



Time flies, doesn't it? 2023 is just more than three months away and we're still trying to get our heads around 2022! While most reports in the news are quite depressing ... a little understatement, we here at Tere would like to share some of our special moments and it's all thanks to you our amazing donors, supporters and partners that make the Tere environment so special. I too feel incredibly grateful to work with this team of enthusiastic teachers and support staff who invest so much energy into enriching the lives of all our learners.

Our teachers arranged a special spring day celebration for the learners which included a Miss and Mr Spring Day with prizes for the best dressed, a tuck shop and dance party in the hall. The excitement and enjoyment was infectious with teachers getting up to dance with the kids and be a part of this fun day.



A special mention needs to be made of Lindel Jonkerman our Child Welfare and Parent Liaison Officer who celebrated 16 years with Tere in August – thank you for all your commitment and never-ending energy to make the lives of our learners and their families better through your individual counselling with each child, your community outreach working with families, caregivers, and community leaders and unending love that you give so freely to all these little people. You are truly an example to us all!

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

To **Wings of Support** who sponsor two teacher salaries, without this support, being able to find and keep quality teachers who have experience with children from challenged backgrounds as well as employing the appropriate support staff would not be possible. Seeking financial assistance towards the salaries of both teaching and support staff is essential for our school as this will ultimately bring about longevity of the project which seeks to break the cycle of poverty caused by little or no education. Should you wish to sponsor a teacher please contact ann@tereo.org or [click here](#).

To **Somerset West Round Table** who sponsored the alteration to our Grade 1 and special needs class which has ensured we have sufficient space to give the necessary attention to these learners.

To **Erinvale Estate Hotel & Spa** who sponsored the hearing tests and hearing instruments for a Grade 2 learner who has severe hearing difficulties. Your donation has made the world of difference to a learner who struggled to hear low range sounds. This made speaking, spelling and learning in general extremely difficult as he could not clearly hear what the teacher or other children were saying

To **Sunrise Rotary Blanket Drive** : Tereo was blessed to be the beneficiary of Sunrise Rotary's annual blanket drive this year. Staying warm in winter is a challenge for many families and children. The excitement at receiving their blankets and knowing that they would be warm was a delight to behold.

To **Somerset West Rotary**: ADD and ADHD is a challenge that many of our learners face due to the drug and alcohol use their mother did while pregnant. This means that concentration and sitting still is often difficult for these learners. Sitting on wobble cushion which promotes Active Learning and improves learner productivity has a significant positive impact for ADD sufferers, but they come at a cost. A cheaper alternative is to sit on a partially filled water bottle that provides similar results. Somerset West Rotary donated over 30 hot water bottles to use as wobble cushion in our gr 1 & 2 classes!

To **Imibala Trust** – but more about them later in the newsletter...



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Cross Country Success: Due to limited space at Tereo, Cross Country is the only sport we can offer. This did not stop our athletes from giving their best during the local cross-country events. Eight learners qualified to take part in the Western Province Cross Country championships and Sergio Petersen (Grade 4 U12) not only received his Western Province colours but a qualified to take part in the Nationals held in George on the 27 August. This was a first ever for Tereo School. The excitement and nerves were immense for not only him but his coach, Charlie Bruintjies. While he did not make the final cut to compete in the South African Championships he did well, and his achievements have been an inspiration to other runners. The rest of the team are now extra committed to compete even harder during the 2023 season. Thank you too to all the donors who sponsored Sergio's travel costs and clothing that made the trip possible.



Widening our childrens Horizons: Tereo School's holistic programme is designed to transform the lives of impoverished children. With our approach embedding strong character development ethics throughout our programme. This is complemented by professional health care, nutritious meals, psychosocial counselling, family assistance and support and community outreach initiatives. We focus on the whole child. This approach also includes exposing our learners to the wider community. With this in mind – our Gr 1 & 2 had the opportunity to visit the library and Fire Station as part of their community involvement for Term 3.

Library: A love of reading is key to learning and what better way than visiting the library and being able to take out books. Starting in Term 4 each grade will also be taken monthly to choose their own books. For some this is a first as many learners would normally not have access to a library due to parents being illiterate or living far from the library.



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Understanding and caring for Pets: As always Pets Word Somerset West goes out of their way to make a visit to their store exciting and entertaining. This year they showed the learners snakes, birds, fish and how to care for them. The children were enthralled:



School Concert at The Playhouse: Tereo in partnership with **Imibala Trust** has access to a wide range of extra mural activities. One of these is dancing. August was a month of great excitement as Tereo Gr 4 & 5 learners took part in a school production at the Playhouse, along with a few other schools in the area, as part of the Imibala Trust initiative. The dance group performed a gum boot dance that stole the show. **A huge thank you to Imibala Trust and staff who made this special event possible.** The dance troop has now been asked to perform at the Imibala Charity Golf Day on 28 Oct and Erinvale Ladies Cup on 16 November.



If you would like to see the performance, there is a link on our Facebook page and website www.tereo.org.

Sir Lowry's Pass Fire Station: As part of Tereo's effort to expose our learners to community initiatives, Tereo Visited the Sir Lowry's Pass Fire Station. What an amazing experience, that has left a lasting impression on so many of the children. The patience and effort made by the team to ensure the learners had a fun, entertaining experience is really appreciated. They are still talking about their time with the fire staff, and many have naturally spoken about becoming a Fireman!



A Cultural Outing to Christ Barnard Museum and The Planetarium & Museum.



Tereo Gr 4 & 5 learners visited the Planetarium as part of their educational outing for 2022. They were fascinated by how small the world was in comparison to the other planets and stars and amazed by what is up in the heavens that we can't see from earth. For many learners this was also the first time they had left the area to visit Cape Town which made this trip even more special.



The second part of the day trip was to visit the Chris Barnard Museum – what an experience! The presenter told the story of the first heart transplant operation performed by Prof Chris Barnard and his team. His ability to bring such a complicated story to their level made for an amazing learning experience. Everything has been recreated in the museum from the wax models of the people to a recreation of the theatre he operated in. The learners couldn't stop asking questions and some even want to become doctors so that they too can save lives.

Our challenges

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 land invasion of vagrants and drug gangs on the wasteland next to the school has resulted in increased incidents of break-ins at the school and violence in the adjacent squatter camp e.g. rape, murder and drug related violence which has made moving to new premises even more essential.
- 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 costs make the provision of transport ever more challenging

Donations as little as R50, R100 or R250 can make all the difference or sponsor a teacher or donate funds toward our new school

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