



CHILD WELFARE SOUTH AFRICA

KLEINMOND
Siyabulela Pre Primary

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This year we started with 115 learners enrolled! Once again we have a waiting list of 25 Xhosa speaking children. With the new classroom that was finished end of August last year we thought that we could supply in this growing need but we were stunned with the amount of new parents that have moved to Kleinmond from the Eastern Cape. Unfortunately we did not have enough space for the growing demand for Early Childhood Development Centres in Kleinmond.

I would also like to apologise for the quality of the photos used in this newsletter. The Children's Act of South Africa clearly states that no photo may be published without the consent of the parents and that no photo may be published of a child that is in foster care. Due to this act we will mostly use group photos where most the children are not recognisable.



On Friday, 15 March Siyabulela held their first Golf day as fundraising event! 48 Players participated in this event that was held at Kleinmond Golf Club. Although the weather forecast predicted a few rain showers, no rain fell during play. We would like to thank our Sponsors of the day, with their help we could give all participants a gift and an amount of more than R20 000 were raised! **The sponsors were: Amanda Human, Angie's Pudding & Pie, Annamarie Botha, Annie & Tobie Louw, Arabella Golf Club, Arabella**

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After the day's play Stef Olivier, a professional auctioneer, auctioned of sports memorabilia, wine and other items that were donated to Siyabulela. He did a superb job with much laughter!



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Left above is the winners of our Golf day Mr M McDonald, I Samuels, J Hurly and F Botha. On the right are the Runner-ups Mr J van den Bergh, J Conradie, P Capes and L Bell. With them is Siyabulela's Principal Ms Alta Cilliers.

Siyabulela received an International Eco-Schools Award on Tuesday, 5 February 2013 for five consecutive year's participation in this program. Siyabulela is the first Pre Primary to receive such an award in the Overstrand area!

Siyabulela was fortunate to receive a Grant-in-Aid from the Overstrand Municipality. This grant specified that the money can only be used for the purchase of Educational toys. The money was immediately used as we were in urgent need of educational equipment! Below are some of our Grade R learners with the new Educational toys!



We also held our annual Sport day on Saturday, 23 February. Although we could not make use of Kleinmond Sport grounds due to upgrading of the pitch, we held this event at the school and young and old enjoyed this fun day! Afterwards the Fire brigade came to our school and sprayed foam for the kids to play. The children loved it and before long the parents joined in the fun!



We were fortunate to find a well-doer who is now in charge of our school grounds as well as our vegetable garden. We were amazed when we opened our school in January as our grounds underwent a complete “face lift” during the holidays! Paving were done to the entrance of the school and much more! The veggie garden is now three times as big as the one that we have started in 2012 and our learners already ate pumpkin, tomatoes and gem squash out of our garden! We can’t wait to prepare fresh vegetables on a daily basis for our learners!

The Eco-School program together with the Rotary Club of Hermanus helped us with funding to take our Grade R learners on an outing to Harold Porter Botanical Gardens. The children enjoyed the bus ride and learned about the different kinds of fynbos and all the animals and bugs that one can find in the Garden. The children also played games, listened to a story and did a picture of a frog. It was a fun, educational morning!

We are currently looking for a container where all outside toys, extra educational toys and our garden equipment can be stored. This is a necessity as our office is currently used as a store room

for all the extras in the school. Once all the extras are stored outside the office, we would like to furnish the office with proper lockable cabinets for all documentation. If someone can help us in this regard, it will be much appreciated! Even if you could only provide us with contact details, it will help.

Due to the fact that Siyabulela is the first place where most of our learners are educated with Early Childhood Development skills we spent a lot of time in the classroom to teach our learners more about their body and personal hygiene. Here is a photo of Ms Cilliers teaching her class more about personal hygiene.



On behalf of Siyabulela's Governing Body and Staff I would like to thank all our Sponsors during this term! Your contributions, big or small, make our daily task to educate tomorrow's leaders much easier!

Siyabulela ("We thank you!")

Alta Cilliers
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