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# CAMPHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Editorial

And another one bites the dust! Only five minutes ago, we were plunging headlong into 2014, full of enthusiasm and energy, and now, what do I hear? Ah yes, Saint Nicholas, knock-knock-knocking at Camphill's door! And most of the staff are so exhausted they can barely open it to invite him in.



Looking back on our previous three newsletters of this year, it's not surprising that everyone is tired. Every term seemed busier than the one before and the fourth is no exception. Camphill School continues to grow in numbers each year as word gets out about the high quality of education at the School and the happy, caring atmosphere on our tranquil farm. You will see this reflected in the pages below.

Over and above the normal school activities, there have been class outings, the completion of an important school evaluation, visitors to entertain, Christmas events to celebrate and lots of comings and goings - new staff members



and learners to welcome, and others to bid farewell.

That's always the hardest. This year, we said goodbye to three of our senior learners, one of whom has been at the School for 13 years, another for 11; all have crept into our hearts and become part of who we ourselves are. So we wish them luck and happiness as they make their way in the wider world. May they be protected and blessed.

This newsletter is particularly poignant for me personally, as I, too, take leave of Camphill School. It has been an action-packed three years. When I arrived in 2012, I was told that the School had only enough money to keep it going for another three months!

It was my job to help pull it up by its bootstraps and place it on a more stable financial footing. No pressure! I'm happy to say that since then its funding base has grown stronger year by year.

And during this time, almost unnoticed, the children have slipped quietly into my life and enriched it. Satisfaction at what has been achieved is therefore tinged with the sadness of goodbyes. I have no doubt, though, that the School's newly sprouted wings will continue to strengthen, and will lift it into the stratosphere of inspiring accomplishments for many more children. I will be watching from a distance, smiling.



Elaine Davie





# From the Principal's Office



and we will greatly miss her.

Elaine Davie has played an integral role in stabilising the School financially and in creating awareness of our work within the Hermanus community and beyond, for almost three years. We can never thank her enough for her contribution to the welfare of

the School and for sharing her vast knowledge and experience with us during this time. She, too, will be sorely missed.

We wish all three of these beloved employees all the best in their future endeavours.

On a happier note, in October we appointed Angela Coetzee on a trial basis as the assistant house parent. Thus far she has been an absolute blessing in the House and we hope she and her family will be happy with us.

Our cook, Elaine Dyers, who has been at Camphill School for the past 12 years, will be giving birth early in the New Year to a 'laatlammetjie' and will be on maternity leave during the first term of 2015. We wish Elaine all the best and cannot wait to meet the new addition to our Camphill family!

Everyone seems to have the Christmas feeling at Camphill School, especially the children, who are full of the joys of summer, looking forward to a long December holiday.

However, sadly, we also have to say good-bye to three of our most loved staff members.

Lauren Brown, class 6 teacher, is leaving to teach English in South Korea with her husband. We will miss her energy, love and enthusiasm; not to mention her coffee-making skills!

Jacky van Tonder, our bookkeeper for close to 6 years, has decided to leave behind the drudgery of bookkeeping to pursue her dream of caring for animals in Limpopo Province, where her job will entail eco-system conservation. She is greatly loved by children and staff alike

I am happy to report that we have completed the internal whole school evaluation for ISASA (Independent Schools of South Africa) with the help of Dave Shutte, our mentor from the IQAA (Independent Quality Assurance Agency). We thank the staff members, learners and parents who participated in this useful process. The evaluation team, consisting of management members and teachers, worked hard and met frequently to formulate the findings, celebrate our strengths and collaborate in finding solutions to the challenges identified. As mentioned previously, one of these was a lack of parent participation in school events and parent/teacher meetings. We hope to resolve this issue in 2015, but need suggestions from the parents on how best to do this.

One of Camphill School's missions is to create awareness, particularly amongst younger people, of children with special educational needs. It is therefore, especially heart-warming that the Santa Shoebox project, together with pupils of Hermanus High School have chosen to present a box to each

of our learners. The High School pupils will distribute them to our children on 3 December at the School.

Camphill School would like to thank all our donors, friends and parents for their support this year.

Thanks and Glory be to God, our Heavenly Father, who has provided for the School and protected us all, not only in 2014, but for the past 62 years. Thanks also go to the Board and staff members, as well as the children for their hard work and dedication. We have faced challenges and met them head-on. We are a team working together, continuously striving to improve our caring service to the children of Camphill School.

May every one of you have a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



**Jeanne-Marie Botha**

**Acting Principal**





# It's not all blackboards and books

This term has flown by so quickly that we are

all developing a 'speed-wobble'. Luckily, we help one another to keep on track. One of the most important achievements this term has been the completion of the Evaluation Report conducted by the Independent Quality Assurance Agency (IQAA). We thank Teacher Lauren for her hard work and expertise in facilitating this process. This is a document that the School can be proud of, a benchmark for assessing our progress in the future.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Teacher Lauren, who is going on a Teaching Adventure in South Korea with her husband. We thank her for the difference she has made in the children's lives and the care and love

she has brought into all of ours.

We would also like to say an enormous THANK YOU to our dear fundraiser, Elaine, whose dedication has made a great contribution to the School over the past three years. She has been our Angel on a Mission. We will sorely miss both Lauren and Elaine.

We are all busily practising for the end-of-term Nativity play, but in between rehearsals, the Foundation Class enjoyed petting rabbits, pot-bellied pigs and emus, and Class 7 and the Pre-Vocational Class went on an educational outing to the Abagold perlemoen farm. Our pupils get as much as they can out of these outings, which are an exciting learning experience for them.

We had a few important visitors this term: Dave Mitchell from the

AOCC was very touched by the liveliness and energy in the school, and RisCura staff members joined us for Choir - and even ate samp and soya with the Foundation Class. The children love meeting visitors and it becomes a two-way and, hopefully, long-lasting relationship.

The interest in our unique School keeps growing, with many requests for information. Thank you to everyone who has helped Camphill flourish this year. It's been a hectic, roller-coaster ride, but looking back, we can see growth and steady progress. This is reflected each day in the happiness of our children, which is our prime focus.

Michèle Lorton



## Animal Talk

On 11 November our Kindergarten class were up and ready for our yearly outing. As part of our theme - farm animals - we went to visit the petting farm outside Hermanus, on the Stanford road. Oom Gert made sure we were all seated and safe in the bus and off we went. We were all chatty and excited and each of the twelve of us had a snack and a cool drink. The scenery was pretty, but it just took a bit long before we turned on to a gravel road with huge trees.

Teacher Karin told us the safety rules for the day and said we must be gentle when holding the animals. Each of us was given a bucket with pellets, carrots and lettuce and the animals could not wait to be fed, especially the dirty pigs. The goats were very funny and we had lots of fun, especially with Banele and

Daniel in their camp. The rabbits were soft as cotton wool and a favourite with Joney, Samantha, Zemvelo and Ronique. Poppy-Honey and Richard loved the ducks in the pond and tried to feed them. Jo-wandre and Jareemon loved the horses and on the way to their camp, we saw huge tortoises in the grass. Joney went back to fetch more food for them.

William and Mbali had a great time in the sandpit and on the swings.

We sat down for our lunch of hot-dogs and fruit by the tables at the jungle gym, before we strolled down to the lagoon with the co-workers and Teacher Karin. Nontombi and oom Gert stayed behind and had a quiet time.

We were sad to leave the animals behind, but we had a lovely day.

**Karin Sinclair (on behalf of the children in her class)**





# Good News and Sad from Phoenix

Great excitement in the House ... Elaine, our wonderful Cook, is pregnant! She will go on maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish Elaine and the baby everything of the best. Everyone will be looking forward to welcoming the new arrival in February.



During this term, a new Assistant Housemother, Angela Coetzee, was appointed. She has settled down very quickly and we hope she will enjoy her stay with us.

And now for the sad news: Lloyd Becker left us on 25 November to relocate with his mother to Italy. Lloyd was a boarder at Phoenix for the past three years. We will miss our sweet little boy with the gorgeous smile so much, but our thoughts and good wishes go with him into the future.

I also want to wish all the House staff and volunteers a restful holiday. We appreciate their hard work and the love they never tire of sharing with the children.



Corrie le Roux

## From Romania with Love



My name is Angela Coetzee and I was born in Romania, but I have been in South Africa since 1999.

I am the mother of three beautiful children, a son and two daughters. One of my daughters, Nicole, is a child with special needs. She was born on 4 September 2001, and she has microcephaly.

In 2009 I decided to open a day care and residential facility for children and young adults with SMD and we became a family of 24 in only six months. It was the best time of my life. Today, the centre belongs to the children and their parents. However, I wanted to be part of a

bigger organisation and Alta du Toit School recommended the position of Assistant Housemother at Camphill School. I love being around our children, giving them love and

attention, spending time with them. It is a blessing to have them in my life!

Angela Coetzee

### Until we meet Again

After being at Camphill School for going on two years, I find that it's time to say goodbye. My husband and I are leaving for South Korea in a couple of months' time, where we will teach English.

I began my teaching career in a high school in central Pretoria, where my very being was challenged to the core. I have heard horror stories about what happens in mainstream schools and it saddens me to realise that being an educator means something vastly different from what it once did. So when we left the suburbs of Pretoria for Hermanus, to say it was a relief would be an understatement. I found Camphill

School at the end of a dirt road in the Heaven and Earth valley and it was exactly that, a salve for the soul.

I found that, instead of being the one who taught, it was the children who were teaching me. Instead of providing a stable and structured environment, I was the one who became more rooted and grounded in who I am ... and it was Camphill School that helped me get there.

I will be eternally grateful for all the opportunities the School has given me, and for the people I have had the privilege of working with and learning from. Thank you to all who work at Camphill School for your patience, guidance and love. You will always rest in the depths of

my heart and hopefully ... not too long from now ... we will meet again.



Lauren Brown



# Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, it's off to work we go



With the Christmas season fast approaching, the maintenance team is going all out to get everything done in time.

On the last day of last term the painting of the school building was finally completed. We are grateful to Graham Tjabring and his team for painting the roof. The building is so brilliantly white that one has to wear dark glasses when looking at it; we're all very proud of the job.

The swimming pool fencing was completed at the beginning of this term, making it more secure for our children. Security at all the houses, the maintenance office and Phoenix was beefed up with the installation of additional security gates.

We tackled the Kindergarten class this term, too. It was in dire need of a kitchen upgrade, a new floor and cupboards. The jungle gym was also renovated and painted. We would like to thank RisCura for their generous contribution towards this crucial project and pleased they could come and see for themselves how much the children are enjoying their improved environment. Painting and restoration of Blue Gum cottage is presently underway for the arrival of a new tenant in January.

The School has invested in a second-hand Colt Cab, which helps tremendously with gardening and maintenance, especially with the recent clearing of wood in the Fairy Woods behind the School to create fire breaks. We cleared 40 000 pieces of alien Bluegum and Black Wattle and the wood is presently being sold. New fire boxes have been installed and fire-fighting equipment will be delivered by the end of term.



As we move from one project to the next, unfortunately the grass does not stop growing. It is a continuous struggle to keep it under control and the terrain neat and tidy.

I thank my team for their hard work. It has been a busy few months and they have shown great dedication. We wish everybody a good Christmas season and look forward to next year's challenges.

Clint Fouché

Hello!

## A Man of Many Parts



I started working at Camphill School in June 2014 and am very proud to be part of the School's driver/maintenance team.

My wife, Rika, has been working in Worcester at the Institute for the Blind for many years and my daughter, Brenda, who used to be the house-mother at Phoenix House, is now working at Curro

School Hermanus. I also have a grandson, Anthony, who is 5 years old. We all share a love for special needs

learners and have had many years supporting them. I was a police officer for the SAPS for 10 years, but have management experience as well, having worked for Willards Chips as an area manager, also for 10 years. Afterwards, I owned my own business for 20 years, before deciding to go and work in the USA as a seasonal worker for 8 years.

My thanks go to everyone at Camphill for accepting me and making me part of the family. I love the learners and have already formed a strong bond with them. I will always try my best to ensure their safety on the bus and help where needed. I hope to have a long and happy journey with Camphill School.

Gert Shepherd



# Christ in our hearts



Advent and Christmas are Camphill's most eagerly anticipated festivals. Advent, from the Latin 'to come', prepares us for Christmas. And everyone at the School is doing just that, preparing for the Advent Spiral, making advent wreaths and gifts, rehearsing for the Nativity Play, and awaiting the arrival of St. Nicholas.

In Camphill School tradition, the Advent Spiral Garden ushers in the start of the Advent and Christmas festivals. At Mercury Hall, leafy branches are laid in a spiral on the floor, with 'Mother Earth' and flowers at the centre. Beautiful music and the singing of Advent and Christmas songs, create a peaceful and meditative mood. An Advent story is told by one of the teachers. This is followed by the journey of each child through the Advent Spiral.

One at a time, the children are handed a lit candle in a cored apple by an 'Angel', who guides them along the spiral to 'Mother Earth' at the centre. She receives the candles and, in return, gives the children flowers to place amongst the leaves as they return, beautifying the spiral. Once all the children have passed through it, a lovely spiral garden of leaves and flowers remains, with glowing candlelight at the centre. The spiral movement of going in and out symbolises the inner journey of each child towards the spirit of Christmas.

The children are also excitedly preparing for the Nativity Play in which the whole school participates: in the play itself, in the singing and in the preparation of props. The highlight at the end is the tableau depicting the essence of Christmas.

According to South African tradition, the children await the coming of Father Christmas with gifts. At Camphill, the children are visited by St. Nicholas, the forerunner of Santa Claus and Father Christmas. Legend says that St. Nicholas can return to earth each year to bring heavenly gifts to the children and to gather their love and carry it back to heaven. This prepares the way for the Christ child to come. St. Nicholas meets all the children in Mercury Hall and tells them the story of his journey. Then he reads the good deeds of each child from his Golden Book. The children sing Advent songs and each of them is given a gift to remind them of the light in their hearts.

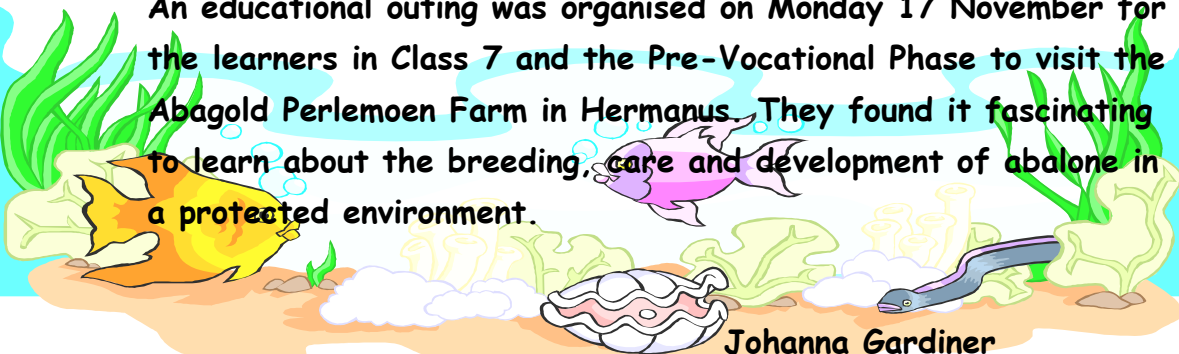
With all these events, with the smiles, the laughter and all the hard work of the children, the teachers and class assistants, the whole school community feels the warmth of Advent, in preparation for the coming of Christ in their hearts.

Julio Laset



## Abalone for Africa

An educational outing was organised on Monday 17 November for the learners in Class 7 and the Pre-Vocational Phase to visit the Abagold Perlemoen Farm in Hermanus. They found it fascinating to learn about the breeding, care and development of abalone in a protected environment.







# Breakthroughs and Transformations through Art

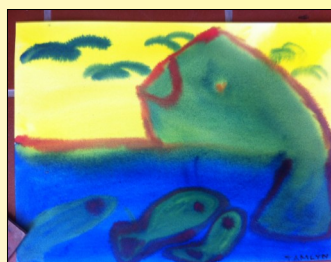
by Julian Briant - Transpersonal Arts Counsellor and Art teacher

Having worked at Camphill School for two terms now, I have taught all the children, teachers, teaching assistants and co-workers, as well as adult residents from the Farm each week. Art can be a wonderful vehicle for creative self-expression and the children have taken to it like ducks to water. The art room walls are covered with their paintings and drawings. Each time they enter the room I see excitement and expectation on their faces as to what will unfold in the session. They work with bright colours in natural Stockmar beeswax crayons and paints.

The children play with the colours, exploring what happens when they mix and blend them so forms appear. Working with wet paper supports the mixing of primaries to create secondary colours. If they want to make green, the children paint lemon yellow on to the paper and then blue over the top. The painting technique we use comes from Waldorf schools and is called 'wet on wet'. This week we imagined ocean scenes, bringing them to life with colour and paint.

The children painted the top half of the paper yellow and the bottom half blue, then overlapped the two col-

ours to create green. From the green they brought to life sea creatures dancing from yellow into blue and blue into yellow.



I see some children for one-on-one arts counseling sessions; for these I have also introduced natural pigment paints. These can have a very calming effect on children who are very lively or prone to hyperactivity. I have experienced breakthrough moments as the art creates a new form of expression for autistic children. Suddenly, what is living inside the child is brought forth, through art, to the outside.

We have focused a lot on story-telling. Different classes have heard stories of a giant guarding the gates

of an ancient kingdom and of an oak tree growing through the roof of an old couple's house in the forest. When they heard the traditional African tale of the Amasi Bird, many colourful birds were painted in class. Telling stories is very important, particularly for the primary school child.

Stimulating the imagination through creating mind pictures helps the intellect of the child to awaken and develop. We spoke about this in the teachers training sessions where we developed the art of storytelling. The teachers explored the elements

and related these to the four temperaments of the child. They also learned about blending colours together and created colour circles.



The teachers created colour circles



Rumbi's Fire – painted wet on wet





# Eating up a Storm

On Monday 24 November 2014, the Upper School class went on a very special outing to the Hermanus Spur where, in no time at all, they each managed to polish off a large lip-smacking chicken or beef burger, accompanied by a cool drink of their choice.

But wait, there's more ... a delicious ice cream followed, for dessert, welcome relief on a warm summer's day.

Everyone enjoyed their meal so much, that, for once, there was absolute silence round the lunch table.

Afterwards, to walk off the huge meal, we all went for a stroll around the Old Harbour, where the Camphill bus was waiting to take us back to school.

This very special treat and delicious lunch were a great way to end the school year and say goodbye, especially to those learners who will be leaving Camphill.

**Karin von Maltzahn**



## Smiles and Tears

Every year Upper School organises a school leavers' farewell function to say goodbye to the learners who have completed the Vocational Phase and are ready to leave Camphill to take up the challenges of the outside world. This year it took place on Wednesday 27 November.

The learners are always excited to be part of this event and help to plan it well in advance. They assist with decorating cupcakes, moving the furniture around, decorating the classroom, picking and arranging flowers and laying the colourful tables for a special lunch made by the class itself.

Our School Principal, HOD and some of the Camphill office staff joined us and the learners received a school leaver's certificate, a medal and a personal CV to assist them in obtaining employment. It is always a bitter-sweet occasion, on the one hand celebrating the achievements of the students and wishing them well as they embark on this exciting new adventure, and on the other, saying goodbye to beloved members of the tightly-knit Camphill School community.

This year three learners are leaving: Zandrey Grootboom, Kabelo Bolofo and Simthembile Fetu (or Mabuthi, as we know him).

Zandrey has been at Camphill for 11 years. She has always tried to do her best and has especially strong housekeeping skills.

Mabuthi has been at the School for 13 years. He has always been helpful in class and is very creative. The cards and paintings he made were invariably beautiful.

Kabelo was here for only 2 years, but soon crept into everybody's hearts. He cared for the other learners and did very well in the maintenance workshop, mastering the skill of using the weed eater by himself to help with the cutting of the School's grass.

They will all be greatly missed. Our dream is that they will take what they have learnt at Camphill School and use their talents to create a wonderful future for themselves.

We wish them every blessing on their journey.

**Karin von Maltzahn**



26/11/2014



# Valuables galore



And they just kept coming ... Who would have guessed that there were so many valuable items on display, or perhaps secreted away, in the homes of Hermanus residents. The Strauss&co Valuation Day on 18 November, in aid of Camphill School, could not have been a greater success. A total of 103 people arrived at the Marine Hotel, clutching their precious paintings, porcelain, glass- and silverware, and even items of furniture - an average of two to three items each.



Each one came under the expert scrutiny of Stephan Welz (paintings), Vanessa Phillips (decorative arts), and their assistants from Strauss&co. Some owners departed elated, and some disappointed, but none the less satisfied that they now knew the value of Ouma's Bible, or whatever else they had brought. The highest value given by Stephan was to an unusual Pierneef landscape of Table Mountain, which he placed at between R700 000 and R1 million. A Freida Lock and Johannes Meintjies were also valued in the high 100 000s. Interestingly, he also picked up four fakes. Decorative art items varied widely in type and value, from rare silver mugs, to riding crops, stinkwood chairs and art deco lamps.

It was a beautiful Spring Day and while they waited, visitors enjoyed coffee and tea provided by the Marine Hotel, or simply lolled beside the pool. It was a relaxed and sociable note on which we were able to wind up our fundraising activities for the year and a total of just over R14 000 was raised. The School would like to express its deep appreciation to everyone at Strauss&co for their generous support, as well as to the Marine Hotel for its excellent service and additional sponsorship. And, of course, the people of Hermanus must be thanked, once again, for taking the School to their hearts.

Elaine Davie



## Ice cream and outings

Our former co-worker, Michelle, left us 'birthday money' for ice-creams to enjoy on an outing, and we have been waiting impatiently, ever since, for the right occasion. Daily, the children of Class 2-4 would ask, 'Is it OUTING today???' and each time we would have to postpone - until Monday 24 November! We visited the Old Harbour on a blustery, wind-swept morning, but nothing could dissipate the joy of the outing. The children swam in the icy, clear water, poked at huge jellyfish and played in the boats. They tasted seaweed and periwinkles, and collected shells and all the litter they could find to do a clean-up. Each time they found plastic or some rope, they said 'Look, the dolphins could DIE!!!'

One of the children then entertained the onlookers on the cliff by going to the toilet and washing his bottom in full view of the long-lensed tourist cameras. I imagine it'll cheer u-tubers up no end when it goes viral!

After all the seaside fun, we walked to KFC and bought enormous soft-serve ice-creams, which we licked and dribbled all over ourselves with delight.

Thank you so much Michelle, it was an unforgettable treat.

Michéle Lorton





# JACKY GOES Bushwhacking



I started working at Camphill School in April 2009. During this special time of living and working at the School, I have come to love and respect all my colleagues and each and every precious child.

My son, Kean, and I will be moving to Tzaneen in Limpopo Province, not far from the Kruger National Park, where

I will be involved in monitoring and protecting an endangered parrot species, as well as butterflies, in an eco-system conservation project. Although we are excited and looking forward to this new challenge, our hearts are very sad to say goodbye to everyone we have come to love so much.

I would like to say a special thank you to Jeanne-Marié for her friendship and support through the years. She is truly an amazing, loving and warm person and I will never forget all I have learned from her.

Jacky van Tonder

## A Visit to Camphill



On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, three other Riscura staff members and I visited Camphill School Hermanus.

Genevieve (Office Administrator) and Michelle (PR & Fundraiser) met us when we arrived and gave us a brief outline of how we would be spending our time at the School that morning.

We were invited to watch the children while they practised their songs for the end-of-year concert. It was heart-warming to see how much they enjoyed singing and being on stage. We were even treated to a special 'Thank You' song for all the help that Riscura has provided to the School.

Afterwards, we had the opportunity to interact with the kindergarten children while they played on their newly constructed playground equipment funded by our company.

We also inspected the renovations to their kitchen and had lunch with them. The gift hampers we brought along, sponsored by our staff, were a great hit and the kids tucked into their treats immediately. After lunch we visited the residential children; however, they were having quiet time so we didn't stay too long.

The passion of the staff at Camphill School Hermanus is clearly visible and is humbling and inspiring. They offer security, happiness and hope for the future to the children who attend the School and it would be nice if we could work with them again in the future. We felt that Riscura's support was hugely appreciated!



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Riscura team



# Marius on the Spot

**How would you describe your experience of Camphill School as a volunteer?**

*When we first arrived in August, it was very stressful. A lot of work in the House and the School came rushing towards us. Always having an eye on the children can be exhausting. But after some weeks and a lot of sleep at the weekends, it got much better. Sometimes it feels a bit disorganised, but usually somebody is just trying to find the best solution for a child's problem. Which in some cases can be very difficult. Camphill School is a small community which is based on a lot of love.*

**What has been your highlight so far?**

*It is very difficult to choose only one highlight. Maybe it's to see progress in Maths or Language; or even simply to see the children being happy. A real highlight for us and the children is going on an outing, for example to the zoo, the mountain or Grotto beach. Every Saturday evening we are also all excited to see what two co-workers will present for Bible-supper. That is always a small culinary highlight.*

**How do you like Hermanus?**

*Almost everything is what you would expect from a typical European city. You get everything you need in the different supermarkets, small restaurants and shopping malls. If you are bored with watching whales at one of the best whale-spotting places in the whole of South Africa, you can explore the cliff walk or go to one of the beautiful beaches to surf or just relax in the sun. This is also great for an outing with the residential children. The people are always friendly and speak with appreciation, if you say you work at Camphill. All in all, it is a nice small town to spend your free time in.*

Marius Kreis



## Santa Shoebox



Thank you to Wendie and Sandy from the Santa Shoebox project as well as Miralese Wiegman and the children from the Hermanus High School.





# Oiling the Wheels



It is impossible to overstate the gratitude of everyone at Camphill School for those many friends who keep the wheels of the School turning through their generous support. Whether the gift is small or large, it plays a role, not only in ensuring that the School offers the highest quality care and education to the children, but also as a means of recognising the staff for their dedication and commitment. Their task is not an easy one and some of them have been serving the children selflessly for 10 years, or more.

The fact that our donors believe in the work of the School, acknowledge the role it plays in the wider community and value its ability to turn the lives of its learners around, is an encouragement to them. For most of our children, Camphill School is nothing short of a lifesaver. We can barely imagine what life would be like for them, without the intervention of the School.

Thank you for pledging your support in a very tangible way and for becoming valued partners in the affirmation and development of these very special young people.

This term we would like to offer our grateful thanks to the following donors in particular:

Pick n Pay	Riscura	Hermanus Primary School
AoCC	Jan and Letanie Nel	Wine Village
Susanne Elsholtz	Walkerbay Walkers	Otto Stehlik Foundation
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Anonymous	Rusty Demmer*	Gateway Spar
Emmanuel Laset		

We also thank our regular contributors, who month after month, support the School and its children:

My School (sign up now - we need new members)	Jamie-Lee Grant*	JDE Manufacturing*	Ad Ops*
Jaci van Heteren*	Kerrin Michelson*	Anonymous*	Claudia Kiefel*
Beate Griesser*	PJ Myburgh*		

## \*Child Sponsorships

We are equally grateful for the donations in kind we received this term:

GT1 Projects (painting the school roof)	Whale Printing (business cards)	Santa Shoebox Hermanus and the pupils of Hermanus High School (Santa Shoeboxes for all the children)
Toy Run Trust (toys)	Anja Brand (Food donations)	Natural Medicine magazine (Advertising)

In addition, we would like to thank all those individuals and businesses in Hermanus who have contributed to the children's very special Christmas party (probably the only one many of them will have). As always, we also want to thank the convenience store at Hermanus Service Station and the Peninsula Feeding Scheme for the food with which they provide the School on a regular basis.

Elaine Davie



# Fundraising Events 2015

## Dust off your takkies and oil your chains



Make sure you tag your 2015 diary today: **Saturday 14 February 2015** is our first fundraising event of the year!

There'll be mountain bike rides, trail runs, fun runs, activities for children and boeries galore. Enthusiastic MTB cyclists and trail runners will be able to master the challenge of the tough courses laid out for them uphill and down dale across the Hemel en Aarde Valley, while scores of walkers and less energetic runners of all ages, jog or stroll their way around gentler routes, some beside the tranquil Onrus River.

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

See you there!

Michelle van Zyl

## Piano Man



Ian von Memerty of *Handful of Keys* fame, has been described as 'the English dictionary definition of show-business' as well as 'Captain Entertainment'. On Saturday 7 March 2015 he will be presenting a supper-theatre cabaret show for Camphill

School at the Municipal Auditorium in Hermanus.

Ian has received 15 national theatre awards, and has

been nominated for a further 17. He is known as the presenter of two seasons of the hit TV series *Strictly Come Dancing* and as the emotional judge on *SA's Got Talent*. His two-man piano show *A Handful of Keys*, South Africa's most successful musical show EVER, has been running for the past 20 years, celebrating 1 150 performances to over 375 000 people. He is known as the complete professional and all-round entertainer. Be sure not to miss this outstanding performance - tickets are limited.

Michelle van Zyl

### 2015 FIRST TERM DATES

Monday, 19 January	Educators return
Tuesday, 20 January	Residential Learners return to school
Wednesday, 21 January	First term begins
Thursday, 26 February	Half-term weekend
Saturday, 21 March	Public Holiday, Human Rights Day
Wednesday, 1 April	End of term : School concert

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