

# Spring Edition

## CAMPHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### From our Principal's desk

Every bloom and blossom bears witness to the arrival of Spring. We are very grateful for the blessings and grace received throughout this third term. It is hard to believe that we will be getting ready for the end-of-year festivities when we return in October.



The celebration of Camphill School's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday was most definitely the highlight of this term. The school was honoured to have Alderman Nicolette Botha-Guthrie share her history with Camphill School and Farm Communities as our speaker at our event. Geoffrey Weir, our Chairman and representative of the Association of Camphill Communities UK and Ireland, brought good wishes from our Camphill family abroad.

I was very proud of our learners, teachers, class assistants and co-workers, as the concert was an absolute credit to the school. Well done all!

To all the staff members who helped prepare the food, refreshments, decorations, helped set up the hall, who fetched and carried, sent out invitations and arranged transport - thank you. It was really a lovely celebration.

On Thursday 14 September the parents of our learners, friends and family of school colleagues and members of the Farm Community came to enjoy the concert. Afterwards the parents came to St John's where we had a parent/teacher meeting. We were well pleased at how proud the parents were of their children's performance and with the appreciation that they expressed to the school for lovingly supporting and caring for each and every child.

In May Charles Joorst and Bradley Temmers joined our School as Drivers and Maintenance Team members and

on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September we welcomed our new Foreman, Selmon Swanepoel, his wife Jonnelize and their ten year old son Ricardo into our Community. Our maintenance team is now complete. The estate clean-up is well underway and our grounds are starting to look good.

Lize-Meri Hayes was appointed as our new Creative Class Teacher, joining the school at the start of the third term. We hope that she will be very happy here with us.

It is always sad to say good-bye to the outgoing group of young volunteers after a year of them sharing their lives and love with our children and staff. This time was no exception. Thank you to the 2016/2017 group for all your hard work, dedication and affection. All the best for your future endeavours and keep in touch.

As we say good-bye to one group, we welcome another just starting their year-long adventure. My wish for each of you would be that you enjoy every moment of this experience and that you will see every challenge as an opportunity for personal growth and development. But most of all: feel the love that is all around you in our wonderful community.

Our School really appreciates the support from our local community as we would not be able to continue providing a safe haven and centre of quality education to our special learners without it.

**Jeanne-Marie Botha**

**Principal**



# School Life Activities



We cannot believe that the term is already at its end. It has been a very busy term with lots of visitors and educational talks. It has been a fun and an exciting term too from dressing up for Casual Day,

and Heritage Day, to preparing for our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert.

We were pleased to welcome Lize-Meri Hayes, our new Creative Class Teacher at the start of our third term. She has settled in and her learners have already warmed to her.

At the beginning of August we welcomed our new group of co-workers. The co-workers not only work in the residential homes but are distributed amongst the classrooms to assist us every day. We hope that you will all be happy here and enjoy your year with us.



Our Kindergarten and Intermediate classes went to entertain the residents of Huis Lettie Theron on a cold and rainy day.

Our learners warmed the hearts of all the residents present with songs of love and songs of some of their favourite things. The residents did not want our learners to leave, continuously asking for just one more song. We thank all the ladies from Huis Lettie again for the beautiful knitted jerseys, our learners are really enjoying them. We are thankful to have been able to spend the morning with you.

In August we all had a very special birthday celebration for our Principal Jeanne-Marie in Cloister, our residential home. The room was filled with laughter and we even got to go home a little earlier.

Our school was delighted by the surprise Stationery Donation this month. Norton the Fish arrived with his friends Robin and Shay and the children recognized Norton immediately and many ran to hug him. A few lucky learners even had songs and a dance with Norton, but some were a little intimidated by this giant, life-like fish, and were relieved to discover that there



was, in fact, a person underneath the costume. Each child was given a package filled with pencil-crayons, eraser, sharpener and more; all the essentials for school. What a wonderful

gift and a great way to present it to the younger children especially. Thank you, friends!

Sister Rust from the Hermanus Hospital visited our School to give our learners an educational talk about personal hygiene with basic tips and suggestions. The learner's participation and response to the talk and answering of questions was encouraging to see.

Principal Salome Smit and Denise Fry from SNAP Academy (Special Needs Adapted Program) came to visit us during the term. They visited our classrooms, met our learners and had a morning sharing ideas and observing the ways in which our School integrates learners with different needs into each of our classes. In the same week we had an Autism Training workshop.



The Hermanus Traffic Department with special mascot, Danny the Cat came to explain all the rules and regulations of our national roads and to explain safety on our roads to each learner. We are grateful for all the educational posters and learning materials we received from them, to display in each classroom.

Teacher Johanna, our HOD together with two of our learners Emmanuel and Jamie-lee will represent our School at the Camphill African Region meeting at Camphill West Coast at the end of term. We hope they will enjoy their visit and the interaction between residents from other Camphill Communities.

We will celebrate Michaelmas with a Eurythmy performance and we will once again set up an obstacle course on the playground to symbolise all the challenges in our lives that we all face and have to overcome. We will end off the day with a lovely picnic under the trees.

**The Teachers**



# Spring Day fun



What a wonderful afternoon we spent once again with our good friends from the Hermanus High School Interact Club. We celebrated Spring Day on a cold and windy day all cosy in our St John's Hall painting fabric bags.

Each High School learner paired up with our younger learners and painted Spring themed bags. Some of our learners got so excited they started painting their hands and faces. Afterwards our learners were treated to a lovely picnic with lots of singing and play.

We thank the Interact Club for visiting us again and making such effort and time in your very busy exam period. We thank Teachers Johel, Maritza, Elmarie, Miralese and special thank you to Mr Hassenkamp, the Principal. We are grateful to have such special friends and we look forward to seeing all of you again.



## Our bit for Mandela Day



Our Senior learners did their bit for Mandela Day and spent 67 minutes and more cleaning Sandbaai beach.

All of our learners were in high spirits as they knew that this commendable project was for a worthy cause. At the end of the 67 minutes everyone was exhausted but satisfied that they had done a brilliant job cleaning the beach and had filled four black bags of litter.



Well done to all our senior learners for making a difference.



[www.camphillschool.org.za](http://www.camphillschool.org.za)

e-mail: [school@camphill-hermanus.org.za](mailto:school@camphill-hermanus.org.za)

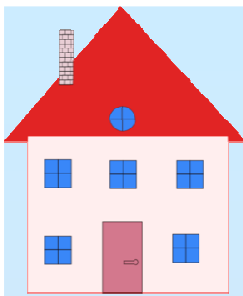
Tel. +27 (0) 28 - 312 4949

Facebook: [Camphill School Hermanus](#)



Like us on  
**Facebook**





# On the move again...

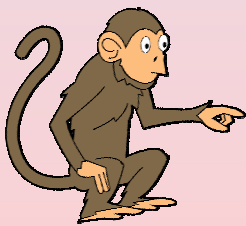
It feels like yesterday we came back to a new year of school and now we are about to head into the last quarter of the school year.

Our term started with tears as we said goodbye to our beloved co-workers that have been here for a year, but a couple of days later, our new co-workers arrived. They are all such lovely young adults full of love and enthusiasm. Before we even started with their 3 day orientation workshop they all stepped in and helped wherever they were needed.

I would like to say thank you to all the extra hands that helped us during this transitional period. This time of the year is always a bit challenging with the sad good-byes and the hello's, but we all pulled through and our children are once again settled and happy.

Time has truly flown; it has been almost a year that we moved the teenagers to our second residential home Cloister, leaving the younger children in Phoenix home. During the last few months we decided to separate the boys from the girls within the two residential homes and this move has proved hugely beneficial to all our residential children.

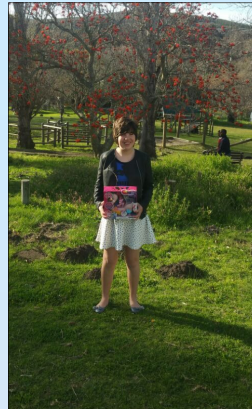
There is much competition in the house with little 7 year old Camille always wanting to do all the household chores. She competes with Jamie-lee and Nikita to do the washing up, sweeping of floors and sometimes she even wants to help with the cooking. Our Chef Elaine and Camille could start their very own cooking workshop soon.



Things are very much sorted when it comes to all the house duties, whilst little Poppy ensures that all our doors are closed and locked, making double sure there are no baboons wanting to come inside. Thank you to Poppy for keeping us all

safe from our big furry friends.

We had a few birthday celebrations this term with lovely parties. Some birthday parties were celebrated eating pizza while others were enjoyed with lots of



cake and dancing. Both Shaun and Nicole turned sweet 16, Camille 7, Megan 14 and Greg the BIG 21. We had a big bash for Greg with all the support from his mom Laurie. All the teenagers, some staff members that have played a role in Greg's life and the co-workers enjoyed the party and the feast. Thank you to everybody that joined in the fun and made these birthdays truly memorable.

Lilian, our Housemother in Cloister together with assistance from Margaret and Hans continue to keep the home in tip-top condition. We even enjoyed Jeanne-Marie's birthday party down in Cloister as a change of venue and also to try and keep it as a big surprise. We had to lure her down to Cloister and used the baboons as an excuse. The teenage boys in Cloister have warmed up to Lilian and Pieter continues playing tricks on her, together with Neil. They have all become a super team and Lilian's love and dedication towards all the children is heartwarming to see.

As we are almost about to bring out the Christmas decorations and head into the last few months of the year, I want to wish my Homelife staff a good holiday ahead. It is a short one, but a well deserved break.



Angela Coetzee



# Creating awareness

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 **Celebrate Diversity with Persons with Disabilities**

On the first day of Spring, and what a beautiful Spring day it was I visited a few organisations that I had distributed stickers, to sell on our behalf.



Our Community together with our loyal supporters were all dressed up or dressed down for the day. Some dressed in their traditional wear, whilst others were in wigs, some were in their favourite rugby jerseys or a simple tutu and most supporters wore bright greens reminding us of summer grass, positive growth, hope and fun and enjoying who we all are.

I enjoyed the fantastic vibe throughout our Community. The hospitals, pharmacies, schools went all out and were in high spirits. Back at our School our 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.

I am pleased to say that once again our Casual Day Campaign was a rip roaring success and a total of R 18 600 was raised. I would like to thank each and everyone that participated in this drive and a big thank you for making a difference, no matter how small.

Well done to all and I will see you all again next year



Genevieve  
Linney



MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet  
EVERY SWIPE COUNTS

Remember to support us  
Every swipe counts!



# Loyal Friends

As we come to the end of another fruitful term, we are forever grateful to all our donors and the contributions made to us in the last few months. It has been a very busy term with the focus on our 65th Anniversary. Our School having grown from a small farm house to a thriving community, we were proud to showcase our School and with that all that we have achieved throughout the years.

Creating awareness within our Community is ongoing, from singing to residents in retirement villages, to visiting organisations big and small to support us with our Casual Day campaign. We want to specially thank all the schools in Hermanus for your continuous support with our annual projects. We are grateful to the Hermanus Primary School, Curro and to the Hermanus High School for your ongoing contributions and for your valuable friendships. We were also honoured to have been one of the short-listed charities to share our story to the Lighthouse2Lighthouse ladies. We were unfortunately not the chosen charity for next year's walk, but we thank the Lighthouse Committee for the opportunity and thank you all for the wonderful work that you do within our Community.

With certain projects still on the go, we are happy to announce that the installation of the exterior blinds for our Kindergarten class was completed in the July holidays, just in time for the rainy season. Our learners are enjoying their new warm space. The Kindergarten backyard will be paved in the next few months and our Bus Port Project is furthering along nicely, waiting on the approval now of our plans from the municipal building department.

**We would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the following donors this term:**

Overstrand Municipal-Grant-in-Aid	Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust	Donaldson Trust
Peggy Grant Trust	Freunde de Erziehungkunst	Hermanus Primary School
Shell-Charities Aid Foundation	Nicoleen Potgieter	Emmanuel Laset -Piggy Bank



Another highlight on our calendar this term was an Outreach Project at our School. We were excited to hear that the Interact Clubs of both Wynberg Boys High School and Hermanus High School, had selected our School as their yearly community project.

On the 23rd September, a Saturday both Interact Clubs with respective Teachers arrived bright and early bearing paint and paint brushes, ready and excited for a long, busy day.



We had chosen several small projects in and around our Kindergarten and Intermediate classes which all needed a desperate lick of paint. While some learners painted white walls, others tackled the colourful jungle gym and fences, whilst some got a bit more arty and decorated the Kindergarten patio with caterpillars and the alphabet.



We would like to thank each and every learner who participated in *this* community project. Thank you all for your dedication, your time and for investing in our School. Our learners walked into a bright and colourful playground after the weekend and we THANK YOU for making a difference. Our appreciation goes to the Principals and to all the Teachers from Wynberg Boys and the Hermanus High Schools that made this wonderful day possible.



We also want to thank our monthly contributors, who support our School and particularly our children-

Simple Active	Alan Bailey Civil Engineering cc	Woolies My School (please do sign up)
Ad Ops	Carin Johnston	Jan and Letanie Nel
PJ Myburgh	JDE Manufacturing	Lalla Margate
Kerrin Michelson		

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

Mrs Boshoff and NG Church- Food donation	WWF, Robin Adams- Stationery donation for all learners	Hermanus High School Interact Club- Spring day with our learners
Kara Niemantinga- Toys and Checkers Shop	Great White Shark Tours- Paint	Shana Horn-Clothing
Anja Brandt- Pesto	Didi Johnson- Cake	Mrs Loubser- Clothing and toys

As always, we would like to thank the *Hermanus Times* and *The Village News* for accommodating us with editorials and assisting us in sharing our stories. We would also 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.

Genevieve Linney



Emmanuel Laset represented Camphill School at Camphill Has Talent Show at Camphill Village West Coast. Those who played instruments did not get recognition but still his presence was felt. Everyone went silent to listen and they sang with him when he played Brother Jacob. The second piece he performed with the farms singing group. Well done Emmanuel!

Our Senior learners are enjoying their Hair/Spa workshop. It is a busy workshop and the girls are learning so much. Thank you to Class Assistant Lonel and Teacher Liesl.



## Banking details

Account name: Camphill School

First National Bank

Acc no 524 7070 4936

Branch code: 200412

