



CAMPBILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This term has flown by bringing with it important visitors, outings and unexpected moments.

On 29 April Reimer Mielck, regional Director of IS-ASA, and Lindsay McCay from the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA) Head Office came to visit the School. Reimer usually comes at least every six months to visit the independent schools in his region to see whether we need guidance and assistance. As Lindsay has never visited the school Michèle Lorton and I took them on a guided tour. I am happy to share an excerpt from Reimer's ensuing e-mail with all our readers:



*"Dear Jeanne-Marie and all you Ladies and one Gent
Many thanks for the lovely visit Lindsay and I had at Camphill last week.*

*We came away very humbled by the work you do so tirelessly and with patience and enthusiasm.
You're a great team of "gals" and I shall report this wherever I go."*

The gent in question was of course Julio Laset.

Camphill School held its first Open day on 15 May and while it did not draw huge crowds, it served to create awareness for our school and for what we do here. It also made people aware that the School is not isolated from the rest of the Hermanus Community, but happy to share our work. I am looking forward to the next one!

In May Cornelia le Roux resigned as House Parent of Phoenix house to stay with her sister and to pursue a promising job opportunity in Klerksdorp. The entire school had a farewell for her during term and Corrie left the Community thereafter. It was a very tearful occasion and on behalf of the parents, co-workers, management, staff and learners I would like to sincerely thank Corrie for being such a wonderful mother to us all. We wish her much love and success.

Dr Renate Schumann, Head of Specialised learner and educator support at the Western Cape Education Department (WECD) and Jenny Bridgeman, Head of Curriculum Overberg Education Department, visited the School in June. It was Jenny's first visit to our school and we were really excited to have them both here. Michèle Lorton and I visited all the classrooms where they interacted with the learners and teachers, showing real interest in their work and wellbeing. They also

visited the Phila Therapy Centre, observing various therapeutic activities, as well as Phoenix, our boarding house. Afterwards Jenny sent positive feedback regarding their visit and Dr Renate Schumann has already extended a helping hand. Such encouragement means so much to our teachers and management team of our School.



On the home front I would like to mention that one of the highlights of this term was that Woolworths started supplying the School with surplus food again. These donations in conjunction with the Peninsula Food Scheme's ongoing support really help us to provide the learners with nutritious meals despite the soaring food prices. Thank you very much. We also said goodbye to our loving Nikita Lipan, one of our residential children. We miss her bubbly personality and wish her and her family all the best!

As we prepare for the winter holidays, we are saddened at the thought that our current intake of young German co-workers will be leaving at the beginning of next term. It is always a heart wrenching occasion for these young adults and learners alike; not to mention the staff members! We cannot express enough gratitude to these co-workers and the wonderful bond they form with our learners and peers here at the School.

During this upcoming holiday the refurbishment and tiling of the kitchen in Phoenix house will be completed during the first week of the school holidays. The kitchen units are being assembled at the moment and will be installed during this time. We are grateful for a generous donation from the Joan St Ledger Lindbergh Trust towards the refurbishment of the Phoenix house kitchen. In the past, 5 residential house kitchens were used to prepare meals for the learners. Currently, as mentioned before, Phoenix's kitchen caters for approximately a hundred people in a domestic style kitchen today. We are underway to seek further funding to upgrade *this* kitchen into an industrial style kitchen to cater for the entire school.

I would like to thank all our learners and staff members for their hard work during the term and wish them all a very happy and safe holiday.

Jeanne-Marie Botha
Principal



Announcement from the Board of Directors

24 June 2015



Dear All

The Camphill School Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Jeanne-Marie Botha to the position of Principal of Camphill School with immediate effect. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her every success for the future. We are sure that you will support her in this role.

Yours Sincerely

Julio Lase
Company Secretary
Camphill School Board

4 Communities in a "CAR"

Early Monday morning, 13 April, five Camphill Africa Region (CAR) delegates and the representative of the Association of Camphill Communities UK and Ireland (AoCC) set off in a rented minivan on an adventurous journey to Botswana where the CAR meeting was being hosted.

Every 6 months the CAR delegates, from the 4 Communities and a representative of the AoCC, meet in order to share ideas and to strengthen our resolve to adhere to the Camphill ethos. AoCC supports the African Communities such as fundraiser training and support, maintenance programs and governance training. The topics discussed at this year's meeting concentrated on the main threads running throughout all the Communities: Autism resources and residents/ learner forums. The 4 Communities consists of Camphill School Hermanus, Camphill Farm Community Hermanus (CFC) and Camphill Village West Coast (CVWC) including Camphill Communities in Botswana.



We made our way to the Augrabies Waterfalls and camped there overnight. Although the waterfalls were not in full flow, it was an amazing sight. Before we left to see the waterfalls our camp was raided by a

gang of mischievous little monkeys! They even got into our food supply which was fortunately saved by the quick response of Peter (the social worker of CVWC) and Elma (CFC) was laughing so hard, with tears in her eyes, she couldn't take any action to save the food.

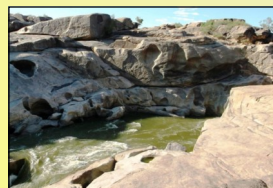
We then set off to Botswana for the conference which commenced over a two day period. At this point I must mention that the Botswana Communities are known for their warm hospitality and their ability to make you pack on weight on a daily basis! Andreas Groth, director of the Botswana Communities, arranged a lovely bed and breakfast for us in Labatse, about 20 minutes drive from the Community in Motse. At this bed and breakfast we were looked after like royalty and spoiled rotten.

With all the formalities concluded, we had the opportunity to explore the area. Some of us climbed the mountain behind the Community, and for the group with less mountaineering ambitions had opportunity to go see the vulture colony. Afterwards the ladies of Camphill Botswana put on a spread in the hall and dancing was the order of the day. Julia Baker warned me: "No harvest will grow in your mother's field if I do not join the dancing!" Thank you to all the people in Botswana for making our visit so memorable.

En route home we headed for Noordoewer in Namibia where we camped next to the mighty Orange River. What a glorious sight when we woke up that morning! Three of us then set off to see the Fish River Canyon on the while the rest of the group spent a glorious day on the river.

With heavy hearts we returned home safely.

'Thank you very much for all the drivers, organisers, hosts and fellow adventurers. I enjoyed this experience immensely'



Jeanne-Mariè Botha



Open Doors



Who can believe its June already? The school is humming with preparations for the end-of-term Winter concert. Early in the term, the school surprised Dr Julio with a special BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION to thank him for all his unending, hard work and love for the children. He really is our Hero.

We had our very first OPEN DAY on 15 May, when the school opened its doors and welcomed anyone who would be interested in Special Education and in what we do here. By hosting an OPEN DAY, we are emphasizing the fact that we are proud of what Camphill School is offering and wish to share it with the entire world!

The school looked beautiful, with a new coat of paint and perfectly weeded pathways, courtesy of the senior learners. The Creative class hung colourful, welcoming flags. Vocational and Senior classes made delicious pancakes, cupcakes and other eats to sell with tea and served them all beautifully. All phases also weeded flower beds and helped with maintenance. Each class hung inspiring craft work outside and the classrooms hummed with excitement. School books and class work were on display. Even though we didn't get many visitors, those that came were highly impressed by everything they saw. The spirit of team-building for this event was so heartwarming and we could really see what an encouraging project this was for the school. We all look forward to the next one.

The Boland College teaching students, 18 students in all, came to Camphill over 4 days to do their Special Education Module Practical's. They first observed and then were given the opportunity to teach a lesson to our learners. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed our school and learners, they learnt a lot from us.

The Foundation Phase was fortunate and thrilled to spend a few fun-filled hours on World Play Day, set up by



The Enlighten Trust. Thank you to Elaine Davie for organizing this day for our learners. On 28 May children from across the globe celebrated World Play Day. This exciting new feature on our calendars offered children the opportunity to explore new ways of learning and also gave adults a chance to connect with their inner child. Mid term the children were also treated with a delightful



puppet show. Thank you to Elizabeth Reppel for organizing the show.



Thank you to Kairos Eurythmy performers for entertaining us with a memorable performance on the 4th of June.

We are still busy finishing off our term projects and we will then be ready to relax over the long July holidays.

Michèle Lorton



Food, glorious food!

It was a blessing to start our second term with changes made to Phoenix house; a more spacious kitchen and dining room. The building was completed in the April holidays giving our kitchen and living areas a lot more space. With the extended space, we moved the play and recreational area to the end of the dining room, right next to the fire place, a move that made our home warmer and cozier. The children love the changes in the house and enjoy collecting the wood for making the daily fires.



We were happy to welcome Elaine Dyers back from her maternity leave and welcomed her newest addition to her family, Adelaide. Big hugs and thanks to Margaret, Hans and Lucky for all the support in the kitchen during Elaine's absence. They made sure that our learners were all given their meals on time and dinner was prepared. I thank them very much for their hard work and love for our children.



It was with great sadness we said good bye to Cornelia le Roux, the House Parent. After being here at Camphill School for 5 years she decided to join her sister in Klerksdorp. We wish her all the very best with her future.

As we approach the end of the second term, we are preparing ourselves for when our co-workers head off back to Germany. This is a very sad time for all of us here especially the children however we look forward to the arrival of the new co-workers and to form new friendships. We wish this group all the best in the future and we hope that they will visit us again in the future.

Many Thanks to Woolworths for providing us once again with their surplus food and to Genevieve for making it happen. With the Woolworths food donations and The Peninsula Feeding Scheme, we are managing to save a lot of money on food. We are truly blessed.

Laughter
is brightest
where food is
best.
~ Irish Proverb



Nikita Lipan, one of our residential children left at the end of our first term. Her mother was missing her too much being so far away from her. She has left a void in the house and the school, but we are all happy that she is settled back home with her parents.

At the same time, Poppy Honey (one of our day learners from Betty's Bay) spent extra days with us here at Phoenix house, brining a lot of sunshine and happiness into our home. Poppy and Maddison (one of our residential learners) formed a 'pop' band and entertained us with singing John Legend songs.

This term we were surprised with a school outing and the best to date was the Fun Go Carting where all the staff and learners enjoyed a day out.

The outing planned over the long weekend in June was nearly cancelled because of the weather, but Mother Nature decided to give us a chance to feed the animals and have some fun at the Petting Farm in Stanford.

Angela Coetzee

Wheels and races



On the 20th May, Wednesday the whole school were invited to a special outing. Raymond de Wet from Fun-Go-Karts invited us all to come and spend a fun day go carting. We arrived late morning at the local cricket field to find the shiny go carts ready for action with a huge jumping castle to add into the fun.

Class by class our children took turns on the carts, they had an absolute blast racing each other whilst the other classes played ball games on the field and jumped to the heart's content. It was also good to see everyone enjoying the games on the field and we have signed Teacher Rumbi up for Bafana-Bafana, because we know they'll win with her help!!

A team from Pick n Pay then arrived to join in on the fun and handed out specially made monster size rolls and fresh juices for everyone for lunch. They too had their turn on the go carts along with staff and our German co-workers.

We were truly blessed to be able to enjoy a fun filled day with special friends and we were even more blessed with the best weather. For a day in the middle of May, it turned into a super sunshiny day with lots of laughter and smiles. Raymond also treated all our children with little packets of sweets to take home with them.

We thank everyone that made this outing possible, our children keep on asking when they will be able to enjoy the go carting again.

Genevieve Linney



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Meet the team



Our maintenance team are the little elves who co-ordinate and organize the smooth running of our school. You often hear the gentle hum of the lawn mower cutting the grass and the faint hammering of nails in the far distance and know that these elves are busy behind the scenes.

Currently our maintenance team comprises of 5 team players. They wear various hats at certain times of the day. As bus drivers, they ensure the safety of our learners when collecting them to and from the school daily. As landscapers they tend to the garden and to the upkeep of the terrain and as handy men they tend to all the old buildings at Camphill and keep them all in reasonably good condition with little resources.

Our maintenance department is managed under the watchful eye of Clint Fouche. He has been guiding and supervising the team for the past year and together they make a formidable team. We want to thank this very important group of individuals for being up at the crack of dawn, working shifts during the holidays and always ensuring that our estate is well maintained and always a safe haven for our special children.



Genevieve Linney & Michelle van Zyl

The Maintenance Team

From left to right

**Andile, Clint, Colin, Gert,
Alton**



My name is Alton Matshonisa and I live in Zwelihle Hermanus.

I originally resided from the Eastern Cape, Umtata. I am a father of three, 2 daughters and a son. They are the reason I left Umtata to provide my children with better opportunities.

I arrived in Hermanus in 2004, uncertain of any work prospects but very hopeful that something better would cross my path. After a

lengthy 5 months I started working at the

Abagold Farm, I did not stay there long as was offered a better opportunity at Whale Paving. I was very happy there and worked for them for a good few years until the business sadly closed down.

I was blessed when I received the news that I would be starting a new chapter as a member of the maintenance team at Camphill School. I am

also a driver of one of our School buses and privileged to drive our learners to and from their homes daily, which I find, to be a great responsibility.

I thank everyone at Camphill School for providing me with the opportunity of being here. Being part of Camphill School is very rewarding and I am very proud to be part of *this* team.

Bulelani Alton Matshonisa



Preparing for our 2nd trampoline

Our Wish Lists 2015



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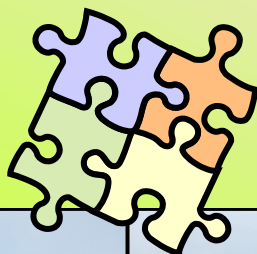
Wool
Wooden school chairs
Piano for the Phila therapy Centre
6 small CD players
Sewing machine
Crochet Hooks (+20)
Embroidery needles
Cross-stitch fabric (Mesh)
World Globes x 4 for classrooms
Mirrors (30x 40)
Balls -all sizes
Wooden puzzles (large)

MAINTENANCE

1 x Cordless drill
1 x Jig Saw
1 x vice grip
1 x set ratchet spanners
1 x Wrench
2 x spanners - size 25 and 26
1 x High pressure cleaner
1 x Grinder medium size
Garden rakes/tools/spades

HOMELIFE

Covered roofing for washing lines
Curtains for the bathrooms x 2
Metal washing lines
Fruit & vegetable knives
Plastic bowls
Food Processor
48 x Cereal bowls
48 x Dinner plates
Hand blender
Microwave
Dishcloths, drying up cloths, sponges, scourers



Stony Point Penguin Colony

The Intermediate and Senior classes were treated to a wonderful outing by their co-workers on 18 June. It was a great time to visit. The penguins were breeding and we could also see many fluffy babies of all sizes waddling about. Breeding pairs were busy checking out new homes and gathering material to build up their nests. One penguin became annoyed when we stood over his nest and scolded us, braying very loudly like a donkey, hence the old name "Jackass" Penguin.

We then went to the Kleinmond Lagoon to play and have lunch in the park. The co-workers had made a variety of delicious sarmies: peanut-butter and jam, and

cheese-and-pesto, followed by oranges, pastries and juice. What a feast!

We are very grateful to our amazing, special co-workers for organizing this educational and enjoyable outing for us.

Michèle Lorton



Festivals



The celebration of the festivals are always special in our school.

On Ascension Day, we did things differently this year. In the past we always hiked to different places for example the "Camphill Mountain", Castle Rock and to Rotary Drive. This year on a rainy morning we had the Children's Service and this was followed by walking around

the periphery of the School, slowly ascending to the farm then to the Mercury Hall, past Phila Centre greens and then finished at the School yard. We gathered again in a big circle where we sang songs followed by blowing of bubbles. We then ended with the meaningful release of white and blue balloons, then on key the sun made its appearance, as we all gazed into the sky until all the balloons disappeared out of sight.

The Whitsuntide or Pentecost celebration was also special wherein we prepared St. John's Hall. It was a formal ceremony wherein the reading of John 1:1-5 was read in 14 languages: English, isi-Xhosa, isi-Zulu, Shona, Afrikaans, German, Fili-

pino, Dutch, Polish, Latin, French, Spanish, Russian and Romanian by staff and volunteers representing all the units of the School. The music provided by Christoph Reppel, our music therapist, also touched our hearts to the mood of the festival.

We also celebrated St. John's Day on 24 July. It was overcast and raining creating an gloomy atmosphere. The darkened St. John's Hall was slowly brightened up as the children entered with their individually prepared lanterns. We sang songs and read St. John's stories which added to the solemnity of the festival. Afterwards each learner was given the opportunity to write on a piece of paper something which they

wanted to change in their lives. They then gathered around a fire and threw their paper into the flames symbolizing change. Indeed, the warmth of St. John's fire was kept alive in our hearts this winter.



Julio Laset

The Dynamic Duo

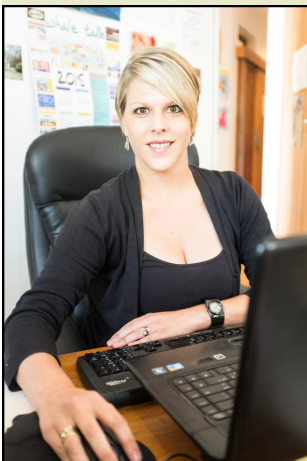
With the sad departure of Elaine Davie, our Senior Fundraiser, leaving at the end of last year, Genevieve and I decided to team up together to undertake the ongoing responsibilities ahead.

Genevieve has been at Camphill for almost 3 years in a Reception/Administrative role, but had been assisting myself and Elaine for the last year with the fundraising

events. I have been here for two and a half years and now have stepped into the role of Senior Fundraiser. Camphill School has always pride itself on teamwork and we therefore took it upon ourselves to join forces and work together as the fundraising duo, the fire and ice in the office!

The beginning of the year started off in full swing with two major events at our doorstep. Both events proved to be a huge success and our office remained very busy with ongoing projects, fundraising workshops and PR activities in and around the community. With winter upon us and July around the corner, we are already preparing for upcoming projects in spring and constantly seeking new 'friends' to invest in our School and children.

With our continuous enthusiasm and dedication I believe that Camphill School can only go from strength to strength. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for supporting us in our new roles. If any of our readers are interested in supporting us with fresh new ideas please contact us or visit us here at School, our fundraising office is always open.



Michelle van Zyl and Genevieve Linney



FynArts

During the FYNARTS week 8-17 June, 9 of our learners were privileged to be invited

to an Arts Workshop given by Meaningful Access Projects (MAP). Northcliff House and Anima were also treated to this special opportunity.

The children were introduced to different types of art: firstly sculptures on the cliff path, then the Kitch (en) sculptures of Gordon Froud and the evocative smoke drawings by Diane Victor. Sandra explained the techniques used here; from the softest, nearly invisible feather-like work to the darker, more heavy areas.

We then went to the St Peters Church in Hermanus for the workshop, where artist Mariechen explained how to produce "smoke drawings" and led them through visualisations of work. The children looked at how the hand holds various items and then used charcoal and erasers to draw in positive and negative shades. Although some learners had "stage-fright" at first, they soon got involved and produced fabulous works of art. As well as a lesson in Art, it was very much a lesson in confidence and they all gained experience through this exercise.

We were so proud of them! We then had an energetic, enlivening drum-skills session with drum workshop expert Bevil. We would like to thank our dear friends of MAP for this enriching, valuable opportunity

Michèle Lorton



Upcoming Events

Casual Day
Spring into Action
for persons with disabilities
Friday 4 September
Collect all 5 stickers
R10 each
Get your sticker from:
Edgars • Jet • JetMart • Boardmans • CNA • Legit • Absa • Game • DionWired • Participating NGOs
www.casualday.co.za
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THE
MAGIC
OF
LARRY
SOFFER

Larry Soffer,
Magician & Illusionist
will be performing on
the 4th October at
the Bona Dea Estate.

Please contact the
Fundraising Office for
more information,

028 312 4949



Information for the new Co-Workers:

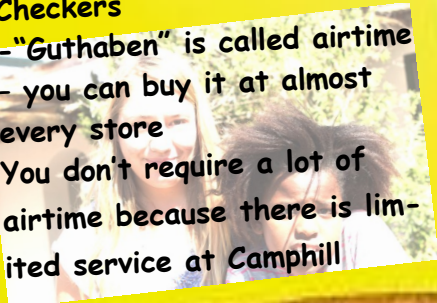
THINGS TO DO

- Country Market on a Saturday morning
- Several beaches (surfing, swimming, walking, chilling)
- Caledon Spa - hot springs and sauna
- Kleinrivier Cheese Farm in Stanford
- The Voelklip dams.



CELL PHONE

- Get your sim card at Ackermans or the MTN store at Checkers
- “Guthaben” is called airtime
- you can buy it at almost every store
- You don't require a lot of airtime because there is limited service at Camphill



RESTAURANTS

- Oskars - totally lekker
- Col'Caccios - delicious pizza's for half price on Wednesdays
- Simply Asia
- Coco's - cocktail bar
- Tapas Bar - drinks and good food
- Ocean Basket-great seafood
- Belgian Waffles
- Harbour Rock - expensive but good seafood at the new harbour
- La Crêperie - good breakfast
- Picnic Deli - best Carrot Cake



GROCERY SHOPPING

- We mainly go to Pick n' Pay (cheap, good parking, good access to main road)
- o other grocery shops: Checkers (in town), Fruit and Veg (good deals) and Spar (on your way to town, closer to Camphill)
- Clicks - pharmacy and cosmetics
- Clothing: several small shops & Mr. Price



GENERAL

- Tuk-Tuk - taxi service
Tel number: 084 688 5885
- Load shedding = Stromausfall



Tips written by 2015 Co-Workers

Thank you Co-Workers 2015



A Place of Hope



Camphill School has been greatly blessed by all the generous givers who have become loyal partners with our School in providing a caring and supportive environment in which our children can flourish and grow to their full potential. We have been very fortunate to receive endless donations in-kind this term from warm scarves, and blankets to an abundance of food. We are very excited to announce that we have launched our very first Online Crowd Campaign. This platform provides us with the opportunity not only to raise funds locally and internationally but to reach new friends on a broader spectrum. This campaign is to raise awareness and to inform people that we are in need of a new Kindergarten classroom for the children on our waiting list. We appreciate every donation received but also appreciate other ways such as spreading our story and making a 'noise'.

Please visit our website www.camphillschool.org.za or use this link to follow our campaign

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/building-blocks-for-a-kindergarten-class/x/10567327#/story>

We would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the following.

Freunde de Erziehungskunst	Billy Bishop	Braamfontein Rose
Jet Lee Will Trust	ABSA	Women's Business Network (WBN)
Dr Mickey Fauël		Several anonymous donors

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

(*New child sponsors)

Simple Active Tactics	Kerrin Michelson	Woolies My School (please do sign up)
Ad Ops	Jamie-Lee Grant	PJ Myburgh
*Andre Heyns (Garden Snail)	JDE Manufacturing	Jan and Letanie Nel

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Equally important are the donations-in-kind we received during this period, which saved us a significant amount of money:

Magdalena Dick ,David Skaliks and friends- Trampoline	Shanea and Pauline Smith-T-shirt Donation	Jorrie Louw-Moringa Trees
Pack n Bake-Packaging	Raymond de Wet-Party packs	Fun go carts-School outing
Fruit and Veg-Fruit Donation	Pick n Pay-Food and cold drink donation	Sugar Plum events-Jumping castle for outing
Nina & Nadia—Dollhouse	Tannie Corrie-Scarves and Beanies	Magriet Hugo-Chest Freezer
Ms Marita- Fridge and Chest Freezer	Kara Niemantinga-Toys and Books	Kate Linney-Basketball Hoop and balls
Oupa Norman & Ouma Martha—Blankets, clothes, sweets	Friends of Germany—Clothing, shoes and games for entire School	Frau WiedenlÜbbert—Stationary, puzzles and craft material
Anja Brandt—Food donations	Rochelle Linney—Clothing for Jamie-Lee	Several anonymous donors

As always, we would like to thank the convenience store at Hermanus Service Station, Madron Lettuce farm, and the Peninsula Feeding Scheme for the food donations with which they supply us on a regular basis.

A very special word of thanks is due, too, to Woolworths Hermanus once again for sending us their surplus food on a weekly basis. Apart from the benefit to our children of receiving such high quality, nutritious food, it saves the School a great deal of money. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Michelle van Zyl & Genevieve Linney



Thank you!

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