

# Spring Edition

## CAMPHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### From the Principal's desk



Spring is slowly setting in as the third term draws to a close.

This term started with the old co-workers leaving and the new group of co-workers arriving from Germany.

One of the most important highlights this term was undoubtedly the move of the four older residential teens to Cloister House. After the half-term weekend in August the residential teens moved to Cloister and fortunately they settled well into their new home environment. Thank you to the maintenance team and housemothers for all their hard work with this move.

The opening of this second residential house allows for the admittance of new boarding residents; both houses currently have available boarding space. The admissions team is interviewing new boarding applicants and welcomes new applications.

Training opportunities for all departments were available this term. During August Camphill School hosted a basic Occupational Health and Safety Training for the Educational Sector facilitated by Bodene Barnes from the National Occupational Safety Association. Eight of our staff members attended as well as staff members from the Camphill Community Hermanus, the Hermanus Waldorf School and the Hermanus Private School. All the attendees agreed that it was a very informative workshop and would all like to attend the advanced workshop in February 2017 which the school will host again.

Our next Camphill Africa Region (CAR) meeting which takes place on 28 and 29 September, will be hosted by the Botswana Communities. Afterwards we will stay for a few days to join Botswana's celebration of their 50 years of Independence. As the Botswana communities are renowned for their hospitality we are all eagerly looking forward to our visit.

At the start of this term we welcomed Liesl Fourie as our new Vocational Phase teacher. Liesl is very creative and her enthusiasm is contagious. In her classes the learners are taught skills and participate in many workshops daily.

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to our Foundation Phase teacher Karin Sinclair. Karin will leave Camphill School at the end of this term to pursue her dream of running a guest house in Hermanus. Karin, you will be dearly missed by all.

Nadia Visser will fill the post as Foundation Phase teacher at the start of the fourth term.

Thank you to the Board of Directors, staff, learners, parents and friends of our School for your valuable support during the last months. Enjoy the short Spring break.



Jeanne-Marié Botha

Principal



# School Life Activities

## Student Visitor

Darren, a student training in education, came to observe for two weeks in our classrooms to assist him in his teaching studies. He spent most of the two weeks in teacher Suzette (Senior Phase - English medium) class and in Teacher Michele's class (Intermediate Phase).

He was very impressed and motivated by all the experiences he had at Camphill School. He also accumulated new knowledge on teaching practices as well as new ideas that can aid him further in his field.

We enjoyed having him here and wish him well.

## Hermanus Staam Saam Market



Camphill School was invited by Hermanus Staam Saam, organized by Tronel Meintjies to exhibit and sell our colourful arts and crafts. Hermanus Staam Saam is a non-

profit community based and driven organisation established with the aim of supporting people in need. Unfortunately it rained most of the day but this did not hinder our spirit!

## Professional Minds Training

During September, five teachers, Angie, Julio and Phumla attended a course in Focus on Self Regulation organized by Professional Minds.

This was an inspirational and educational seminar which took place at the Cape Sun Hotel in Cape Town. Everybody came back more motivated and enlightened on how to assist learners with "Self Regulation".

## Spring Day

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, was a lovely sunny day when Camphill School and all the staff were privileged to go on a Spring Day outing. This outing took place at Fernkloof Nature Reserve.

All the learners enjoyed the outdoors, some played

ball games whilst others went for walks in the beautiful gardens.

Once again Pick n Pay Hermanus spoilt us with tasty home-made chicken-mayo rolls. Thank you to Wayne and his team.

Everybody found this outing very relaxing in these tranquil surroundings. It was a day filled with fun, laughter and enjoyment.

## Eurhythmy concert

On the 28 September, a Eurhythmy concert will take place at Mercury hall. The Eurhythmy Concert will be presented by Geralyn and Luise. They will be performing along with our learners. A puppet show will also be co-ordinated by Elisabeth after the concert.

## Heritage Day

We celebrated Heritage day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. On this day, South Africans across the spectrum are encouraged to celebrate their culture and the diversity of their beliefs and traditions, in the wider context of a nation that belongs to all its people. A

day to remember!



## Michaelmas celebration

A celebration of Michaelmas will take place on Thursday, 29 September. This year a big obstacle course will be built on the playground for our learners to participate, which will symbolize the obstacles in our lives and how to overcome these.

The Teachers



## Farewell Karin Sinclair

It is with great sadness in my heart that I will leave at the end of this term. Camphill School and the lovely learners will always have a place in my heart.

With great joy I went to school each morning and was always welcomed with smiles and hugs from the children, I will always cherish these moments.

Thank you to Nontombi my Class Assistant for always

supporting me and to the previous co-workers and to the current co-workers Francine, Elias, Melanie and Daniela for your dedication and hard work.

To Principal Jeanne-Marie, I thank you for the opportunity to have been a part of this super team. Blessings to all the staff.



# Teachers Trip to Napier

On 29 August, the teachers visited the large Agulhas School of Skills in Napier to observe the school's workshops.

This is a "Trade" High School for children who would not be able to achieve the mainstream grades, but are skills-capable. They do 50% academic work and 50% practical.

We viewed the hospitality (cooking) class, sewing, (similar to ours, but also dress-making) woodwork (chairs, benches), metalwork and welding (gates, burglar-bars) and the vegetable gardens.

They also had a wonderful new hair salon and a bricklaying workshop. They are so fortunate to have these large workshops. All the basic skills are taught in each specific workshop.

The visit was very worthwhile for all of us. The teachers learned how beneficial it would be to utilize these workshops in our school and are excited to begin formulating them. The staff here have formed relationships with businesses in Napier and Bredasdorp, where many of their pupils go for 'shadowing' and apprentice work, and many get employed after school. We were really impressed by the friendliness and caring attitude of the staff, who are very proud of the achievements of this school.

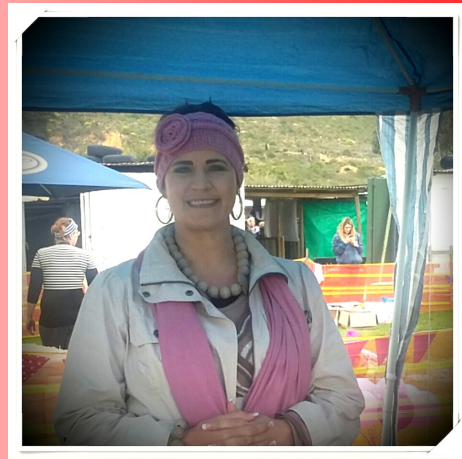
Michele Lorton

# Welcome Liesl

Hi my name is Liesl Fourie.

I started working here at Camphill School on the 18th of July at the beginning of the third term. I have 12 years experience in Special Needs Education and have taken on the post as the Vocational Phase Teacher.

We relocated from the Free State to the Western Cape in Caledon. I settled in nicely and I already feel part of the Camphill family. I am married with 2 beautiful children, Keegan and Kiane.



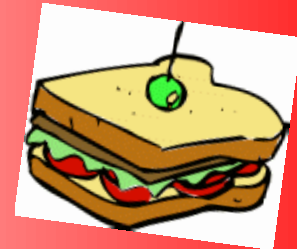
# Our bit for Mandela Day



For Mandela Day all the staff and older learners gathered together to make delicious sandwiches to distribute to the local crèches in Mount Pleasant, to Hermanus Staans Saam and to the less fortunate areas within the Hermanus Community.

This was our 67 minutes of giving back to *our* community.

Thank you to all who made this day successful.



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# On the move...

After 3 weeks of a well deserved holiday, we started a new term of changes and challenges.

It was sad to say goodbye to the co-workers who spent a year with us and we will cherish all the special memories we shared. Our children are missing you dearly.

We welcomed our new group of fourteen co-workers. We had many challenges this past year as we only had ten co-workers, however this term started off very well, as we only required two temporary staff members to assist us during this transitional period.

The new co-workers were very excited on arrival and eager to meet the learners and to start with their duties in the homes and in the classrooms. In a very short time they have settled in and have started with new projects, such as creating a herb and flower garden behind Phoenix and a small craft workshop at Phoenix home.

With the second residential home up and running we have noticed positive changes in some of the residential learners. Greg was happy from day one and has settled in comfortably, as well as the other teenagers in Cloister house. I would like to thank Lillian Theunisan, Cloister's housemother, for keeping a watchful eye over Cloister, the co-workers and our teenagers. Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm you have shown in such a short period of time.

Hans is assisting in both houses currently and with the help of Lilian, they are both busy arranging and preparing a flower garden in Cloister courtyard.

Homelife was very blessed this term with an abundance of food donations from the Hermanus Community. This support has made a significant difference to our monthly food costs. In addition we were very fortunate to receive a brand new washing machine from Lewis Stores. This donation has alleviated the constant stress on the Homelife staff and on the other current washing machines.



I wish my team a lovely break and look forward to the last chapter of the year.



Angela Coetzee

## UP YOUR GAME



Casual Day has become a firm favourite on the calendar of many South Africans. It is an excellent opportunity for organisational team building, whilst also making a contribution to one of the country's most vulnerable sectors of society: persons with disabilities.



This year's theme was 'UP YOUR GAME'

On the big day, Friday 2 September, we visited a few places (hospitals, schools, hardware stores and pharmacies) that had received stickers from Camphill School to sell on our behalf.

Our loyal supporters were dressed up as rugby players, ballerina's and horse riders to mention but a few. We were amazed at the high spirits and the great vibe in our Hermanus Community. Back at our School the learners and staff had as much fun as everyone else in town. All in all, it was a great team-building day amongst colleagues and friends.

Apart from the high spirits, there was once again an awareness created of why we are participating in *this* drive and the fact that each and every one can make a difference, no matter how small.

A big THANK YOU to everyone involved in this year's Casual Day especially to the schools, they went all out and were our biggest contributors by far.

A total of R 17 869.00 was raised with this year's drive.

A NEW ALL TIME RECORD. WELL DONE! SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.



Genevieve Linney



# Upcoming Event

Forest Fun Run presents:

## Fairy



#FFR

## Or Scary



### 5km Family Fun Walk

Date: Fri 28th October

Registration: 5:30pm

Walk: Starts 7:00pm

Where: OTI Bush Diner

(by SA Forest Adventures

Camphill Road)

R40 p/p  
Tickets sold  
at venue

- \* Tractor rides
- \* Paintball target range
- \* Music and entertainment
- \* Food stalls

Prizes for  
best dressed



Contact Michelle for more info:

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Be sure to tag your diary today! Be part of the FOREST FUN RUN (FFR) on 28 October 2016 at the Forest Adventure Centre in the Hemel & Aarde Valley. The Hermanus parkrun route will be used and this 5km night fun run is for the entire family and what better way to start off the weekend by supporting Camphill School and The Overstrand Training Institute.

Registration will commence from 5:30PM at the Forest Adventure Centre and entry into the run costs R40 for all participants. There will be prizes for best dressed boy and girl, best dressed man and woman. Each participant will also be entered into our lucky prize draws after the run.

Remember to bring along headlamps or torches and come and enjoy a feast of flavours at the food and refreshment stalls, entertainment for the kids and oodles more before the race commences at 7:00pm

In addition, we will be looking for creativity from the community. Teams can sponsor an area on the route which they can decorate to their liking. We are also calling vendors to sell food, refreshments and other items at R150 a stall.

Please contact Debbie for more information on 084 523 3798.

Michelle van Zyl

# Planes and trains



The Foundation and Intermediate classes went on an outing to the Blue Train Park in Sea Point and to Cape Town International Airport on the 22 September. Thank you to all that made this outing possible.



# Thank you

As we come to the end of another busy term, we are forever grateful to all our donors and the contributions made to us in the last few months. With Casual Day, street collections and regular friends visiting us from abroad and locally, it has been a fruitful few months. We are continuously seeking new funders to assist our School in allowing us, to provide the best education, therapies and care for our learners.

We had many highlights this year, but this term we were in awe of the news of receiving a brand new bus. This exceptional donation was granted by Grand Gaming Corporate Social Investment. In addition a special thanks to Rola Motors Commercial Vehicles, Andre Potgieter (Helderberg) and Joanne Leuner (Bredasdorp) for all their generous support and safe delivery of the new Mercedes-Benz Sprinter bus.

With the emphasis on certain projects this term, we are happy to announce that the Foundation phase project is finished, with a beautiful jungle gym and fencing enclosing the area, thank you again to our donors Hermes Trust UK and to Vincent and Dympna Brogan for making this project possible. The upgrade of Cloister kitchen was also a much-needed project and completed before our residential learners moved in to their new home. Thank you to the Saevitzon and Singer family, the Kustermann's and to an anonymous donor for your generous donations towards this project. **We would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the following donors this term:**

Royal East India Trading cc	Jeremy & Marti Trevethick as well as Camphill Friends and family	Sonnet and Minnie Cadle
Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust	David Gurney	William Morris House (Orion Fund)
The Walkerbay Walkers	Thornage Hall	Artmode
Freunde de Erziehungskunst	Hermanus Primary School	International Hulp Fonds

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

(\*New child sponsors)

Simple Active	Alan Bailey Civil Engineering cc	Woolies My School (please do sign up)
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 First National Bank  
 Acc no 524 7070 4936  
 Branch code: 200412



Remember our sponsorship programme

For more information please call 028 312 4949

Equally important are the donations-in-kind we received during this period,

Michelle Riley-Kitchen appliances, carpets, paintings, bedding	Naomi and Paulette-Food donation	The Marine Hotel-Painted a rest room for Mandela day
Ms Loubser-Clothing	Midas Caledon-Mr Arno van der Merwe-Car wash materials	Lewis Stores (Pty) Ltd.-Washing machine
Pick n Pay Hermanus-Rolls for Spring Picnic	The Saevitson Family-Furniture and clothing	The Hermanus High School Inter-act Club- Clothing, Food and painting of a bedroom.

As always, we would like to thank the convenience store at Hermanus Service Station, Woolworths Hermanus, Checkers Hermanus and to the Peninsula Feeding Scheme for the food with which they supply to us on a regular basis. We also wish to thank Anja Brand and Madron lettuce farm.

Michelle van Zyl and Genevieve Linney

## ***Cherished Camphill Friends and much-needed donations***



Join us on 5 November at Hermanus parkrun's 1st Birthday celebration.



Well done to Emmanuel Laset & Shaun du Toit for completing 10 Hermanus parkruns. They each received a certificate of completion.

**Remember to support us!**



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