



At Tereo we desire to see every child thriving in a family and receiving their basic human right of nurture, and care. The Bill of Rights in the Constitution states that “every child has the right to basic nutrition, shelter, health care and social services, as well as the right to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation”. At Tereo we often see the gap between what legislation stipulates and the reality our children experience in their own lives.

Our focus is therefore to use education as a means to give all children the best chance for the future they deserve. Our approach embeds strong character development ethics supported by professional health care, nutritious meals, psychosocial counselling, family assistance and support along with the opportunities to enjoy character building initiatives to help them grow and develop.

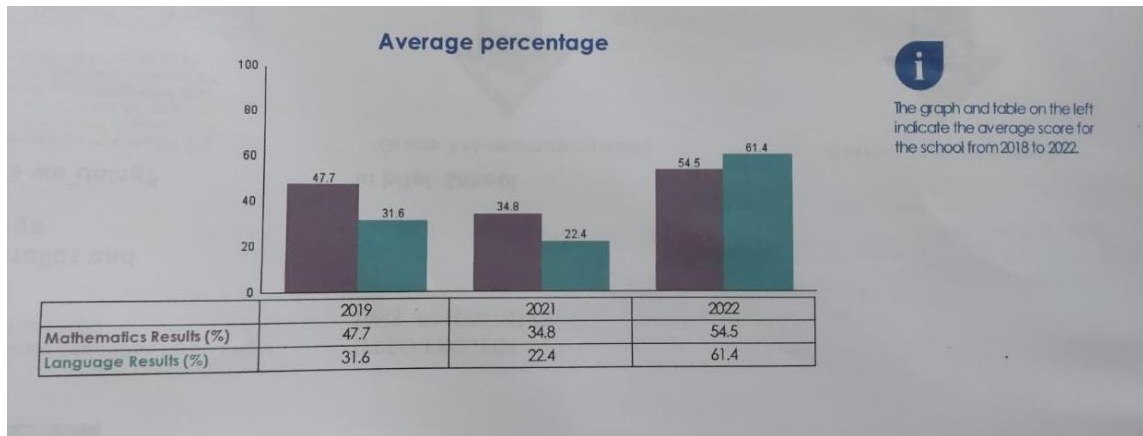
The first term has offered us a number of unique opportunities to demonstrate what we do and how we at Tereo strive to make a difference in the lives of our learners not only through education but exposure to unique and different events. So let's start with the stories...

First off - We are extremely proud to announce Charlie Bruintjies has been elected The **New Chairman of the Helderberg Zone of Western Cape Schools Cross Country**. We are so proud of him and his commitment to our learners, athletes, and the local cross-country community.

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

#Systemic Results for 2022 – Each year the Western Cape Education Department conducts systemic testing in Mathematics and Home Language, which provides a consistent record of improvements and declines in our learners’ skills, and allows the Education Department and schools to determine the success of any changes made to teaching methods and processes. In 2021 Tereo’s results were not where we would like them to be, but this did not surprise us, given the amount of teaching and learning time our children had missed during Covid, and we were determined to reverse the trend during 2022. The results of the 2022 systemic tests are now available, which demonstrate that we have made significant positive gains!

The interventions Tereo implemented include the implementation of a synthetic phonics approach to reading, the establishment of a structured home language programme, the rollout of a Reading for Meaning programme, and the launch of the Mathematics Strategy which included Greenshoots (a computer-based mathematics programme) and an extra 2 hours per week to reading and 1 extra hour per week for Mathematics, for all Grade 1 to 3 learners. This amounted to an increase of at least 60 learning hours per learner in these subjects over the 3rd and 4th term of 2022 and continues into 2023. Well done to our teachers and learners for all the hard work.



#Umalusi Accreditation for Tereo - Umalusi accredits private providers of education and training as well as private assessment bodies to offer tuition and/or assessment for qualification(s) on the General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-Framework (GFETQSF). All independent and private schools must be accredited by Umalusi. This is an onerous process taking more than two years to ensure that the standard of teaching and education offered at Tereo meets the standards obtained within private schools. After starting the process in 2021, Tereo was finally accredited in September 2022 and received the accreditation certificate at an awards ceremony in Pretoria on the 9 March 2023. **Umalusi Accreditation Certificate: 22 SCH01 00972. Tereo School Management Team: Diane Mentoor – Academic Principal, Ann Coetzee – CEO, Lindel Jonkerman – Child Welfare Officer.** A big thank you to all the staff that worked so hard for us to achieve this prestigious accreditation.



#Sports Day – 14 Feb – Valentine’s Day proved to be more than just a romantic day in the calendar for Tereo Learners it was their first big sports day with Three Teams: “Oranje, Wit and Blou”. All learners had to dress in the appropriate colours, they practiced their war cries and arrived early every morning before school for practice to ensure they could perform in the various track and field events on the day. Parents were encouraged to be part of the day and even volunteered to help set up the field beforehand. There was a Tuckshop and medals for the winners after each event. The highlight of the day was definitely the parent’s race where moms and dads took the event very seriously and lots of laughter for the sack races. This will definitely be an annual event with a number of the local primary schools inviting our winner to compete in an interschool event. Watch this space for Tereo athletes in 2024!



Fundraising forms a key part of Tereo Management activities to ensure we have the necessary funds to not only run the school, pay staff but ensure the growth and development of learners and the school as a whole.. **The Tereo Gum dancers** have become a popular item to perform at many fundraising events – such as the Imibala Summer Gala, Golf Days and a Private Fundraising function held at Enigma Mansions in Camps Bay. Thank you to Imibala’s Joshua Mralasi for teaching our gum boot dances and also for Imibala’s ongoing input and support as we grow Tereo into the future.



#Jungle Gym – In our last newsletter we spoke about how we needed to upgrade and repair our existing jungle as it was getting old and full of dry rot. Thank you to Vanessa Barnes of Val de Vie for her generous donation of a jungle gym for our learners. This included a slide which has proved to be a huge hit with the young and older learners alike. She also donated a second hand TV for use in class for showing educational films and making Power Point presentations easier.



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



#Grade 1 volunteer - 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. We have been really blessed in the grade 1 classes this term with Helga who works Tuesdays and Wednesdays with our two grade 1 classes. The children just love having her as part of the class helping with reading and group activities.

#Reusable Sanitary Towels – Many girls in South Africa miss 3-5 days of school each month because they cannot afford sanitary pads. With many girls eventually end up dropping out of school altogether. For many families, basic survival is a priority and there simply isn't enough money in the budget to buy pads every month.



Reusable Sanitary Pads provide a sustainable solution for up to 5 years saving hundreds of rands per year. The savings on sanitary products contribute to the financial well-being of their families. Reusable pads are also better for the environment in that they do not contribute to landfill as is the case with disposable pads. The pads are simply washed and reused each month. On the 16 February Ingrid Edelsohn from **Strand Rotary Ann's** spent time at Tereo showing our older



girls how to use reusable pads as well as providing each girl with a starter pack. Thank you for caring about something that so many don't even acknowledge is a problem and helping these young girls to become woman with dignity.

#Teacher Training - during the first term staff attended a number of training sessions:

- ✓ **First Aid** – Emsie Lauwrens & Nicole Pedro completed their Level One First Aid Training
- ✓ All teachers attended – The Keller Conference – **Identifying Trauma in Learners**
- ✓ Jelly Beanz Conference on **Problematic Sexual Behaviours in Children** was attended by Lindel Jonkerman & Yolande Smith on the 29 & 30 March
- ✓ All teachers attended training on **Improving Comprehension Across the Curriculum** offered by WCED
- ✓ Our Grade 1 & 2 Teachers attended - **Professional Learning Community Sessions** for Gr 1 & 2 to enhance mathematics and Afrikaans teaching as well as attending training during the April holidays focusing on the all important Foundation Phase teaching approach.



#Our Easter Dream - Making Easter Special for our children...

The story of Easter is surely one of the most beautiful stories of grace and love that we can teach our children. That Jesus Christ died for us and that we can celebrate His resurrection. We ask that you please keep our children and Tereo in your prayers.

It is important that our children realize the true meaning of this season, but at the same time we believe that they should also partake in the fun thereof.

As winter is slowly approaching, and we in Cape Town have a really cold and wet winter, we welcome donations of:

- Winter pajamas for boys and girls (sizes from aged 5 –14 years)
- Slippers (all sizes)
- Winter socks (all sizes)
- Beanies
- Easter eggs, chocolates, marshmallows, hot chocolate

If you would like to contribute to this cause, see our donate options at the end of the newsletter or contact Ann on ann@tereo.org or 082 678 9077



The College of Magic - The College of Magic is a powerhouse of experiences that teach young people the art of entertainment and magical performance. Over a six week period 40 of our learners were taught various magic tricks to help build confidence and develop valuable life and social skills that they can carry into adulthood. Juggling was one of the skills taught and has been found to improve mathematical ability. On the 15 March Imibala allowed us to use their facility to have a graduation ceremony for our budding stars. With awards and demonstrations. It was a wonderful experience that we hope we can share again.



#A New Container –Storage is always a problem especially with the limited space available at our premises, so it was with great excitement and gratitude that on 10th March a 6 metre lockable container was delivered to the school. Total cost including transportation, unloading etcetera +/- R60,000.. Christel Stemmet and Graham Money from Helderberg Sunrise and Rheinmetall (a corporate member of Helderberg Sunrise), were the bearers of good tidings. THANK YOU for your generosity it is really appreciated.



To end the term all Grade 1's were treated to **Face Painting** done by Gail from Fantasy Faces this wonderful experience was donated by our generous Chairlady. While face painting is commonplace for so many suburban children this was a first for our grade 1's and caused great excitement. The girls all wanted to be something pretty while the boys chose super heroes or animal characters.



Support the change you would like to see with a donation! [Click here](#)

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.

The continuous influx of vagrants onto the adjoining property has made our moving urgent as they are becoming increasingly aggressive with weekly incidents that effect the school and learners. We are looking to **raise R6 million to purchase our own 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.
- 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 per year (USD27) or
 - Computer learning centre costs: R3 8000 per year (USD2300 per year)or

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

EFT PAYMENTS:

Account name: **Tereo Project**
Bank: **First National Bank**
Account number: **62009313339**
Branch name: **Helderberg**
Branch code: **271344**
Swift code: **FIRNZAJJ**

Thank you and God bless until next time!



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