Child Sponsorship Programme, focusing on local churches as well as churches in the Caledon region. We thank all Churches and Bible study groups that have been able to visit our School and meet our learners.

We have been blessed this term with an abundance of financial support locally and further afield.. These contributions enable us to carry forward with certain ongoing projects and assists the school with some of our operational costs.

Sadly we were not able to go forward with our annual Sports Challenge in February, but have been able to secure Ian and Vivienne von Memerty during the Easter holidays.

**We thank all the following donors who have contributed monetary donations this term:**



Wetterhahn Foundation	Syringa Trust	Shell- Jeffrey Green
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We also thank our regular contributors, who month after month, support our School and our learners, in particular:

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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:

Sterling Motors-Financial Support on buying the Chevrolet Spark	Esthie Steyn-Linen, towels, bodylotion, some pillows	Elsa—Double Bed, couches, cupboards, chest of drawers
Lighthouse Construction-Paint	The Gardensnail -Wine-Valentine's Raffle Prize	Abalone Guest House-Overnight Stay for 2 persons—Valentine's Raffle Prize
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Peter Curtis—Men's T-Shirts	Kara Nemantinga—Toys	Rene Nel- Bedding, Clothing and shoes



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 & Amanja Swart