



Spring Edition 2021



CAMPBILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From our Principal's desk



Once again our School has been blessed and protected during the past months. I am very happy and grateful to report that we have all emerged from the 3rd wave of Covid alive and well. The Delta variant ran riot through South Africa during the past few months and also did not spare our School Community; so much so that we had to close early for winter holidays on the president's orders and had to close scarcely a week after reopening for the third term due to the high incidence of infections and resulting in staff shortages at the school.



We welcomed Kevin Williams to the transport and maintenance team and bid a sad farewell to Valda Coetzee at the end of the second term. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, we were forced to close the Creative Class at the end of June. We successfully reintegrated the 3 Creative class learners into their respective phases over the course of the second term and followed a voluntary 189 process with Valda. It was very sad to say good-bye as she had not only been in the Creative Class since 2015 but started working at Cam-

phill in 2008. Valda thank you very much for everything and we wish you well in your future endeavours.

Covid has once again stymied our job shadowing program for our senior learners. Julio and I have been working closely with the Vocational Phase teacher to (realistically) identify potential job opportunities for our children in and around Hermanus and plan, formalise and implement various intensive practical workshops for them till the end of the school year to prepare our 5 potential school leavers for the world of work next year. We used the SANASE assessment checklists for each of these practical workshops. We are really very excited about the opportunities that these skills development workshops will provide to the learners. Even more so we are praying that we would be able to revive our job shadowing program in 2022.

During the flooding in May this year a part of our embankment, which forms part of the MTB Trails Hemel en Aarde route adjacent to the R320, gave way causing a huge "sinkhole" to form at the lower end of our property. Besides the damage to our beautiful trees this caused a considerable amount of damage to part of our security fencing and the MTB trail had to be diverted to avoid the unstable ground.

It was Kobus Stofberg who reached out to the school and offered help which we gladly accepted. A big thank you to Kobus Stofberg and Schalk van der Merwe (affectionately known as Oom Schalk) for stepping in and saving the day. They worked really hard to



stabilise the embankment and to repair our fence.

Thank you also to Barry Ganz, owner of Hermanus Skips, for providing ample building rubble to fill the (seemingly bottomless) hole, enabling the stabilising of the embankment. Thank you to our Foreman Selmon, our maintenance team and to the Camphill Farm Community for their tractor, driver and assistance.

The senior boys (and some girls) are very happy that they have been allowed to play soccer again. It is a joy to hear them laughing and playing up at the school.

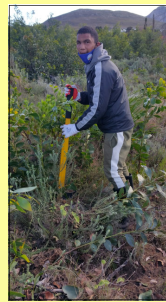
We celebrated our Heritage celebration on the 23rd where the whole school came together outside in the school courtyard to present various cultural performances, to sing and dress up in traditional wear and to share a meal. We had not been together as a community since the Ascension Day walk and picnic in Fernkloof.

Jeanne-Marie Botha
Principal

Workshops



When Spring is in the air, there is definitely a different level of energy in the classrooms and on the playground. The flowers are in bloom and the large oak trees are starting to show some green. Our children are now allowed to play soccer and ball games and we wish to thank EnviroServ Waste Management for the donation of balls. We also wish to thank EnviroServ for the sewing machines, reams of paper, a new blender for the kitchen and beautiful wooden puzzles.



operation. Julio has been taking alternate small groups of learners for invasive plant species clearing (alien clearing) almost every day for the past 3 weeks.

Gardening, housekeeping, ironing, food preparation as well as basic maintenance, car washing, woodwork and sewing workshops are also in full swing.



Our Senior Class learners were so surprised when they came back to school on Monday. Their classroom had been given a fresh

look during the holidays. We thank Steltix South Africa (Pty) Ltd, Adriana Lehman and her team in Hermanus for choosing our School for one of your Youth Day Community Projects. The classroom was in need of fresh coats of paint and looks fantastic. We thank you all for making a difference in our Children's lives and

for the inspirational work that you all do within our Community. Teacher Henna was very happy when she returned to school after her absence.



Our Intermediate class was thrilled to be able to visit the Petting Farm at the foot of Maan-

schyn Kop, on the way to Stanford during the third term. This was a hands-on lesson following our theme of Man and Animal. Our children were enthralled by the animals large and small, from the baby rabbits to the huge Mama pigs and Big Billy Goats. They were all able to feed and touch the animals, even picking up the cheeky baby kids. We then went to Grotto beach for a paddle and delicious Burgers. We would like to thank our German co-worker Carla Barreiter and her family for sponsoring this worthwhile educational outing.

We can't wait to invite the staff to our Camphill tea garden to enjoy the best coffee in Hermanus. Once again we missed out on our job shadowing opportunities and we hoped that we can continue with our job shadowing workshops in 2022,

On a sad note we had to say goodbye to Valda Coetzee, our Creative Class Assistant Teacher, at the end of the second term. Thank you for everything you did in the creative class and for your learners, we will always keep you close to our hearts.



We all enjoyed a warm day celebrating Heritage Day on the 23rd September with a small concert, marimba playing and a lunch of boerewors rolls in the courtyard.



Our Vocational Phase Workshops are all now in full



The Teachers



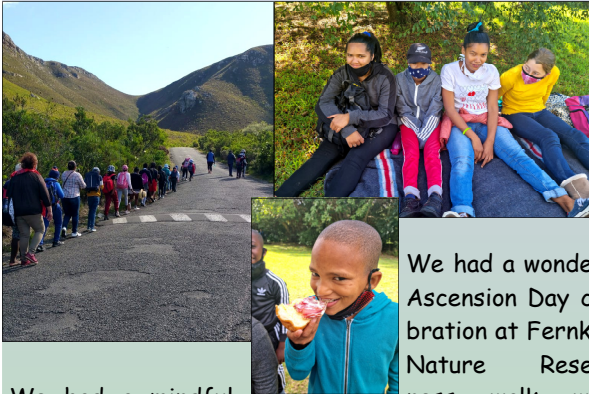
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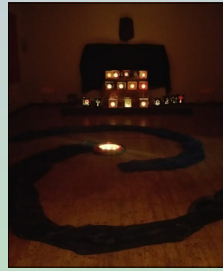
The meaningful celebration of Festivals is very important within our school community; in enriching our spiritual life, which is the source of our strength, especially during these challenging times.



It concluded with the purification bonfire wherein everyone threw into the flames pieces of paper where everyone had written things they want to change in their lives, symbolizing change.



We had a wonderful Ascension Day celebration at Fernkloof Nature Reserve. We had a mindful-ness walk which started at the parking lot as we ascend to the Visitor's Centre where we held our Ascension Program.



Each class also had a winter spiral wherein the children had the experience of moving from the deep darkness into the light; shining from the flame of the candle that burns clear and bright. Symbolizing the weaving of day and night and the watchful love and tender care

that we foster in our community.

We celebrated Whitsun Festival where we read John 1:1-5 in 8 different languages: English, Afrikaans, isi-Xhosa, isi-Zulu, Dutch, German, French and Filipino.



The celebration of St. John's Festival, our Festival of Lights in winter was done separately for the

Foundation and Intermediate Classes in the Dawn House Complex and the Senior and Upper School Classes in the Main School Complex. It was celebrated with St. John's verse, bible reading and story, St. John's songs and spiral with their beautiful lanterns.

The spring ushered us into the Michaelmas celebration as a Festival of courage, inner strength, hope and expectation. A separate celebration was done again in the Dawn House and Main School Complexes. We celebrated with the singing of Michaelmas songs, storytelling and eurythmy performances on "A knight, A Lady and the Dragon". This culminated with a simple obstacle course which represents the dragons and life's challenges that we need to conquer with courage, love, hope and trust. Truly, the festival celebrations remind us that we need to ignite the spiritual life in our hearts.

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

Julio Laset

Therapies

Our School is guided by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) COVID protocols and restrictions which are diligently being adhered in all departments of the school. Hence, these restrictions directly affect the implementation of our full range of therapies. Fortunately, we were able to continue the eurythmy classes and eurythmy therapies, painting therapy and music/marimba in all classes.

Complex for the painting therapy and been able to set up a new therapy room which is being used by the Foundation and Intermediate Classes. Other therapies such as occupational therapy, speech therapy, massage and horse riding remain to be suspended.

As the children are no longer able to have access to Phila Therapy Centre during this time, because of COVID protocols in Camphill Community next door, therapies for our children have been moved to St. John's Hall. We have also converted a room in Dawn

Complex for the painting therapy and been able to set up a new therapy room which is being used by the Foundation and Intermediate Classes. Other therapies such as occupational therapy, speech therapy, massage and horse riding remain to be suspended. GERALYN continued to do the extra lessons which started last year for the senior and upper school classes as a new therapeutic initiative to support the children. She also continued doing puppetry for the Foundation Class which is done once a week with themes on the seasons as a therapeutic approach in enhancing their imagination, rhythm and memory.

Julio Laset

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 24 213.00. We thank The Hermanus High School and Curro for being our biggest supporters and to Hermanus Primary School for once again doing

their own unique Casual Day. To the Hospitals, Municipality, Convenience Stores 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. We also received funding towards the much needed upgrade of our playgrounds together with Kindergarten mats, thank you to Hermes Trust in the UK for your financial support with all our ongoing projects.



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-

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 first term, it is impossible to mention all our generous donors, but we would like to thank the following in particular-

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EnviroServ Waste Management- Sewing Machine and Over Locker, puzzles, balls, wool, blender, paper	Peninsula Feeding Association- Dry foods	Woolworths Station Square and Whale Coast Mall- Surplus Foods
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