

NEWSLETTER 1/2022

First of all I have to share this with you. We got a very big Christmas gift last year. Caladen Limited, a company based in the UK, donated two hospitality tickets and accommodation for the MotoGP race in Valencia, Spain to be auctioned online. The proceeds were split between Two Wheels for Life and Siyabulela Pre-Primary. How amazing is that! We have had a great relationship with Caladen for a long time and we are thankful for all they have done for us over the years. What a way to end of the year!



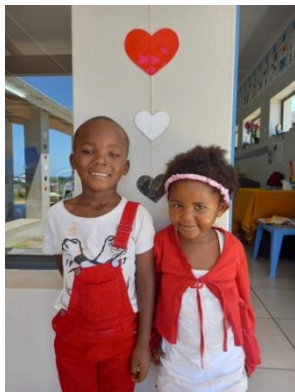
The children enjoying the sandpit.



Then, we also have a very good relationship with Steyns Quarry, a local distributor of sand and gravel. When we order sand for our sandpit they are always quick at delivering the sand for us and they have been donating the sand for the last couple of years. The sand doesn't last very long, because the children play with it all over the playground, so we are very grateful for this continuous donation.



Our first big event for the year was Valentine's Day. Like every year the children dress up in red, white and pink and make some cards and head gear. This year they also got to decorate a heart shaped biscuit to take home. We celebrate love on this day.



They all looked beautiful. Here are some of the best dress children.

We have been busy at the school. Here is just an example of the teachers keeping the children busy. Once in a while during play time, the teachers will get all the children together and play a game.

We have also decided to do all our events again this year. So we did the Golf and Athletic Day and we are going to do a big concert later in the year!

We have missed having these fun days and look forward to the rest of the year packed with special occasions.





Our day to day activities are continuing in full swing in and outside the classrooms. We have morning ring, educational activities, story time, creative arts, music and movement.

The grade R's day is even busier starting with Math in the morning, followed by Home Language and ending of with Life Skills.

Here they are busy with movement. Teacher Glenda is also trying to hoola-hoop.

The children love to dress up during play time or music ring. We incorporate drama in their music and movement lessons. It's amazing to see how the children, even at this young age start to express themselves.

There are so many benefits for them to pretend play and do drama. It builds confidence, develop language and communication skills, emotional intelligence, creativity, nurtures friendships, encourage children to cooperate, helps them to understand the world around them, assists in physical development etc.



We have been part of the Lego project since last year August. It's been very beneficial for our Grade R children. They incorporate it every week during Maths, Home Language and Life Skills.

Some of the benefits of using Lego as an educational tool: improve hand/eye coordination, develop spatial skills, helps with persistence and patience, enhance fine motor skills, problem solving skills, achieving a sense of accomplishment, teach them how to plan, teamwork when playing with others, enhance creativity and experimentation, improve focus and concentration, gives self-confidence, children have fun and lots more!

Thanks to the Rooi Els Outreach Program, for this ongoing initiative.



We never have a dull moment at school. The children are always up to something. We have a big container we put the balls in and some of the children thought it would be fun to get in. We also had some boys who put the dust of the concrete on their faces. They were in big trouble, but we had a good laugh about it.

And then they end up very tired after a busy day at school and they sleep like babies.



Sometimes people treat our staff as well. The VLV brought the staff some milk tarts for 'Melktertdag'. We have ten staff members at the moment.

They were very grateful that someone thought of them. The children get a lot at the school, but not so much the staff. It is what happens inside the classrooms on a day to day basis that makes a school. The teachers are there for the most important role players.

We also give and share where we can. We gave some toys to a school that is less fortunate than us. We also hand out toys and apparatus to other projects if it's not age appropriate to us.

When we have clothes and other items left after our second hand sales it is distributed to different churches in town, who will in turn distribute it to poor farm communities in the area.



We had our 9th Golf Day after we missed it last year. We missed our Golf family so much that I decided we just had to do it this year and how nice was the reunion. We were joined by 60 players for the day.

Our children stole everyone's hearts when they performed for our guests. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this day a big success. To all our players, you are like family and it was lovely having you there. Last but not least, a big shout out to all our sponsors. Without all of these role players this day would not be possible.



Some of our role players who make this day possible. The children who came to perform for our guests.

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We will be having our 10th Golf Day next year. We would like to go big! So keep this in mind so long and as soon as we have a date booked we will inform you. It will be somewhere around the end of February or the beginning of March.

The Saturday after our Golf Day we had our Athletic Day. We did not do this day for two years. It was great having all the parents and children together at the school on a Saturday.

We started early in the morning and each age group did two items. The bigger children, parents and staff also got a chance to participate. The morning was enjoyed by all who attended.



We are very excited to share with you that we started with Dance Mouse this year. Mariska came to us and offered to do the dance class for a lot cheaper for our children. This is a great opportunity for them and helps with their development. There is a class once a week and then Mariska comes out Friday's especially for us to do morning exercise and dance with all of the children. We would love a sponsorship for this.



Dance Mouse has a structured age appropriate syllabus including warm-up techniques, proprioception skills, direction and music. The different styles of dance include hip hop, jazz, modern, ballet, disco, rock and roll, African etc. including props. Strength, stretch and core training is their passion.



Having Xolelwa, our new classroom assistant, here really made the beginning of the year a lot easier on me and the staff. It has also made a huge difference in the lives of the children.

Xolelwa worked with the Grade R children in small groups and worked one on one with children struggling with certain activities. She also helped the Grade R teachers with their admin and could take any class when there was a teacher absent.

There was a lot more to keep her busy daily, because there is always a lot to do at a preschool. What a privilege to have a classroom assistant!



I want to end of our newsletter with this picture. This is Azaria Lewies, who is now a Grade 1 learner at Kleinmond Primary. She was a learner at Siyabulela Pre-Primary.

We often get ask how our children do when they go to primary school and I can proudly tell you that we always hear good things about our children. The primary school's teachers will say that our children perform well in Maths and Languages and that they have been well prepared for Grade 1.

It's always nice to get compliments and to know that we are making a difference.

We hope you all have a wonderful year and that you will keep reading our Newsletters and support us where we can.

Alta van Wyk
Principal

Our wish list:

- Donation for Fridays Dance Mouse.
- Jungle gym for the Grade R playground.
- Fixing the slope at the front of the school to stop water from coming in under front door (R4 675).
- Fixing cracks in wall in classroom (R2 350).
- Lifting ground level where water is coming through wall (R4 980).
- Building cement box for corrugation taps (R950).
- Vacuum cleaner (R1 500).
- Small toilet for 3-4 year class.
- Carpets for some classrooms.
- Mud kitchen for outside play area (R15 000).
- Mural on our new classrooms' wall.
- Paving and shading for our 'outside' classroom.
- Items for our new classrooms: microwave oven and a bar fridge.
- Natty Rubberising bicycle track: R300 per square meter.
- Higher fencing around our school to prevent breakings.
- Second hand items for our shop (old bedding, towels, kitchenware, clothes etc.).