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CAMPHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From our Principal's desk

We all returned to school, learners and staff, healthy and well mid - January after a lovely December holiday. Fortunately we have had no Covid related disruption this term.

We wish to thank Selmon, Jonnelize and Ralton for managing the self-catering initiative on our premises during December, making sure that our guests felt at home. This was a trial run to see whether this new venture could be a viable source of income for the school over holidays and long weekends.

We welcomed Elzette Philander as Teacher to our Foundation Phase, as Riette Malherbe retired at the end of last year. We hope you are settling in and will be happy here with us. Our admission team is busy with interviews as we still have a few spaces open in our Foundation Phase.

During the term we had nurses from the vaccination unit at the hospital, come to administer the booster shots at our school. We thank them for being available to do this on our premises.



As the first term is in the midst of fire season the school has been doing its best to get back into the routine of fire drills with our staff and children. We have conducted 2 fire drills thus far in 2022 and are planning a third very soon. The first one was a short announced drill where we just gathered at our Fire Assembly Point on our playground and on the 1st of March we had our second announced drill which in-

cluded evacuation with our buses. Mark Robson from 1 Life Rescue and his canine partner Max came to assist us with our evacuation drill. It was a very exciting experience for the children to meet Max the service dog and to hear all about what he is trained to do in emergency situations/ operations. Once we have completed our third drill we will have a combined fire drill with our sister community, Camphill Farm Community, early next term.



Our whole Community shared a Thanksgiving Community building day at the end of February. We all spent the whole day down at the swimming pool/Cloister area. It was a beautiful Summers day and our Children enjoyed the swimming pool, played ball games, jumped on the trampoline and just enjoyed being outside. Our Maintenance team prepared the fires and were in charge of the braaing of the meat. Margaret and her small team of helpers prepared all the salads, breads and desserts. The day just flew by. I am sure that most of us, children and staff alike, went for an afternoon nap when we got home, after a lovely day outdoors.

We welcomed some special friends to our School this term; the first visitors to our School in two years. Janine and Ralph from Switzerland came to spend a morning with us. They visited our classrooms, observing our children's books, talking to

each of them and asking them about their lives. A visit would not be complete without a few songs sung by our Children. Our friends left feeling 'overwhelmed, encouraged and joyful,' as they mentioned in their mail to us on their return to Switzerland.



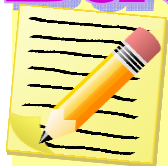
A few days later, we welcomed another friend from Switzerland Simone Tritten, PR Officer and Fundraiser from Humanus-Haus in Switzerland.

Simone spent a month with us, between our School Community and the Farm Community. Simone spent a lot of time with our Children, mostly with our Foundation and Intermediate classes. She assisted where she was needed, read stories from the story books she brought with her, shared her own stories in the classrooms and enjoyed swimming with our little ones. She joined certain therapy sessions and also enjoyed time in some of the vocational phase workshops. She had her hair done by Keisha in the hair-dressing workshop, which was a real treat. She left us a few days ago and we are already missing her warm, happy and gentle soul. Thank you for the gifts you brought us and thank you for the gift of your visit.

I would like to conclude by thanking our Father for all the blessings that we have received. Thank you once again to all our Board members, our School Management and staff for your continued support of our School and our children. Enjoy your well deserved short break.

Jeanne-Marie Botha
Principal

Back to the classroom



We were all happy to return to school mid January after a lovely long school break. Our first term has flown by with the onset of autumn upon us. The five class configuration was discussed before the end of last year, so many learners started off the New Year in a new class. The classes are filled to capacity, except our Foundation class. The admission team will continue with interviews for our Foundation class.

Our Foundation class started off the year with a new Teacher, Elzette Philander. Elzette studied at Boland College and was employed at Vrolike Vinkies, a Kindergarten school for 12 years. We welcome her and hope she will settle in nicely with our young learners.

Our Intermediate Class with teacher Michele placed much emphasis in the first term on orientation; placing the child in their space and environment and using memory (last year's lessons) to build upon. They based first-term learning on the Bible, story of Creation and where we stand within it: that the world is good and beautiful and therefore so are they. The Creation story leads to our amazing selves: body, mind and soul. *'We learn where we are in the world and an awareness of how best we can carry ourselves through this journey, making a difference along the way;- with Respect for ourselves, others and gratitude for the earth'*, says Teacher Michele.

From the Intermediate class, when our learners are ready they move up to the Senior Classes, with two classes age between 13 and 16 years. Teacher Suzette and Teacher Henna focus on all academic work from basic language, maths and life skills.

Our vocational class is focused on our older learners, aged between 17 and 19 years, where they participate in several workshops, depending on their individual skills and interest. The first term they focused on the theoretical side of the workshops, such as what equipment/tools are needed for a specific task and also how to operate and how to apply them practically. From next term our workshops will be in full swing. Our senior girls focus on hairdressing, home management skills and hospitality and our boys focus on gardening, maintenance, woodwork, alien vegetation clearing, car wash

as well as home management.

Teacher Liesl is currently busy with a sewing workshop to perfect her sewing skills. The course is seven weeks long and once complete, the sewing workshop will be very busy and very productive.



We wish to extend a BIG Thank you to EnviroServ Waste Management in Cape Town for once again making our wishes come true. The donation of stationery, Mathematics puzzles and games, workbooks and various items for our workshops from small drills, paint, sewing equipment and craft materials has been hugely appreciated.

We thank you all for your ongoing contributions towards our classrooms and our workshops.

From the beginning of the year, we have welcomed several visitors to our classrooms. We have missed this in the last two years and it feels like things are returning to normal. We were able to display what we are doing in our classrooms, workshops and always end off with some happy singing or a swim in the swimming pool.



During the last week of term, we had a visit from the Hermanus Police Station K-9 Unit Hermanus, who came to give a short demonstration. We thank them all for their time. Our Children loved the demonstration.

Our learners are happy at school and they continue to enjoy the specialised education, range of therapies and activities the school presents to them.

The Teachers



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Therapies

The school started smoothly with four of our five classes full. We are collaborating with the teachers with regards to individual educational plans and appropriate therapies for our learners.

We have continued with eurythmy classes and eurythmy therapies with GERALYN. GERALYN also continued to do the extra lessons for the selected senior and Upper School learners. Daniel resumed the marimba lessons in the senior classes and Upper School and we also welcomed back our occupational therapist, Annetta Saaiman.



We are so privileged that Belinda Malan, a Craniosacral therapist, approached us to offer her services to our School. She found a sponsor that will make her services available to our learners for the whole year and we are grateful for that.

Belinda is a biodynamically trained Craniosacral Practitioner. In 2018 she did her Postgrad in 'Babies and Children.' She firmly believes that our bodies can heal, change, and adapt to all that life throws at us. The first stage in healing is to simply become more aware of our bodies.

Craniosacral therapy is a light touch modality that addresses the nervous system, muscular system, brain; and helps relieve a full spectrum of pain, illness and dysfunction. A CST session involves the therapist placing their hands on your body, which allows them to tune into what they call the craniosacral rhythm.

The practitioner gently works with the spine and the skull and its cranial sutures, diaphragms, and fascia. In this way, the restrictions of nerve passages are eased, the movement of cerebrospinal fluid through the spinal cord is optimized, and misaligned bony structures can be restored to their proper position. We are very fortunate to have Belinda join our therapies programme; offering specific learners this significant service. **Julio Laset**

Blessings



Our Intermediate and Foundation classes were once again invited to the Hermanus High School for a fun filled morning with their Interact Club. We saw our friends two years ago; so this was indeed a very special get together. The Interact Club had ball games ready; blowing of bubbles, face and nail painting and a delicious hotdog lunch. We thank our High School friends for such a wonderful day of sharing, playing, singing and just being friends. We hope to see you all again very soon.



On another note we thank Sterling Renault Hermanus for assisting us with the purchase of a much needed utility vehicle for our maintenance department, to assist with the removal of garden refuse and other biomass which could serve as fuel for a fire.

We continue to thank our friends in Hermanus for the continuous donations of surplus foods. Thank you to Woolworths Whale Coast Mall, Woolworths Station Square, Checkers and the Peninsula Feeding Association for your ongoing contributions. **Genevieve Linney**

Friends of Camphill



It has been such a lovely new beginning to our academic year with many special friends visiting us and things getting back to a new normal. We wish to thank all our Camphill friends, here and afar, donors and child sponsors for your continuous support and encouragement towards our School and our Children. We value each and everyone of you.

Thank you to the following donors who have contributed monetary donations during the term.

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

Rob and Margaret Molyneux	Carin Johnston	Jan and Letanie Nel
Alan Bailey Civil Engineer CC	PJ Myburgh	Marinda Smit

Equally important are the donations-in-kind we received during the first term,

EnviroServ Waste Management- Stationery, maths games, puzzles, workshop materials	Corrie Smit and Cornia Sauerman- Clothing, bedding, shoes, curtains, dry food.	Manie Rossouw- Wool and Material
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