



Spring Edition 2022



CAMPBILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From our Principal's desk

As I am writing this article the birds are singing outside and the spring flowers are blooming all around us. It is difficult to believe that the third term started in the deep midst of winter and we are now busy preparing for our big 70th celebration in November.



During the second term we conducted 2 fire drills. On 25 May we had a joint fire drill with the Farm Community where all the emergency services in Hermanus were in attendance. After the joint drill the Farm and School fire marshalls and Emergency service responders had the "Hot Debrief" in Mercury Hall. Everything went very well and I am so proud of our wonderful children as many of the responders spoke about how impressed they were that our kids were so well behaved and sweet. Many of our staff members and kids spoke about how great it was to spend time with the Farm Community. Covid has kept us apart for too long now.

We wish to thank the team from Overstrand Municipality Fire Department once again for your informative fire awareness session on Thursday 27th of July. Thank you to Assistant Chief Fire Officer Operations and Training Angelo Aplon, Jade Myburgh and Esric van der Westhuizen for your time with our staff and all our senior learners. Mr Aplon conducted the first session with teachers, office staff, Maintenance and GERALYN & JULIO and the

second session with class assistants, Senior 2 and Vocational Phase learners. The children enjoyed learning to use the fire extinguishers immensely!

Invasive species management is very important to us at the school, but limited funding and a lack of capacity makes this a very difficult and costly task. We are very fortunate to have the Hermanus Hackers currently working with us till December and wish to thank Charlyn Vosloo and Frank Matthee from the Hermanus Hackers as well as Sam Hodson, executive manager of the Campbill Farm Community, for organising this. Frank is very involved in the actual clearing and some members of our maintenance team work alongside their team 3 mornings per week. We also wish to thank the Greater Overberg Fire Protection Agency, Working on Fire teams and the Overstrand Fire Department for their support.



I wish to thank each and everyone involved with organising my fabulous surprise 50th Birthday party. All the

learners and staff were part of the planning of the party. I was showered with cards made for me by the children, gifts, balloons, I was crowned as queen and shared a delicious lunch with the whole school. I thank you all for making this such a memorable and special birthday.



The Vocational Phase workshops have been busy and some of the learners also participate in the alien clearing workshops on the school campus in which they are led by Julio Laset. Now that we have our small bakkie we can remove garden refuse and biomass. They are also producing beautiful items in the woodwork workshop, in sewing workshops and jewellery and key rings in the craft workshop. These items are on sale at our stall at the Onrus market which takes place once a month. We are very proud of all our learners.

Our school is celebrating our 70th anniversary this year and this is indeed a great milestone for us. Thank you to everyone who has supported us through the years. We invite you to come and celebrate our anniversary with us on the 4th November from 18h00 at La Vierge Restaurant. Our tickets for the evening are R500 pp which includes a three course meal, a glass of bubbly, wines from our Valley, live music and a chance to win big prizes. Please contact us for more details school@campbill-hermanus.org.za or call our School office on 028 312 4949.

Jeanne-Marie Botha

What a busy term

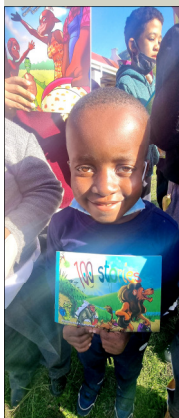
The Winter term started on a cold note, but our hearts are warm and we were all happy to be back to start our new term.



We had a busy term with many friends visiting our School and with our Children also going out for visits. We were invited to do a presentation to the South African Association of Retired Persons (SAARP) at the Sandbaai Hall in May. Jeanne-Marie and Genevieve presented a slide show, a video and shared our history and background of our School. Teacher Michele shared a piece on our curriculum delivery and our Children warmed everyone's hearts with beautiful songs and poems. A week later our SAARP friends came to visit our School and were able to visit all the classrooms, shared stories, visited our workshops, therapy sessions and enjoyed pancakes and coffee.



During the term we had several other visitors bearing gifts for all our Children. Pick n Pay Hermanus popped by with boxes and boxes of biscuits. The Overstrand Protection Services brought our children small picnic bags of fruit, chips and chocolates creating awareness of disabilities within our Community. We thank Inspector Robyn Samuels with her team of ladies for thinking of us.



The Hermanus Rainbow Trust came bearing beautiful story books for all to take home. 'Learn to Read and Read to Learn', was the theme and all our Children received 7 books to take home and for our library. The knitting ladies also thought of us during Winter and Pat



Bagnall came to hand our beautiful colourful blankets for our Intermediate class. Thank you to each and everyone of our friends for always keeping our Children close to your hearts. We also continue to thank EnviroServ Waste Management in Cape Town for always supplying our workshops and classrooms with all the things we wish for.



The Department of Social Services, came to visit us on Casual Day. Cindy Appel and her team came to share a play/ skit for us all. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

The Vocational Phase are still continuing with their skills development workshops. Our workshops include alien clearing, car wash, gardening, woodwork, home management, consumer studies, hospitality studies and hairdressing. Once again we missed out on our job shadowing opportunities for the year, but we hope that we can continue with our job shadowing workshops in 2023. We are still fortunate to be able to showcase our arts and crafts at the Onrus market on the first Saturday of each month. Thank you to everyone for your support.



Our special Hermanus High School Interact friends once again invited our Foundation



phase and our Intermediate phase classes to the High School at the beginning of September for some Spring Fun. They had such a super fun filled day, with cupcake icing, making paper windmills, pebble painting and more. After all the sugar from the cupcakes our Children ran around playing ball and dancing. They all enjoyed pizza afterwards. We thank our Hermanus High friends for such an awesome day with you and for all being so special.

We all enjoyed a spring picnic mid September where the whole community met for a braai in the courtyard.

As the end of term is upon us, we are also all getting ready for our BIG 70th celebration, which will take place on the 4th November. Our Children have been rehearsing for the concert.

The Teachers

Festival Time...

The meaningful celebration of Festivals is very important in our school community in enriching our spiritual life which is the source of our strength and inspiration. It is significant to share that our celebration of festivals is a whole school community event participated by all learners and staff - teachers, class assistants, therapists, administration and the maintenance team.

We started our term with our wonderful Easter Festival at St. John's Hall. The Easter Programs include the Easter Verse, bible reading, presentations of songs, poem and eurythmy by the children, eurythmy performances by Geralyn, Julio and Emmanuel, listening to an Easter Story - The Hare, The Wise Hare and singing Easter songs.



For this year, we celebrated our Ascension Day only within the Camphill School property. We started our program in the Main School Complex with the Ascension Verse and bible reading.

This was followed by a Mindfulness Walk, a slow meditative solemn walk, from the Main Complex round to the school office and then ascending Camphill road from the Camphill gate up to the St. John's Hill in the School's Fairy Wood. This culminated with blowing up of bubbles while appreciating the view of the Hemel-en Aarde Valley and the Ascension Day cloud formation.

We celebrated the Whitsun Festival in our traditional white motif at St. John's Hall which was done in three sessions with Foundation and Intermediate Classes together and then the Senior Classes I and II together followed by the Upper School and the Maintenance Team together. The Whitsun event gospel was read followed by the reading of John 1:1-5 in 12 different languages: English, Afrikaans, isi-Xhosa, isi-Zulu, isi-Sotho, Dutch, German, French, Spanish, Latin, Filipino and Ilokano. All the readers are seated round the table

at the centre for the room and surrounded by the learners. A candle was lit before reading their language. This and the accompanying lyre music created the Whitsun mood.



The celebration of the St. John's Festival, our Festival of Lights in winter, was done separately for the Foundation and Intermediate Classes and then for Senior and Upper School Classes at St. John's Hall. It started with their lantern parade



from their classrooms to St. John's Hall. This was followed by St. John's celebration program with St. John's verse, bible reading, storytelling of St. John's stories - St. John's gift and the Tale of the Light bearer, eurythmy performances and singing. It culminated with the purification bonfire wherein everyone, learners and staff, threw into the flames pieces of paper where everyone had written things they want to change in their lives symbolizing change.

We will end off our term with the Michaelmas Festival. Each class will do a short eurythmy performance. There will be a story of 'Michael and the Dragon', followed by the Spring verse and a Michaelmas verse by Geralyn, Julio and Emmanuel.

The celebrations of festivals truly nurture the spiritual life in our hearts, keeping the watchful love and tender care that we foster within our community.

We continue to hold the Services - Children's Service, Youth Service and Offering Service for our learners in the term.

Julio Laset



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Valued Friends



We wish to thank each and everybody that got involved in our Casual Day campaign this year. We had a successful fundraiser, bringing in

R 26 660.00. We thank The Hermanus Primary School and Curro for doing their own unique collection for us and to the Hermanus High School for being our biggest supporter. To the Hospitals, Municipality, Convenience Stores, Pharmacies and Clinics for your ongoing support, it would not have been possible without you. During the term we received many donations-in-kind and we thank all our loyal donors for your continued contributions.

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

Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust	Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation	Curro School
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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	Philip Myburgh	Marinda Smit

Equally important are the donations-in-kind we received during the term, it is impossible to mention all our generous donors, but wish to thank the following-

The Knitting Ladies- Blankets	The Overstrand Protection Unit- Picnic Hampers	Pick n Pay Hermanus- Biscuits
EnviroServ Waste Management- School Stationery	Peninsula Feeding Association- Dry foods	Woolworths Station Square and Whale Coast Mall- Surplus Foods
Charlotte Setzkorn- Clothing, shoes, files, balls	Nikki and Ben van Heerden-Craft Materials	The Hermanus Rainbow Trust- Reading Books for all our learners
Carla Baerreiter- Rain Jackets, beanie caps, funds for outing	Esme McLaughlin-Warm clothing, tracksuit pants and tops	Sariana Rossouw Fabric and materials



With our 70th Anniversary Celebrations upon us, there is much preparation and excitement here at School. We will be hosting a dinner at the lovely La Vierge Restaurant. The tickets for the evening are R500 which include a 3-course meal, beautiful wines from our Valley, MCC Krone, live music and a chance to win at our BIG Raffle. We will also have some spot prizes on the evening. We hope to celebrate our milestone with all of you. **Genevieve Linney**