

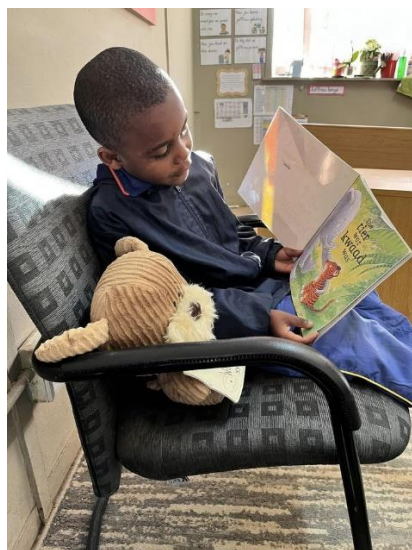
It has been so wonderful to have warm days and sunlight after the really cold, wet winter we have had this year. Spring is always a time of new beginnings and opportunities for change and doing things differently. Many of our stories in this edition will touch on the exciting activities we at Tereo have been involved in...



**Spring Newsletter
October 2023**



Creative ways to encourage reading - Using teddies for children to read to is a great way to encourage young children to practice their reading skills and build their confidence. Our grade 1's love their teddies and read to them every day. This approach helps ensure that reading is not only fun but ensures long term reading with understanding



Pedal for Good Leadership programme for Grade 6



In partnership with the Pedal Project our Grade 6 class attended a leadership programme run by the Pedal Project on 26 – 28 September. Through a combination of intellectually and creatively challenging activities, mountain biking and the guidance of caring mentors, the programme equips youth between 10-13 years of age through exposure to new experiences, mindfulness, and access to nature to bring positive change and help them grow and develop their leadership skills.



This class will form our senior class in 2024 and the opportunity to be part of this amazing programme has had a profound impact on them. Tereo will continue this partnership into 2024 when 60 of our pupils will form part of this ongoing programme.

Tereo Holiday programme – keeping our learners off the streets and out of harm’s way is really important to us and finding creative ways of doing this is not always easy. This year, thanks to Joshua from Imibala and Catherine from Pneumatix we found a solution. Our gum boot troop were lucky enough to spend the week being part of the holiday programme which included swimming, jumping castles, soccer, and many other fun activities. Included in this exciting week, was the preparation for PNGlobal’s concert on 19 – 21 October “Finding Bruno”. This is an amazing fundraising initiative for Tereo School put on by Pneumatix, so come and join the fun and see our talented dancers be part of this wonderful story. Pneumatix is at Hoogeind Manor Venue and is suitable for all ages and will have you dancing along in your seats with all your family favourites such as “Be Our Guest”, “Prince Ali”, “Hakuna Matata” and more! Book through Quicket.



Food parcels to all families during this cold and wet winter... – winter is always a tough time as many of our learners’ parents are seasonal workers which means that they often do not have work during the winter months with money and food shortages being commonplace. It is not uncommon for us to hear from parents or learners that there is no food at home. With this in mind, Tereo makes sure that our learner families who are most in need receive a weekly food parcel to help make the cold a little more bearable. Thank you to our food donors who have made providing these food parcels possible. A big thank you to Charlie, Lindel and their team who collect food, pack parcels and distribute these food parcels every week, including holidays, come rain or shine. You are truly superstars!

Container – MSC (Switzerland) Many of Tereo Learners are victims of abuse, rape, violence, drug and alcohol abuse and neglect with death by physical assault an everyday occurrence. In addition, many of our learners are placed with us through the family courts due to abuse and neglect. By investing in the social, emotional and mental wellbeing of learners and their caregivers (educators, parents and guardians) we can create a supportive school community where learning and development can prosper. We at Tereo wish to create a dedicated space for the provision of **Trauma Counselling and Learner Support** for our learners using the expertise of our experienced full time Child Protection & Welfare Officer along with a team of professionals who can provide the necessary counselling and support to our traumatised learners.

We have been incredibly blessed by the generous donation of 2 x 12m containers by MSC Shipping which were delivered on 4 October to much excitement. These two containers now need to be customised and converted into a trauma counselling and play therapy classrooms in one container and a remedial class in the second container. These classrooms need to be a fun, safe, age-appropriate environment for our learners to heal and flourish. Should you want to contribute to these container conversions please contact Ann Coetzee on ann@tereo.org who can provide you with more details or **donate** using our banking details or use our **givengain** donation platform below.

Any donation made is fully tax deductible.



Heritage Day Flooding... On the downside we had Yet another flood – the 5th time this season – on 25 September but thanks to our amazing team and the incredible support that we receive from so many of our supporters we were able to get through the water, mud, mold, and general unpleasantness of the floods. The floods this year have however done permanent damage to our school which means that we will no longer be able to stay long term at our current premises. We have managed to find a suitable property in Strand which we have purchased through fundraising and our chairlady, who has provided us with the funds to purchase the property. The stand comprises 4000m² of land and there is an existing building on the premises which would be suitable (after alterations) to house our administration offices, kitchen, hall, ablution facilities, storerooms and computer learning centre. The size of the property will mean we are now able to have some sports fields and provide sports facilities to our learners.



Our intention is to move (hopefully) by the end of the first term 2024, this will allow for rezoning, plans and alterations to be completed.

How you can help... Funding is required for - the alterations, classrooms for Grade 1 – 7, fencing, and sundry costs that go with a move of this nature. We seek to raise R7 million to complete our move. Should you wish to be involved in this exciting journey with us please contact Ann Coetsee on ann@tereo.org or 082 678 9077 for more information or [donate](#) here.

Any donation will make a difference to ensure that our goal of breaking the cycle of poverty through education is achieved.

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Bank: **First National Bank**
Account number: **62009313339**
Branch name: **Helderberg**
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Thank you and God bless until next time!

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