

about the way it was experienced and the lessons that were learnt.

“Do you remember when that fire happened that a lot of people came to help? How many of you were in the hall in Sandbaai? Do you remember what the people brought with them? Food, blankets, mattresses, clothes and cooldrinks. Do you remember the people that showed up at Camphill to fight the fire? We are here to thank them. We are grateful to them. The secret about gratitude is to not keep it inside but to say thank you. I want to thank everyone that was here to help and those that went beyond to help us rebuild and to help fight the fire in the Valley. From Camphill I want to say to you that we are grateful in our hearts for what you have done for us. Thank you.”

“We want to thank God that through

the help of the teachers, and through Sam Hodson from the Camphill Farm who tried to ram a gate, God kept everyone safe. Everyone came away unhurt. God sent people with good hearts to help. There is a scripture in the New Testament that says be thankful under all circumstances. We are thankful.

“On behalf of the school and the farm community at Camphill, I want to say thank you to everybody who supported us through this difficult time for the school,” said Jeanne-Marie Botha, principal of Camphill. “We are back at the school now after all these months. We are so grateful to share this event with you. Thanks to everyone who was here, and thank you, Ken.”

The Camphill School caters for children with disabilities, while the farm community offers adults with disabilities

a home and meaningful work on the farm.

Following the service, Melany Duthie-Surtie, General Manager of Working on Fire Western Cape, thanked the firefighters who were involved in fighting the fire at Camphill, handing a certificate to each of them as well as T-shirts with special Camphill fire logo on it so firefighters would always be reminded of their contribution to the community.

Refreshments were served after the service and everyone was entertained by the Camphill Farm Marimba Band under the leadership of Daniel Kamber.



Jeanne-Marie Botha, principal of Camphill, thanked everyone for their contribution to rescuing the school and the farm.



Camphill Farm's talented marimba band.