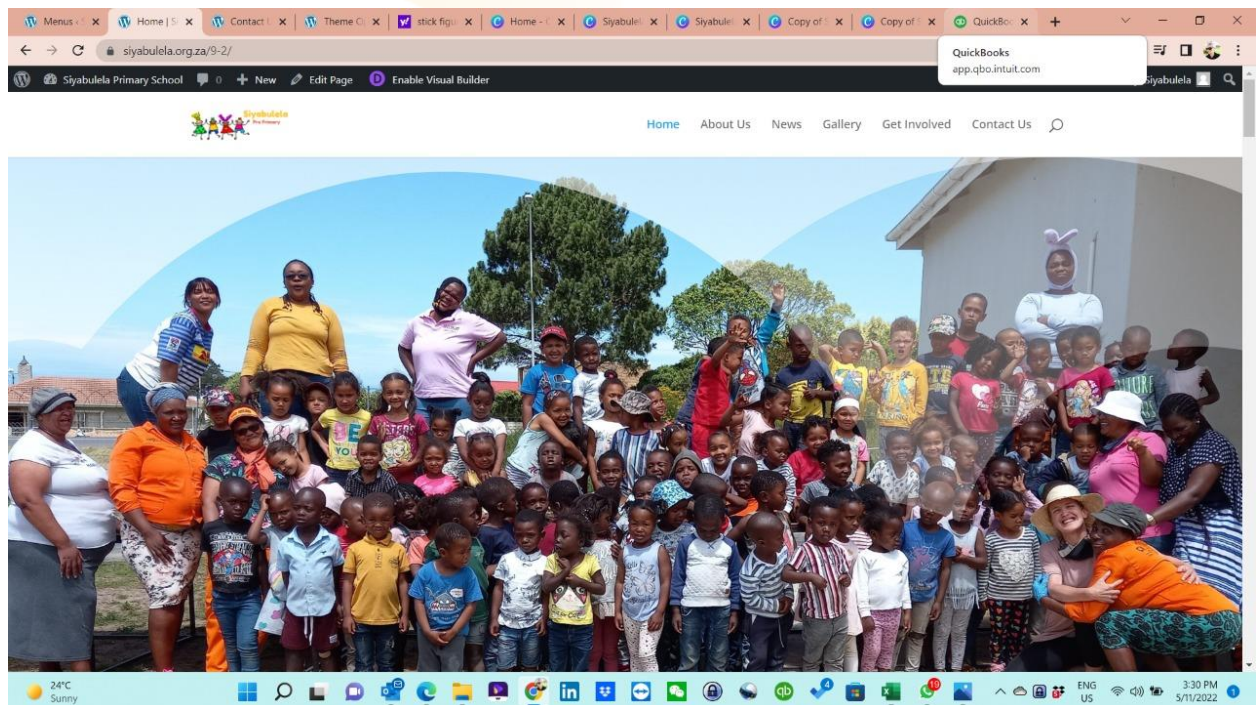




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Siyabulela Pre Primary

NEWSLETTER 2/2022

I have very excited news to share with you. Siyabulela Pre-Primary finally have their own website! We have been talking about a website for a long time and now it's a reality. We want to thank all the people who donated to make this dream come true. We also want to thank Jo-D Stroh, who has been busy in her spare time to create this bright and beautiful website for us. Please go have a look and tell us what you think!



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The picture on the home page of our website sums us up so well; not too formal, happy and with a bit of attitude. One big happy family...



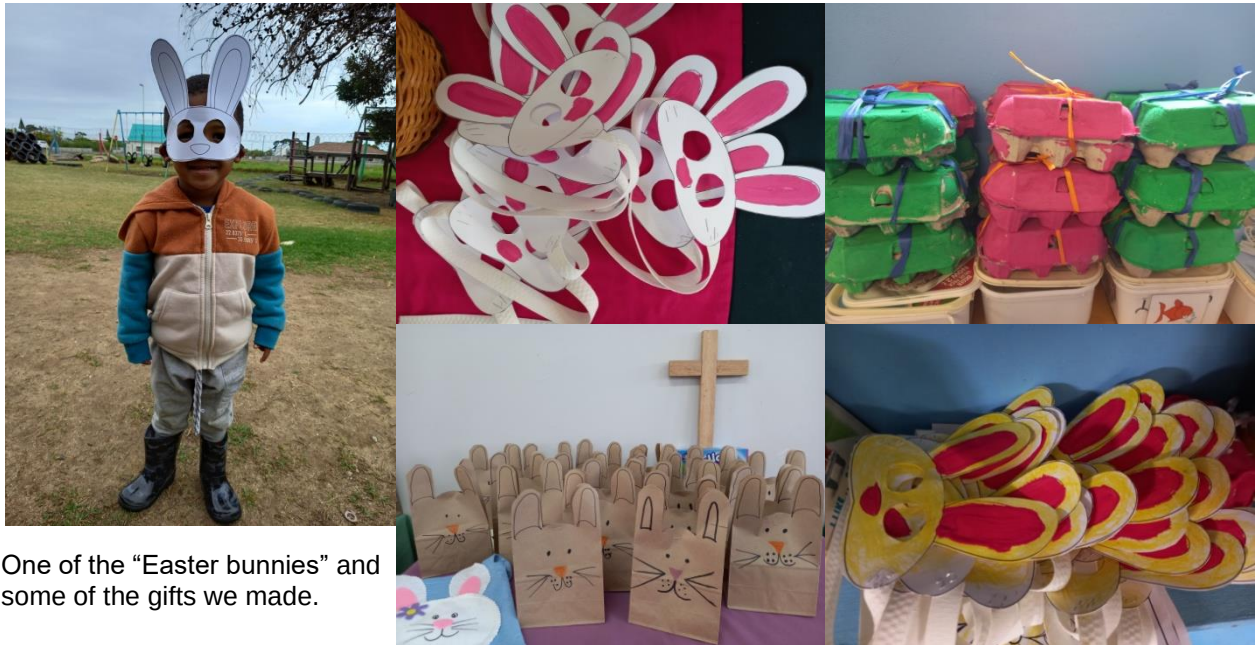
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We had a lot to celebrate this term. It was Easter, Earth day, Mother's and Father's Day! We love to spoil our children on special days, because they deserve to be spoiled once in a while.



One of the “Easter bunnies” and some of the gifts we made.

We celebrated Easter with our children this year by making masks and handing out special gifts. Each child also took home a bookmark with John 3:16; *God loved the world so much that He gave His only son so that if anyone believes in Him they will not die, but have internal life.* So they know the real meaning of Easter.



For Earth Day, the Environmental Department of the municipality, came to plant a tree. The children dug in themselves.



Mother's Day, each mom/grandma/foster mom, got a "handbag" and a card. The card read: *My dirty little fingerprints I've left on every wall, and on the drawers and tabletops, I've really marked them all. But here are some that won't rub off, I made them just for you, because I'm thankful for a mom who loves me like you do.*

And how true are those words: they do leave fingerprints everywhere, but especially in our hearts.

The fathers/granddads/foster dads got an anchor key ring with a card reading: *You are my anchor.*

In the classrooms we are busy as always. The children have done some fun themes this term. They love Road Safety (Transport), because it involves a lot of practical lessons, like crossing the road safely and studying the road signs.

They also did Healthy living and eating, Farm animals, Autumn, Safety at school and at home, and People who help us. All very important themes to discuss with our children.



We have also been very busy with Lego in the classrooms. The Lego activities are used during the whole daily program. It's incorporated during Math, Home Language and Life Skill time. What is more fun than learning through play?!



It was Child Protection Week from 29 May to 5 June. The theme this year was: "Let us all protect children during Covid-19 and beyond." This is a very important week for our children and community. We've seen cases in domestic and child abuse rise every year. People need to be made aware of the importance of protecting our children. Siyabulela's Grade R classes attended the opening of the week and sang "I am special." Our children stole the show as usual.



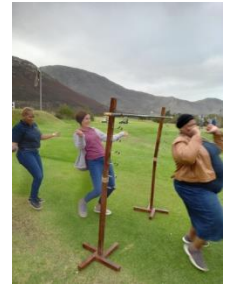
We had our third term fundraising on Friday, 27 May, we had a food sale as well as a second-hand sale. We try and continue our fundraising, so that the parents know it is an ongoing event.

Our second hand sale we do once a month. Afterwards we will give the clothes and items we don't sell to different church groups in Kleinmond, who in turn distribute it to the farms in the area that are even less fortunate than our community.

Xolelwa Mazitshana, or Miranda, as we call her started this term as the classroom assistant here at Siyabulela. Xolelwa Manyenkawu got a permanent job and we are happy for her for the opportunity she got.

The first thing about Xolelwa that immediately made us think she was the right person for the job was her enthusiasm and energy. She is also willing to help wherever she can, she has been teaching in other classes, been busy with admin and has even washed the dishes a few times. We are very blessed to have her with us.





I'm ending with some sad news. After 16 years at Child Welfare Kleinmond we had to say goodbye to Theresa Els, our project manager. She has been here since I started at Siyabulela Pre-Primary and has always guided and supported us through the years. We are very sad to lose her but wish her best of luck with the future.



We had two farewells for her, one with the staff and one with people that was part of her journey at Child Welfare. She will be missed.

The message we left her with: Your presence, was always inspiring. Your constant support was highly motivating. Your words of encouragement, guidance, and advice kept us sane while chasing deadlines.

We've always admired your persistence to push us again and again. You inspired us to dream more, learn more, do more and become more.

We just want to appreciate you and express how glad we are to have worked under your leadership. We're, truly, proud to have been led by such a great person. Thank you for your vision, your extraordinary ability and leadership to always guide us.

You're leaving us, but your legacy will remain here forever...

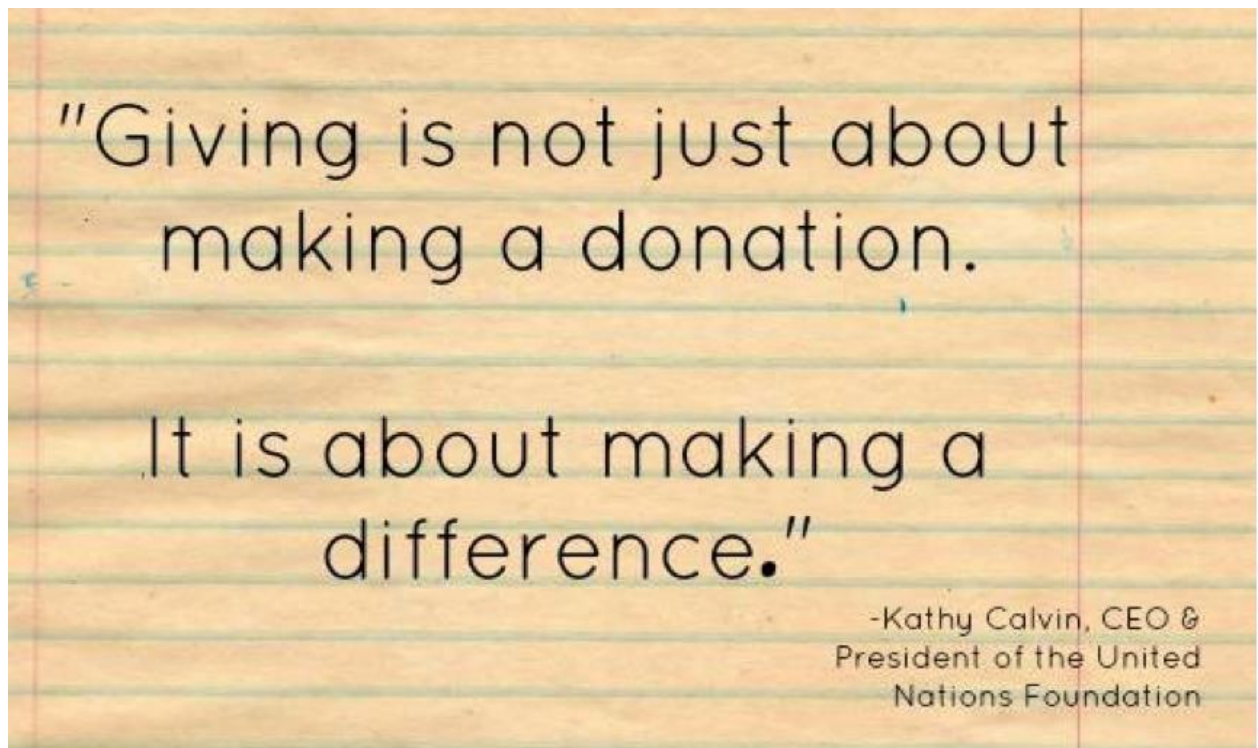
I hope that some of these words can be said of me when I leave one day, something to aspire to.

Alta van Wyk
Principal

Our wish list:

- Donation for Friday's Dance Mouse.
- Start up jungle gym for the Grade R playground (R21 400).
- 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).
- Small toilet for 3-4 year class.
- Carpets for some classrooms (R6 730).
- 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.
- 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.).

(You will see our wish list is a bit shorter. We were very lucky to receive a vacuum cleaner and a fridge. Thank you to the people who donated that to the school. We also fixed the slope at our front door with fundraising money.)



Thank you to everyone who is making a difference in our lives.