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A strong sense of community



As the year draws to a close, we reflect on all the wonderful events of the year. We are eternally grateful to our community and all parties involved in our school for the ongoing support. We hope that you have a wonderful festive season with your families. Our learners are excited to have a Christmas holiday and they deserve all the rest they can get. Make this holiday season count by spending as much time with family as possible. This time with family is precious and just as important as school. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Kindergarten with Teacher Denise



Kindergarten playing with hula-hoops to make a long line and walk in a row.



“Play is the road to childhood happiness and adult brilliance.”



Playing with wheelbarrows is their favorite pastime. They draw a lot of inspiration from nature.



Grade R with Teachers Nomfuneko & Ragel



In Kindergarten and Grade R, seasons of the year play an important part of their education. They do various activities to encourage learning, using their whole bodies. They learn songs and poems about the seasons too. They also enjoy playing and learning through play. Arts and crafts keep those little hands busy!

Grade R with their hands in the mud.

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the word of childhood.

– Fred Rogers



Grade R made these lovely hats and Christmas trees to celebrate Christmas.



Class 1 with Teacher Funiswa & Teacher's Assistant Phumla



Class 1 gave some good performances this year!

Class 1 really enjoyed their year, and it has been a year filled with fun and joy. We have been learning through games, songs, dance and body movements. We learned all kinds of things like how to spell, read and write three letter words. We also learned the four processes and many other things in Mathematics. We have really enjoyed participating in the assemblies every 8 weeks. It has boosted our confidence. For our end-of-year outing, we went to Fernkloof Nature Reserve. There we had a small picnic and played under the trees. We saw many small animals like tortoises, birds and more. Another highlight this year was the Spring fair!



All dressed up on Heritage Day.



Learning division with flower petals.



Class 2 with Teacher Mary Jayne



We have been working hard. In Term 3 and 4, we learned all about vertical subtraction, our times tables, African fables, Aesop's fables and Saint stories. In the last term we learned cursive writing. We absolutely love our stories, especially the animal stories. We learned some cool poems about our lessons and some songs to memorize our times tables.

Some of our favorite memories so far include our outing to Rocklands Petting Farm. We fed all the animals and had a small picnic under the trees. We saw pigs, rabbits, sheep, goats, alpaca, hedgehogs and peacocks. We were able to go into the rabbits' cage and pick them up. When we saw all the animals, it reminded us of our stories. We are really looking forward to learning our new concepts in class 3 next year. It is going to be a new and exciting challenge!



Class 2 have been spending a lot of time with their noses in books, exploring new worlds.



Class 3 with Teacher Cathrie

Class 3 enjoyed learning about different kinds of homes all over the world. We learned about the people building them, where they were from and why they built the way they did.

We also drew a very basic house plan and visited a building site. We were lucky to see the boxing club being built very close to our school, so we could see when they started to put in the electricity tubes and the roof tresses.



We visited a farm in Tesselaarsdal called Lekkerdroom where we saw a 3-week-old baby zebra, Macaw parrots, pigs, donkeys and camels. We learned that camels can pull as much as three ton in weight! Afterwards we went to *Wheel Spin* where we played with the sling shot and rode go carts. The best was the zipline. We also had a picnic there. We are very proud of our Federation test results which said that our class is well prepared for Class 4.

Teacher Cathrie writes: “Thank you to all Class 3 parents for your cooperation and positive contribution during the 3 years that I have taught your children. You should be proud of each one. May you have a good season.”



Looking at the camels and donkeys at Lekkerdroom Farm.



Class 4 with Teacher Annelise

What an amazing year! We have grown and learned such a lot of new things. Our mental maths improved so much that even our music teacher compliments us on it. We enjoyed the stories of Norse Mythology and Man and Animal. We learned about many animals for example the lion and the cow and it was so interesting to see how they are either head or trunk animals. We also had an insight on how the San people lived a long time ago, surviving on Mother Earth as their pharmacy, grocery and clothing store.



Picnic under the tree.

Our visit to Hoy's Koppie and the Whale Museum was the highlight of the year. At the museum we could fully grasp how big whales are. We learned about the different types of whales, and we understand why people come from far to see the whales in Hermanus. We learned about fractions, and we know how to multiply, divide, add and subtract fractions. We cannot wait for class 5 so that we can learn to play the marimbas even better.



On their outing to Hoy's Koppie, Fernkloof and the Whale Museum.



Class 5 with Teacher Carmen

A learner writes:

"This year was a very fun year. We had so many challenges to face. The new subjects were very fun like Ancient Greece and Greek history. In August, we were going to go to Constantia Waldorf School, but we didn't manage because of the taxi strike. We had to film a video of our Afrikaans song and a Xhosa dance. Then we started with the Ancient Greece stories where we learned about the Trojans and Greek people and how they got the red flower from the gods. These stories were amazing. Our class enjoyed it very much.



Enjoying the sunshine at Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens.



We also went to Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens where we learned about plants, the Earth and its layers. We learned about three different types of soil and sedimentary rocks. We went up the mountain until we reached a big waterfall which was so magical and beautiful.

On Saturday the 25th of November we had our Spring Fair at the school. There were many people and activities. Our class had games like spin-the-wheel, ring-toss, darts and dominos. A lot of people liked spin-the-wheel. There was also a slip-n-slide. It was nice and cold on a hot day. Now, we are getting ready to face Class 6 which will be a new challenge."



Class 6 with Teacher Rumbi

A learner writes:

"2023 was full of exciting events for Class 6. We were working extra hard in class in preparation of our Class 6 Assessments, the Systemic Tests as well as the Federation Assessments. We covered a lot of work, and we feel we are all ready for the next grade.

We played Marimba like never before, we have learnt eleven songs to date, thanks to our amazing music teacher. We entered the Eisteddfod competitions, and we recieved a gold medal. We are proud of ourselves.



Class 6 learners practicing for the Eisteddfod.

After learning about planets, we went to SANSA (South African National Space Agency) for an outing which was very informative. After that we went to Fernkloof Nature Reserve for a picnic.

We are looking forward to Class 7 next year!"



A lovely trip to SANSA.



Picnic at Fernkloof.



Class 7 with Teacher Flippie

A learner writes:

"The year started off very good. We were determined to give it our best shot this year to progress to the next grade.

Our class average increased significantly. Compared to the previous year, during the 1st term and 2nd term. We write a few big exams during that time. During our last two terms, we learned many awesome new things. We did a biology main lesson and wrote a Federation test.



Toilets? Spaceships? Very old bathtubs!

The UB soccer boys played a lot of friendly matches, and we even took part in a soccer tournament with some of our local schools. We played well and won a few matches till we reached the semi-final knockout stage. Unfortunately, we lost by a goal during the last minute, but we still had a lot of fun. Our class went on an outing to Genadendal Museum. We had fun there, especially during the treasure hunts. We enjoyed the Fair this year and once again, it was a huge success. I hope everyone makes it to the following grade and have a merry Christmas and happy new year."



Enjoying the activities and lectures at Genadendal Museum.



Class 8 with Teacher Abisha

A learner writes:

"We entered our fourth term with laughter, cheers, joy and even tears as our class teacher, Mr. K had finally gotten his master's degree. And us, obviously proud and over the moon for him, threw a surprise congratulations party for him. We had pizza, three types of cakes, and cool drinks. It was a blast, and we had a good time.



Class 8 performing in assembly.



Form Drawing, beautiful!

Since we were so stressed out with the term's work, our class decided to take a class trip to SANSA. Not only were we given a tour, but we also had the opportunity to learn and understand how things are done in space and how the communication from earth to space is done. Towards the end of our tour, we were grouped into groups of three, where we were given a task. The task was simple, honestly, but we did enjoy it. We had to build a rocket which we had to launch. Some rockets flew higher than others while others didn't fly at all.

At the beginning of the year, somewhere around the first/second term, all the class eight learners were being watched and observed by the teachers to see if they could be given responsibility, to see if they were mature enough. Later in the term a group of learners was selected to be the school prefects. It was a big responsibility for us. And we did our utmost not to disappoint the teachers.

We really enjoyed these wonderful experiences, despite the hardships, difficulties, and struggles. It's been a tough year, but we pushed through and managed to make it to the end of the year."



Marimba Festival

On the 28th of September we had a Marimba Festival. In the morning, Magriet Peters from Enlighten Education Trust came to judge our performances. During the evening, we hosted a Marimba Festival where parents could come watch their children perform. The parents were excited and enjoyed a lovely evening of song and dance. Our chairperson, Mr Gift Sandi, did all the announcements of the winners. The crowd roared with support for their children. Enlighten Education Trust generously donated all cash prizes to the winning teams.



Magriet Peters from Enlighten Education Trust.



Class 5 performing the morning of the Marimba Festival.

The results of the competition were as follows:

Best Marimba Band Cl 5 vs Cl 6	Class 6
Best Marimba Band Cl 7 vs Cl 8	Class 8
Best Afrikaans Piece	Class 6
Best Classical Piece	Class 7
Best Overall Band	Class 6
Best Tune/Melody	Sinelizwe Matam
Best Drummer	Craig Mundondo Likhwezi Nokama
Best Bass/Baritone	Lilintle Silothi



The Hall Foyer beautifully decorated for the Festival.

All our bands performed wonderfully! We are incredibly proud of our children, our music teacher and the class teachers who work super hard to perfect their music!

Thank you to Enlighten Education Trust and Magriet Peters for judging our bands and providing us with cash prizes! And to the wonderful parents and audience who passionately supported our children!



Spring Fair

On Saturday, the 25th of November we had our annual Spring Fair. Our Fair is a great way to connect with our community, raise some funds and help us bond with our learners by seeing them in a different way. At the Fair there were various activities and things for sale. Some activities were face-painting, games, a slip-n-slide and a soccer tournament. There were all sorts of goodies for sale too!



Most Valuable Soccer Player

The soccer tournament was such a hit. We had U11 and U13 teams competing from various schools in our community. Thank you to Christian Academy, Overstand Learning Centre and Vivo United for attending our tournament. We are always grateful for a little competition. All teams played really well. All matches were friendly matches and at the end of the tournament, awards were handed over for the “Most Valuable Soccer Player”.



Learners enjoying the day at the Spring Fair.



Teachers, staff and volunteers hard at work!



Mr Abisha Kaseke, M.Ed



Mr K receiving his Masters Degree.

Congratulations to Mr Abisha Kaseke who graduated with his Masters in Education specializing in Socio-Education. We are proud to have Mr Kaseke on our team. His hard work and dedication shows. Well done! His class conducted a short interview with him regarding his achievement:

What were you studying and what was your motivation?

“I was studying towards my master’s degree in education specializing in socio-education. My motivation was to investigate ways to improve the teaching and learning of the African child.”

What was your dissertation titled and why did you think it was important to carry out the research?

“The dissertation was on ‘The influence of initiation rite on male learners at a selected school in the Amatole East district’. This was after I noticed the initiation rites ceremony resulted in learners’ behaviour changing before and after. I also thought that partaking in the study would motivate my learners and younger family members to develop an interest in their studies and surpass me.”

How long did it take to complete your degree and were there some difficulties you faced in your studies? How did you overcome the challenge?

“The study took two and half years. The biggest challenge I faced was time management especially because I also had high school classes that needed me. To overcome the challenge, I had to learn to work at night, during weekends and any other free time I got.”

Did you ever feel like giving up and if so, what kept you going?

“Yes, at times I felt drained because UNISA was expecting a comprehensive research but since my learners and colleagues were part of the study, they kept motivating me not to give up. The support from family and friends pushed me all the way to the end.”

As a child, did you know that you would end up as an inspiration and a role model to many learners?

“I was raised by the community that valued Ubuntu and as a result I am expected to spread the good teachings I received. A lot may have changed about how communities live but if you plant wisdom and love in young hearts, you will have half won the battle against socio challenges that the community faces daily. I am honored if my learners learn as much from me in my living years and pray and trust that it will make them better people going forward.”

Lastly any words of motivation to everybody out there who wants to follow in your footsteps?

“The most important thing is to accept that everyone is unique, and our God-given gifts are not the same. Focus on your talents and do your best in everything you do. Be good and kind to fellow man and never neglect the society that raised you. Be a good example to everyone and always remember as much as there are challenges in life, ‘Nothing can stop a good person.’ ”



Turning a New Leaf



Former Chairperson,
Mr Herman Breedt

This year we bid a sad goodbye to Herman Breedt as he stepped down from the position of chairperson of the Hermanus Waldorf School Council of Management. We are grateful for the 7 years of service to our school and all the meaningful contributions he has made. In his place, we warmly congratulate Gift Sandi for being elected the newest chairperson of the Hermanus Waldorf School Council of Management. We look forward to working with him and have enjoyed having him on as a member of the council since last year. Upwards and onwards for Hermanus Waldorf School. We believe the school is in the best hands!



New Chairperson,
Mr Gift Sandi

Eisteddfod

Our Class 5 and 6 children entered the annual Eisteddfod which took place on the 28th of August at Curro Hermanus. Our learners played various songs, from traditional to classical. They were nervous but achieved amazing results and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication to their music. Thank you to Teacher Annamarie, Teacher Carmen and Teacher Rumbi for guiding and pushing them to be the best they can be. Class 6 achieved a Gold Award with Cum Laude and Class 5 achieved a Gold Award. Gold Awards are given for a result of more than 85%. Well done Class 5 and 6!



Class 5 (left) and Class 6 (right) playing Marimba at the Eisteddfod.



Netball Season

The netball season was a huge success this year. We played matches against Christian Academy and Generation. All teams played well. To create some fun competition and spirit amongst our netball girls, Teacher Mariejan hosted a “cake league”. All our netball girls were divided into four teams. They then competed against one another for a final winner. The winning team received a big cake generously donated by Mugg & Bean Hermanus. The winning team was the green team!



The representative from Mugg & Bean handing over the cake to the winning team (above).

Soccer Season

Soccer season was an absolute blast this year! Our U11 and U13 teams played soccer matches against Curro, Overstand Learning Centre, Hermanus Hot Spurs, Christian Academy and Generation. All teams played well and did their best. We are very proud of all the teams, whether they won or lost. Most games were friendly games, but the children still competed with their whole hearts. We look forward to next year's soccer season and all the fierce competition out there!



Mid-match against Christian Academy.



Coach giving a pep talk



U13 Boys Soccer Team.





Animal life absolutely thriving this year. Our birds have nests all over the property.

Thank you!

We want to say a big warm THANK YOU for the continued support over the years! A special thank you to the following organizations and persons:

- Rossi's (Frank)
- Eden café (Isabel)
- Mugg & Bean (Japie)
- OK Gateway (Lee-Roy)
- Enlighten Education Trust (Corlia and her team of volunteers, Rodney and his team)
- Reading support:
 - Jenny & Margaret
- Also:
 - Arrienne Milton
 - Susi McCallin
 - Jeanne Arangies
 - Rika van Romburg
- Finally, our loyal sponsors who keep our school running year after year!

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General Information

School closes: Friday morning 8th of December 2023

School re-opens: Monday 15th of January 2024 for teachers and staff
Wednesday 17th of January 2024 for learners

School Fees:

	KG/Gr R	Cl 1 – 7	Cl 8 - 9
Fees Monthly	R 870	R 900	R 1 050
Stationary	R 250	R 350	R 400
Registration	R 260	R 260	R 260
Total Annual Fees	R 10 080	R 10 510	R 12 210

Bank Account Details:

First National Bank (FNB)
Account: Hermanus Waldorf School
Account Number: 5247 1041 452
Reference: Child's Name



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, once again for your continued kindness and generosity to our school. It is very much appreciated!

With warm regards from the staff and children of the Hermanus Waldorf School.

