



The world in which we live increasingly has challenges that many children are ill prepared for. With this in mind while preparing for 2023 the overwhelming focus has been on 'TAKE ACTION' which means that teachers and staff have started the year looking at what we at Tereo do and how we could improve, do things differently or better to ensure that all we offer whether it be teaching methodologies, computer learning, social, cultural or sporting activities are geared towards equipping our learners to the best of their abilities, for all the world throws at them.

For the first time in Tereo's history we have a Grade 6 class starting in 2023. Now we can keep all our learners through to grade 7 i.e. a full primary school experience instead of placing them into mainstream schools after finishing Gr 5. This will ensure that our learners are exposed to our unique "whole child approach" for longer to better equip them for high school. Grade 7 commences in 2024 which now brings us to 90 learners registered at Tereo.



We have split our grade 1 class in two with all learners going through a baseline assessment to determine their current academic level. Weaker learners are placed in a smaller class of no more than 10 so that they can receive the necessary support and individual attention from the teacher. The stronger learners are placed in the second grade 1 class.

Dental hygiene is another area where we have decided to take action – but more about that later...

As always there are first day jitters, but these were overcome with individual welcome packs and fun activities.

If you would like to see what we do please click on the link to see a short film about Tereo [CLICK](#) :

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9gxgxfcm5tfdtm/TEREO%20PROJECT.mp4?dl=0>



A New Classroom

During 2022 Tereo Applied to the Western Cape Education Department be registered as a full primary school with classes from Gr 1 – 7. Our application was successful, but this required an extra classroom. **Wings of Support (KLM)** generously provided the funds to purchase this secondhand classroom from Werner of **Fabricated Steel Manufacturers** for R 145 000. We chose a prefabricated steel classroom so that when we are able to move to new premises, we can take this classroom with us. In addition to the initial outlay, we have installed security on both windows and doors as well as installing electricity to the classroom at an additional cost of R11 000.

We still require a class for our Gr 7's who start in 2024. Should you wish to sponsor this additional class please contact ann@tereo.org or [click](#).

Learning a new skill

What started as a fun activity at the end of 2022 has become a real favourite with learners. Boys and girls come to ask for knitting needles and wool so that they can learn to knit. Some even knit while walking to school while others are rushing to finish their work in class so that they can knit! One of the amazing things has been that learners see knitting as a means of doing something different and giving them a sense of achievement. It is also a skill that will last them a lifetime. Not even a bleeding toe could stop Devan (Gr 6) from knitting!



We are looking to knit squares to make a blanket as part of our contribution to Mandela Day in July. Should you like to donate wool or knitting needles please contact Edwena on admin@tereo.org

Our New Grade 6 teacher

We are so honored to welcome Mr Graylan Daniels the new grade 6 teacher to our dedicated team. At last, a male teacher to join the roses...

We only hire people we believe will make a difference here, and we're proud to count you among that number. We look forward to helping you make the difference with our Grade 6 class.

With the school now including Gr 6 has necessitated the purchase of Platinum Test books. These come at significant cost (approx. R180 per book/subject/learner) as they are not obtainable from the education department but must be bought new. Should you be able to assist with funding textbooks please contact Ann on ann@tereo.org.



Dental health - To address the poor dental health often encountered with our learners, Tereo has embarked on an aggressive dental health programme involving grade 1 & 2 learners who have to brush their teeth every day when arriving at school. At first brushing teeth was a big adjustment but teachers turned teeth brushing into a fun moment with a song and stopwatch to time how long each child must brush teeth.

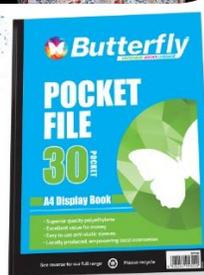


This programme forms part of the daily educational process to instill good personal health habits which will ensure long-term oral hygiene. In partnership with the Imibala Trust, all our learners will also have an annual dental checkup with a local dentist. We provide each grade 1 & 2 learners with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and face cloth. At present we are looking for a partner who will sponsor toothbrushes, toothpaste, and face cloths which we currently provide all learners with. Please contact Ann on ann@tereo.org if you can assist.

All donations (cash or in-kind) made to Tereo School are fully Tax deductible.

Time to say THANK YOU to some of our donors and volunteers...

A big thank you to Farrel and Taryn from **Butterfly Stationery** - who generously sponsored Pocket Files for our school. These pocket files will be used for the learner profiles that have to be provided for each learner at our school as well as homework files. Currently we have 90 learners registered at Tereo, so this was really a special gift as pocket files can be really pricy for this many learners!



Keep your documents safe!

POP it in a **POCKET FILE**

Another thank you **@Virtual Resources** who sponsored much of the school stationery such as books, coloured pencils, pens, rulers, glue, sharpeners, etc. for our learners and teachers. The typical cost of stationery is about R1500 per child per year. While we do ask parents/guardians to contribute to the stationery, in most cases this does not or cannot materialize due to their circumstances.

We often get requests to **volunteer at Tereo**, this can be assisting in class with reading, writing or other areas of educational support or sometimes volunteers are willing to do repairs around the school. Our jungle gym, which is so popular with our learners, is old and dry rot had set in with some wooden beams having to be removed and replaced. A Stellenbosch University student and his father decided to volunteer their time to help repair and maintain the jungle gym. This was done in scorching 36 degree temperatures but the children are so happy to have their jungle gym back – Thank you!



Tereo has entered the 4th industrial revolution – with coding and robotics forming part of our learner syllabus. Tereo falls into Metro East's district of the WCED which is the first district that is rolling out coding and robotics which will be a compulsory part of schooling from 2024. Due to our involvement with Stimu-zone we are already able to expose our learners to this methodology which will ensure that our learners can have an edge when they move onto high school.

What is Robotics?? Robotics is the science or technology of designing, building and using robots. Robotics is the use of computer-controlled robots to perform manual or repetitive tasks. A piece of code is written on a computer with a coding language on a coding platform, the set of instructions will then be given to the robot either through an external device or by connecting the robot to the computer, the robot must then execute the instructions given through the first piece of written code.



Meet Q Scout – Q-Scout is equipped with a powerful motor, shiny aluminum alloy coats and stable rubber tires. Our robot will be able to track lines on the ground and avoid obstacles with its ultrasonic capabilities. Q-Scout can perform abundant light effects and music shows which learners will be able to control through code. It is designed for both new coders and professionals.

We are very excited to introduce our learners to Scout the robotic car! Scout is super smart and can only be moved by a computer. Teachers Chantal and Nicole are busy with training and can't wait to teach our learners the technological skills needed to move him around!

At this time all computer learning costs are being carried by the school, but we are looking for a sponsor who would be able to assist. To sponsor:

- *R450 per learner (USD27) or*
- *Computer learning centre costs: R38000 per year (USD2300 per year) or*
- *Sponsor a small generator or UPS to run our computer learning centre when loadshedding hits so that learners don't lose out. Please contact Ann on ann@tereo.org if you are able to assist.*

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Our challenges in 2023

Tereo needs to raise funds for:

- We have outgrown our current premises and the lease on our premises is likely to be terminated early (2027) due to City Council development plans. We are looking to **raise R6 million to purchase our own school.**
- Once again there was a break-in at our school this weekend perpetrated by the vagrants and drug gangs who have moved on the wasteland next to the school. With ongoing loadshedding we are looking to **raise funds for a generator or UPS** which may be able to assist during loadshedding as this is when the school is most vulnerable. Finding alternative premises has become ever more urgent.
- State funding for the school is not guaranteed – therefore we strive to secure a financial buffer to ensure we have **funds for experienced, specialised teachers and counsellors** that make the real difference at Tereo
- Increased **fuel and maintenance costs** makes the provision of transport ever more challenging

Donations as little as R50, R100 or R500 can make sponsor a teacher or donate funds towards our projects or our new school

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