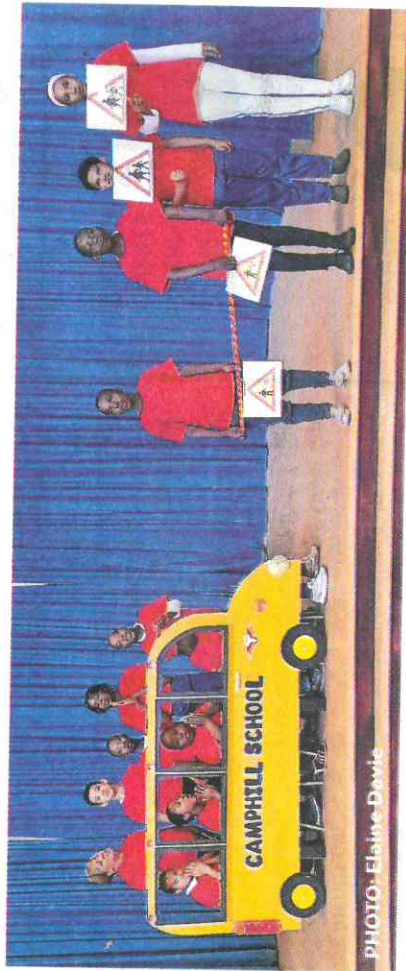


A special place for special children

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In 1952 a very small acorn was planted in the rich soil of the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley and 70 years later, it has grown into a sturdy oak providing shelter and protection to hundreds of special needs children from this area and further afield. That was the analogy drawn by Geoffrey Weir, Chairman of Camphill School at its 70th Anniversary celebrations last Friday.

There are probably not many Hermanus old timers around who remember May Redman, the founder of the school. Could she, one wonders, have had any notion of how many lives her project would touch and change forever? Nevertheless it was thanks to the titanic efforts of this intrepid woman, mother of an intellectually impaired son, that Camphill School was established and has provided love, care, education and acceptance to generations of children with severe intellectual disabilities.



FAR LEFT: At the back are Jeanne-Marié Botha (Camphill School Principal) and Colm Greene (Association of Camphills UK & Ireland Administrator), and in front are Margaret Steneveld (Camphill School Cook), Genevieve Linney (Camphill School PR and Fundraising) and Geraldine May (Camphill School Secretary). **LEFT AND ABOVE:** The Camphill learners took their audience on a sparkling showbiz journey at their 70th anniversary concert. The Camphill bus was the star of the show, built by learners from the Vocational Group and complete with real passengers.

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