



From our Principal's desk



Our School had a very challenging time with all the riots which took place before Easter and again in July. The school program was severely disrupted. It was a very traumatic time for our learners and staff alike. Fortunately the school admin could communicate easily with staff members and parents via the SMS service which we acquired in the beginning of the year. Our Mandela Day celebrations were marred by a throng of protestors sweeping through Mount Pleasant towards the R43 in order to bring traffic to a stand-still. At the school we were trying to get staff members safely home to their children and learners safely to their families before the protestors succeeded in their quest. The air was thick with the choking smell of teargas, burning tyres and the sound of rubber bullets being fired filled the air around Mount Pleasant, Zwelihle and surrounding neighbourhoods. Thankfully none of our learners or Staff members were injured during these riots.

The Rotary Club of Hermanus President Ann Wright offered the services of a social worker, Marlinda Wright and a counsellor, Xavier Clark, to provide trauma counselling to our staff members and learners which we accepted with gratitude. Thank you very much to the Rotary Club and especially to Ann, Marlinda and Xavier for the great work that you do.

We were extremely sad to say good-bye to the 2017/2018 batch of young German volunteers as they do become part of the "family" during the year that they spend with us. Our new volunteers spent 5 days in intense training and were given 3 weeks to observe and settle in before they assumed their various roles in the community. I think that they have settled in well and have been contributing enormously already. Thank you for bringing the youthful inspiration and spirit to our Community. We hope that you will be very happy with us in Hermanus.

As our School is in a rural setting an invasive species control management plan had to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs which the school as an NGO is actively seeking potential donors to seek funding for the clearing and management of the invasive plants, also for the much needed training of our maintenance team members and some of our vocational phase learners, together with protective clothing and equipment. In the interim we have employed a team to catch up with the clearing of the first management unit and our maintenance team have been instrumental in the management of the areas cleared already.

Our school hosted the Camphill Africa Regional Meeting from the 20th - 21st September with Camphill Village West Coast, Camphill Farm Community, Camphill School and Camphill Community Trust Botswana representatives in attendance, as well as the representative of the Association of Camphill Communities UK and Ireland (AoCC), Mr Geoffrey Weir. The purpose of the meeting is to

share in the challenges facing Camphill Communities in the ever changing world, to learn from one another and to support each other in our work. It was really encouraging to see all the representatives and to spend time with them. Thank you to the teachers, co-workers and our learners for presenting a fabulous Heritage Day program on Friday to us all. Everyone enjoyed it immensely and I was really proud to be part of the school.

On the evening of the 22nd September, I was honoured to be a guest at the Camphill Farm Communities 40th anniversary celebration in Mercury Hall. It was one of the happiest events that I have ever attended. The residents and community members presented a thoroughly entertaining program from eurythmy to Indian and Ballroom dancing. The Plaaskombuis catered for the event and the food was excellent. Afterwards we danced the night away. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this incredibly positive event.

Jeanne-Marie Botha
Principal



School News



The Hermanus High Interact Club visited us once again for a SPRING FUN DAY and brought friends from Curro High School Interact Club. Our children were excited and thrilled to see their old friends again. The afternoon started off with songs and a prayer by Avivwe. We then all enjoyed a picnic of hot-dogs and fruit juices outside on the lawn.



Our High School friends had something special planned afterwards, they brought plates full of cookies and tubs of multi-coloured icing and smarties and jelly tots and hundreds-and-

thousands, so that they could all ice and decorate cupcakes together. We really appreciate the effort and fun that went into making the day such a memorable one and we cannot wait to see our friends again soon.

We started this term with more "Job Shadowing" within Hermanus. Six of our Vocational Phase learners are working (job shadowing) at various organisations BuildIt Hermanus, Hair at Gateway, Kaap Agri in Hermanus and Windsor Hotel. Our learners go three times per week and are learning different skills in the workplace. Some are grocery packers, others are assisting with making beds and sorting laundry. This is truly such a wonderful opportunity for each and it is assisting our learners to realise their skills, building their confidence and enabling them to possibly seek the right career for when they leave Camphill next year. The feedback from the organisations has been overwhelming and our learners are doing really well.

The celebration of seasons and festivals is an essential part of the community life of Camphill School. The festivals nurture and enrich our social and spiritual life contributing to the well-being of all the members of the community. It 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. This term, we celebrate the Festival of St. Michael or Michaelmas which we celebrate in Spring time in the southern hemisphere. It is a Festival of courage, strength and the will to do good. The program at St John's Hall included a Michaelmas verse followed by a Michaelmas song "Michael, Hero of the Sun" led by the Upper School. Our Eurythmists Geraelyn Laset and Luise Boedinghaus, did eurythmy performances on the "secret from the heart", "Spring and Soul Calendar" verse by Rudolf Steiner. The program culminated with a short Michaelmas play "A Knight, a Lady and a Dragon" by our Senior Class learners. We ended the program with a Michaelmas song.



The short Festival in the hall was followed by an Obstacle Course in the Playground which was participated by the whole school, learners and staff. The teachers with the co-

workers and maintenance team prepared the obstacle



course which represented all the 'dragons' and fear in our lives which we want to overcome. Thus, we are able to celebrate the meaning and relevance of the Michaelmas Festival despite our challenging times through the artistic presentations in speech, songs, play, games and eurythmy movement.



Our Vocational Phase learners were invited to Seven Springs Vineyards mid August as the vineyard was having an Open Day for businesses and partners to celebrate in their opening of their tasting room. Our learners went to showcase their arts and crafts and our Marimba band joined us the following day for an excellent performance. Thank you to Seven Springs for this fantastic opportunity.



We celebrated Heritage Day on the 21st September and made it our end of term concert, which was performed by the learners of each class. Our German volunteers also gave us a real treat with two songs, one in English and the other in German. The audience enjoyed their show and dance. Many staff members



and learners dressed in their traditional attire and made the day truly special. Daniel Kamber and the Marimba band performed and everybody joined in on the dance floor to the rhythm and beat of the music. Thank you to all the Teachers, volunteers and Class Assistants for treating us all to a super concert.

We thank the Hermanus Round Table for the donation of fleecy blankets for each child and for all the classrooms. The donation came at the perfect time during the cold and rainy term. Our children wrapped the blankets around them immediately and were all very excited. Thank you for thinking of us once again. Last but not least, we welcome with warm hearts our new group of German volunteers to our classrooms. We hope that you will all be happy here and enjoy every moment. May your hearts be filled with love and joy towards all our children. On behalf of all the Teachers, we wish everyone a safe holiday, may we all come back ready for our last term ahead.



The Teachers and Julio Laset

Home is where love is



Not long ago we had lots of wonderful Christmas parties for our children and today we realize it is almost 3 months till Christmas. Where does time fly?

With the beginning of the third term, we had to once again say goodbye to our co-workers. They have been with us for the last year and have meant so much to us. Their hard work, love for our children and dedication will never be forgotten. Our new group of co-workers joined us full of energy and positivity. Our children welcomed them with open hearts and big smiles.

Day to day life is going well in both residential homes, Phoenix and Cloister. We are all a great team.



With Engen, Woolworths Station Square and the Whale-coast Mall and Checkers donations of surplus foods, we manage to bring a very expensive line item on our budget down considerably. We are also thankful to the School Peninsula Feeding Scheme for their termly food contributions.

Winter is almost gone and Spring is definitely in the air. The mornings are far more pleasant, not so cold and our children are not struggling so much to get out of bed.

On Heritage day, we were blessed with a warm, sunny day and we had a lovely "braai" organized by our co-workers. Neil supervised the whole process, sitting on a chair, next to the fire, making sure the meat is cooked properly.

Thank you to all the Homelife staff for your hard work this term. Thank you to Elaine for all the lovely food you are cooking for us every day and thank you to Delia and Margaret for keeping our homes tidy.

Angela Coetzee

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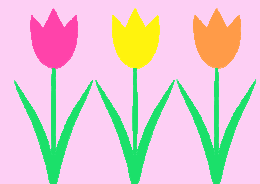
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Lighthouse2Lighthouse



On the 24th August, we were totally overwhelmed with emotion and sheer happiness when the ladies from the Lighthouse2Lighthouse (L2L) were standing on our doorstep bearing the best news ever. Our School has been chosen as the beneficiary for the L2L Ladies Walk next year in March. The L2L Ladies Walk has become an iconic event in the Overberg since 2006, when 26 ladies hiked for 5 days, 121km, from Struisbaai to Hermanus and raised R10 000 for their chosen charity. The walk now has grown to 120 ladies and to

4 days, covering a distance of 100km from Cape Agulhas Lighthouse to Danger Point Lighthouse. The main purpose of the walk in March every year is to raise funds for charities within the Overberg Region. The applications were narrowed down to seven charities and each charity had an opportunity to give their presentations at the L2L registration evening.

Our presentation started with a short video expressing our need for another school bus. After that a few selected children sang some songs about how they get to school and "Oomie trap die petrol". The ladies and audience enjoyed our children's show with lots of clapping and tears. When the ladies arrived bringing us the happy news, it was extremely emotional occasion for us all. Our secretary rang the school bell and all our children came running towards the ladies, ecstatic with the greatest news.

We are thrilled and forever thankful to have been chosen and realise the challenging task that lies



ahead for each lady, as they all need to raise the funds for

our new school bus. With the monthly practice walks they will do till March next year, we will all try and be a part of these walks, encouraging and supporting each and everyone, getting to know them and praising these dynamic ladies for the incredible and noble work that they are doing within our Community and making a huge difference in all our lives.

Genevieve Linney

Casual Day Fun

Casual Day has become a firm favourite on the calendar for many of us. 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. BE AN EVERYDAY HERO, was this year's Casual Day theme.

Our Hermanus Community together with our loyal supporters from Caledon and Gansbaai, were all dressed up or dressed down for the day. Most of our supporters dressed up as their super heroes, Batman and Superman, whilst others were in wigs or in a simple tutu.

We enjoyed the fantastic vibe throughout our Community. The hospitals, municipality, pharmacies, shopping centres, schools went all out and were in high spirits.

Back at Camphill 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. Camphill School thanks all our loyal supporters and friends for contributing to this worthy day. We would like to thank all the local schools for their valuable contribution and especially to the Hermanus Primary School for having their own unique Casual Day for us.

We are still counting the pennies, but it looks like we have done slightly better than last year, with approximately R 20 000.00. Well done to all and we will see you all again next year.

Casually yours, Genevieve Linney



Camphill blessings...



As we come to the end of yet another busy term, we are forever grateful to all our donors and for all the contributions made to us in the last few months.

This term, emphasis was once again placed on PR and our Child Sponsorship Programme. With a successful Casual Day that has just passed, we realise the fundamental role our Community plays and just how much we value our Communities ongoing support towards all our fundraising endeavours.



All contributions, whether big or small, is met with a grateful heart and we thank each of you. I would however like to mention three highlights this term. The news of being chosen as the beneficiary for the Lighthouse2Lighthouse Ladies Walk for 2019 was the best news ever and was received with lots of tears and excitement. We have asked for another school bus and these wonderful ladies will be fundraising and walking for our School next year. The second highlight was the arrival of our new John Deere ride-on-lawnmower. We thank Afgri branches in Caledon and Cape Town for their financial contribution towards this mower. Our third highlight was the very significant financial donations we received from the TS Berwitz Trust, we thank them wholeheartedly for their very generous contribution towards our School and our children.

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

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

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