



From the Principal's desk



It is difficult to believe that half the year is gone already. The cold weather is settling in here and in the mornings as we enter the premises we are greeted by frost on the ground and vegetation—truly a Western Cape style wintry wonderland.

It has been a trying term, actually from before Easter Holidays already, with riots disrupting our school schedule on a number of occasions. The school was in constant contact with the Hermanus police department



and various security groups to monitor and assess the risk areas affecting our staff, children and the transport of our children with our school buses. We are extremely grateful that all our learners and staff members remained unharmed during these unsettling events.



We are happy to report that various projects were completed during these last 6 months. The restoration of our school

building is in the final stages, just before the big rains arrive. The roof was fixed, replacing and repainting roof sheets, ceilings in all classrooms were replaced where water damage took its toll, kitchen units were replaced and window and door frames were repaired and repainted. We thank Camphill Foundation USA for your significant contribution towards this much-needed project. Furthermore a bus garage was erected at the side of Cloister and a number of additional security lights have been installed on the premises.

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) came to do a follow-up inspection on the progress of the Invasive species control management plan in the Fairy Wood above the main school premises and on the Onrus River banks. Soon after the DEA's permits issuing department came to do their own inspection. They are quite concerned about the dense infestation on the

river banks as that needs specialised clearing. As we are a charity organisation with limited resources dedicated to the delivery of quality care and education to our day and residential learners, we are in need of financial assistance for this project which is essential to compliance with the DEA regulations.

On 12 June the 66th Annual General Meeting of the School took place in St John's Hall. The event was opened with joyful singing from the senior classes entertaining the invited guests and members. A special thank you to all the parents who attended the AGM as it is always a pleasure to have them involved in all our School events. The Audited Financial Statements for 2017 were formally adopted at this meeting and the Board members reappointed.

This term has also been marked by the coming and goings of various staff members. We welcomed Shane Vertuin as driver and maintenance team member and Jonnelize Swanepoel joined the school as Cloister House Parent for the second term. James Boonzaaier, former vocational phase learner, joined the maintenance team as a trainee and we are pleased to announce that Katrina (Lucky) Botha joined Senior Class 2 as Class Assistant to teacher Henna.



It is also the sad time of year when staff and children have to bid a fond farewell to our current batch of young German Volunteers. We thank you all for your dedication to our learners through this year and wish you well with all your future endeavours.

I wish all our learners, staff and volunteers a happy Winter holiday; enjoy not having to get up so early on the cold mornings.

Jeanne-marie Botha
Principal

Exciting times

It has been a busy term with lots of fun and excitement, together with a few challenges within our Community. We thank the Lord for keeping all our learners safe through the difficult times that we faced.

We were all very excited to come back after the Easter holidays to find Frans and his team busy with our School building. There was a bit of banging and noise, but it was all worth it and we are now enjoying our new restored classrooms with lovely new kitchen units. Thank you to all that made this project possible.

With this project we were blessed to receive a new wash basin for our hairdressing workshop. We cannot wait to get started again with our workshop. Apart from our hairdressing workshop, our other workshops are going well and our learners are kept nice and busy.



One of the big highlights for our School this term was most definitely our new and exciting project within our Hermanus Community. Amanja Swart our Fund-

raiser together with Liesl our Vocational Phase Teacher visited potential organisations to see if they would be willing to allow selected senior learners the opportunity to 'job shadow' within their organisation. They were truly blown away by the willingness and enthusiasm shown by all they met. We currently have 2 learners 'job shadowing' at Build It in Hermanus. They have been there for almost a month, going twice a week and really enjoying their experience and the opportunity given to them both. The Windsor Hotel has also currently come onboard as well as the Gateway Spar (a grocery store). Selected learners will start with these organisations in the new term. This is truly such a wonderful experience for our learners and we are grateful to all that have made this possible.



Another highlight this term was without a doubt, our Fun Sports Day. Our Fun Sports Day was postponed a few times due to the weather and protests, but eventually a day was chosen that we could stick to! Well done to the classes that dressed up in their colours. Although an icy wind was blowing, once we put the flags and bunting up in the trees and started warming up, we could feel the children's excitement start to lift and THAT is what it's all about! We began with the long distance walk and runs and then went down to the lower sports field where everybody had a chance at 'tug-o-war' and

the girls won resoundingly! It was great to have the whole maintenance department join us and to see our guests from Seven Springs Vineyard also join in on the relays, with such great heart. Even Gregi appeared and laughingly made his way over the finish line, with his potato still in the spoon. There was not one child that didn't take part and all had a super, fun time. We are most definitely a school of WINNERS!!!



Our Foundation Phase and our Intermediate Phase learners visited Kidbrooke Retirement Care Centre to sing to the seniors knitting circle and to

say thank you for all the beautiful knitted goodies. Residents of Kidbrooke as well as many staff members knitted lovely hoodies for all our learners for the coming winter months. We thank them wholeheartedly. Our hearts continue to be filled with love and gratitude and we are truly blessed in abundance by all the generous gifts we receive as well as all the friends we have made and meet within our special Hermanus Community.

We will end off the term with a concert prepared by our special co-workers that will be leaving us shortly.

The Teachers



Homelife



Autumn came very quickly this year and now our fires in the homes are lit and we are enjoying sitting around them at night, telling stories and drinking hot chocolate.

The last three months we bid a sad farewell to House Mother Lilian Teunissen. She said her good-byes to the residential children in Cloister and they are all missing her. She has taken steps to retirement and we wish her well with all her future endeavors. We will miss your enthusiasm and energy and hope you will visit us regularly. With Lilian's departure, we welcomed Jonnelize as new House Mother for Cloister home. Jonnelize has settled in well and all the residential children have warmed up to her very quickly.

Sadly within the next few weeks we have to say goodbye to our dear German co-workers and at this time, our children start showing signs of change and sadness. Our group of thirteen co-workers have been with us since August and have supported and assisted myself, the staff and all our children in our residential homes and in the classrooms. This group of co-workers arrived here full of energy, good will, lots of ideas and love towards our children. Quickly they became part of the family and our School. Their commitment and passion

for our children will be sorely missed and it will be another sad goodbye. We wish them all well, to travel back to Germany safely.

On the bright side, we are looking forward to welcoming our new batch of co-workers, making new friends and starting new adventures.

We are all missing Jamie-Lee. She moved to Trevelyn Lodge in April and our home seems a lot quieter without her vibrant personality. Jeanne-marie speaks to her regularly and she has settled into her new home and is doing very well. We hope that she will come and visit us real soon. Jack, another one of our residential children also left our home at the beginning of the term and we miss him too.

We are truly grateful and blessed with the weekly surplus food donations from Woolworths, Engen and to Checkers. These foods we receive make our meals extra nutritious and tasty. A special thank you goes to the Peninsula Feeding Scheme for your ongoing food contributions.

Lucky, our General Assistant in the homes has recently been promoted to Class Assistant and we wish her well in her new role. We miss her laughs and smiles, but we know her new role, is a wonderful opportunity for her and know she is now sharing her bubbly personality in the classrooms.

I thank the rest of my Homelife staff, Margaret, Elaine, Delia and Hans for their ongoing support and dedication.

I wish all the staff and children a wonderful Winter break and that we all return safe and well after our long holiday ahead.

Angie Coetzee

Fundraising events



A BIG thank you to Ian and Vivienne von Memerty for their spectacular performance on the 4th of April. We had a wonderful turn out and the show was elegant and truly dazzling. Thank you to Alex Grant Pharmacy, Wine Village and Onrus Pharmacy for assisting us with our ticket sales. We thank our Hermanus Community, Village News and Whalecoast FM for your ongoing support towards all our fundraising endeavours. We hope to see you all again at our next fundraiser. We raised **R 17 694.00**.



We had our first street collection in May. It was a particularly quiet Saturday, but we managed to raise **R 6 311.00**. Thank you to all staff, co-workers and friends that braved the cold morning. We want to specially thank Ian Lockett and his son Max. They popped by with a PIGGY BANK bursting at the seams. Max raised **R 1 494.00** for our School. Our Mothers Day raffle brought in **R 4 309.00**, thank you to all our sponsors for the wonderful prizes.



Our biggest highlight during the term was without a doubt, the handover of the soccer t-shirts sponsored by Seven Springs Vineyard to all our enthusiastic soccer players. We thank Riana van der Merwe, Whitney-ann Meintjies, Renico Botes and Benson for your visit and we thank Tim and Vaughan Pearson for this truly wonderful gift to our soccer team.

Genevieve Linney and Amanja Swart

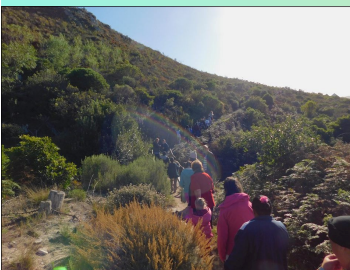
A term full of festivals



The celebration of festivals is part of the rhythm of our school life wherein all the members of the school community gather together - the children, the staff and volunteers. We started the term with the Easter Eurythmy Festival entitled "Autum Leaves" with wonderful performances by international eurythmists.

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was prepared in all white motifs - curtains, table clothes, flowers - wherein at the centre of the room is a table with a big candle surrounded by 12 smaller candles. There are circular formations of the children and staff around the readers of the verses around the center table. The readers with representations from all the departments of the school - school, homelife, therapies, administration and maintenance, lit their candles one by one, before they read the verse of John 1:1-5 in different languages. The lyre music played by Geryl Lyn Laset also created the solemn mood of the festival.



We were blessed with a good weather on our Ascension Day celebration with a fitting ascension cloud formation. We started with a short program in the school court yard which was followed by our various hikes. As in our tradition, all the children and staff, with our maintenance men as marshals, were divided according to their capabilities to the different sites:

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The St. John's Festival is our Festival of Lights in winter. The whole school community gathered in the school court yard wherein the Upper School performed Eurythmy to the St. John's Fire verse by Lawrence Adler and the Creative Class performed eurythmy to the Flames of St. John. This performance was in a spiral formation with beautiful music accompaniment in clarinet by our co-worker Tonia. This was followed by a lantern parade whilst singing around the school grounds which ended in St. John's Hall. The darkened hall was brightened by the lights from the beautiful lanterns prepared by each learner and teachers. There was a short program of storytelling on *The Light Bearer* as well as Eurythmy performances by Geryl Lyn Laset and Luise Boedinghaus on the Soul Calendar verse by Rudolf Steiner and verses from the Book of Revelation of St. John. The festival culminated with the gathering around a small bonfire and throwing to the flames pieces of paper, where everyone had written things that they want to change within their lives, symbolizing the call for change as we let the inner light of Christ kindle in our hearts.



climbing either to the Irish Cross at the top of the Onrus mountain or to Castle rock and the less abled had their own drive up to the Rotary Way viewpoint. All of this culminated with the blowing of the bubbles in their respective destinations.

The celebration of the Whitsun Festival is another experience of community holding. The St. John's Hall



Thus, amidst the disharmony and restlessness in the townships of Hermanus in the past months, Camphill School was still able to celebrate and gives space for calmness, humility, hope and reverence in our hearts.

Julio Laset

Farewells



Perhaps the most difficult part is always farewells. But just as there will always be a beginning and an end, there will always be welcome and goodbyes.

In April 2018, Christoph Reppel, our music therapist and Elizabeth Reppel, our puppeteer, moved back to England after 10 years in South Africa. Christoph and Elizabeth initially came in 2007 to explore what they can offer to Camphill Community in Hermanus. They started coming in and out of South Africa initially like swallows but eventually settled down here in the past four years. We will surely miss all his original music in our festivals and the wonderful music therapies that he has provided to our learners. Elizabeth has always been on the front in giving puppetry sessions to our learners. We hope that they will also decide to come back again.

We also said goodbye to our speech therapist, Ms. Joanne Schoeman, after being with us for a year. She really has brought life and warmth in her therapy sessions with our learners. But we also now welcome Ms. Lee Meyer who used to

be a senior Speech Therapist at Groote Schoor Hospital in Cape Town but now has moved here doing therapy in the Overberg region. We also would like to thank Lara Snyman, our relief Occupational Therapist who worked with us for term. She has now moved to the West Coast.

Julio Laset

Casual Day- Be an everyday hero



Casual Day has become a firm favourite on the calendar of many of South Africa's corporations, government departments, schools and organisations. It is an excellent opportunity for corporate team building, whilst also making a contribution to one of the most vulnerable sectors of our society - persons with disabilities.

The project encourages people to dress differently to the usual corporate dress code, whether dressed up or dressed down. The 'license' to be dressed outrageously, is the Casual Day sticker which is obtained for a donation of R10. The project is managed by

The National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa. Our organisation participates via the infrastructure of this project to raise funds for the services that we render towards persons with disabilities.

We cannot change the whole world but we can change the world for the hundreds of persons that benefit from the funds raised by Casual Day. Help us to do this by allowing your staff to "join the party" by dressing differently and wearing the official Casual Day sticker on Friday 7th September 2018. If you haven't ordered your stickers yet, please contact Geraldine at the school office on (028)312 4949 or mail geraldine@camphill-hermanus.org.za

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Every contribution, no matter how small, is received with as much excitement and appreciation as any other.

These donations, whether monetary or in-kind, help our School to continue offering high-quality education and care to our very special learners. All in-kind donations from tea to clothing is utilised and makes an immense difference in these learners lives and brings our daily costs down tremendously.

We continue placing huge emphasis on our child sponsorship programme and we appeal to the Hermanus Community, churches, schools and sports clubs to spread the word and to become part of this initiative.

Thank you to the following donors who have contributed monetary donations this term:

Anglo American Chairman's Fund	Camphill Communities UK and Ireland	KK Lichtenberg
Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust	PSG Wealth Hermanus	Geoffrey Weir
Valerie Touse	Dr Mickey Fauël	

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

(*New child sponsors)

MySchool	Carin Johnston	Jan and Letanie Nel
Alan Bailey Civil Engineer CC	PJ Myburgh	J van Tonder

We would like to make special mention of Anja Brandt, Woolworths Hermanus and Whale Coast Mall, Checkers Hermanus, Peninsula Feeding Scheme and to the Engen convenience store. We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to them for their continuous support of food donations.

Equally important are the donations-in-kind and sponsorships we received during this period, it is impossible to mention all our generous donors, but we would like to thank the following in particular:

Esthie Steyn-Linen, towels, Bedding	Elsa-Double bed, couches, cupboards, chest of drawers	Lighthouse Construction- Paint
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Seven Springs Vineyard- Soccer T-shirts	Kara Niemantinga- Toys, clothing, bicycle	Anonymous Donor- pool/Tennis Table

We would like to thank the Hermanus Mayor for his support, the Hermanus Community and to the local media for your valuable role which you all play within our Camphill School Community.

Fundraising Team—Genevieve Linney & Amanja Swart