

# Tereo Project School Newsletter



Winter 2022



We never know the impact our actions have on the lives of those we touch whether current or past. This was brought home to me again recently when I met a teacher who taught at Tereo many years ago and heard she still has contact with some of her learners 16 years after leaving our school. She shared how their time at Tereo has equipped them to deal with the challenges they have had to face. This is part of the secret of Tereo, we focus on the “Whole-Child” concept which ensures all facets of the child’s life are addressed while placing emphasis on “paying it forward” which highlights what we can do to be effective in the life of others.

This has been an incredibly fast-paced and jam-packed term which has taken admirable dedication from all our staff members, going beyond what is required of them daily. May started with a new Grade 1 teacher and we completed our Umalusi accreditation (a requirement of the Department of Education) while June was Youth Month along with midyear exams to be completed before breaking for the winter holidays. I feel incredibly grateful to have this team of enthusiastic people investing so much energy into making the children’s lives so much fuller.

Winter is always a tough time for our learners as many of their families are reliant on seasonal work and are thus without an income. Rain and wintry weather make a tough life even more difficult and the threat of an empty tummy or temptation from drugs become even greater. To help, we continued to provide food parcels to destitute families through the winter holidays. It is with sincere gratitude and hope that I share a few of the stories and successes we have had and how God continues to bless us...

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**Our new Grade 1 teacher** – Jeanne-Marie Steyn joined us on 1 May with a wealth of Grade R and 1 experience and has proved to be a real hit with our young learners.

### **Environmental Clean up**

The heavy rains in June brought not only flooding and devastation to many of our learners who lost everything to the flood waters, it also brought rubbish washed down by the Lourens River when

the river burst its banks next to our school. Our learners assisted by our Driver & Logistics Manager Charlie Brintjies, helped to clean the area around our school premises. This also formed part of the valuable lesson on keeping our environment clean and the importance of disposing rubbish responsibly.



### **Recognition for Maths Excellence**

Tereo embarked on the **Greenshoots Online Maths** for our Grade 3 – 5 which is aligned with the CAPS syllabus. It has resulted in a marked improvement in Maths results with the top performers in Grade 5 receiving their first certificates for 100%. For many this recognition was the biggest motivation and set a chain reaction of healthy competition and desire to do better amongst our learners.



### **Oral Hygiene...**

We had a visit from Imibala and Colgate focusing on Oral Hygiene which is often neglected when there are so many other life challenges. Children were shown how to brush their teeth as well as the benefits of keeping their teeth healthy while receiving a toothbrush and toothpaste from Colgate.



### Talking Drugs...

As part of Youth Month in June we had Rual Cassiem come and talk to our Gr 4 & 5's about drugs. Our learners are exposed to drugs and alcohol abuse daily, where the temptation to partake can be overwhelming. Rual is a professional fire fighter, but he has a passion for sharing his story of drug addiction and the importance of making good choices to prevent other young people from making the same mistakes he did. It is truly inspiring to hear how he overcame his drug addiction and subsequently made a success of his life. Thank you, Rual, for spending time here at Tereo.

### Mandela Day

Tereo did something quite different this year; instead of only asking... we decided to give back! The teachers and learners chose Lwandle Police Station and Strand Clinic as the recipients of muffins. A small token to say THANK YOU for all they do within our community. Lieutenant-Colonel Xolani Williams could not believe his ears when we asked if we could come and give him and his team muffins! Each learner wrote out a small message of thanks on the packet in which a muffin was placed and then presented these to the police officers.



The learners at Tereo were in turn blessed by **Erinvale Hotel and the Imibala Trust** on 19 July, who too brought personalized bags including a sandwich, fruit, chips, cooldrink and sweets on 19 July as part of their Mandela Day celebrations.



And to make things extra special, the amazing team from **Cape Coastal Homes** generously gave our learners cup cakes and food parcels for our learners to take home on 20 July as part of their Mandela-Day activities.



### Theatre Excurtion to The Playhouse Theatre - Somerset West

On 1 July our grade 1 & 2's had a special outing to The Playhouse to see the childrens production of "Up and Away" based on Enid Blyton's The Faraway Tree. What excitement and fun was had by all, especially when they could meet the characters after the show!



Fine motor skills are something we take for granted but to develop these skills we need the right tools. This is where **Tracey @Trudough Playdough** stepped in and gave an incredible donation of playdough for all our classes to enjoy. Teachers have used the dough in various creative ways to ensure all learners develop their fine motor skills.

### And finally our students...

We currently have four students who have chosen to do their teaching practical here at Tereo. Frances Brett (Stellenbosch University) – Gr 1 (her second visit, as she so enjoyed her first time with us earlier this year!), Tanya

Carmichael – Green (Cornerstone) Gr 4, Nicole Pedro (UNISA) who will spend a week each in Gr1, 2 & 3 and Andrea Slabbert – Cornerstone (not in photo) in Grade 3.

**Support the change you would like to see with a donation!**

Donations as little as R50, R100 or R250 can make all the difference to the work we are doing here at Tereo Community School.

## Our challenges...

While I have shared the good news there are always challenges, these include:

- **Transport costs:** With fuel prices rising at a frightening rate, finding the necessary funds to provide ongoing transport to our learners is becoming an even greater challenge. **Should you wish to help with funds towards fuel – R100 per month helps transport costs for one child.**
- **Toiletries:** for many of our children, toiletries such as deodorant, soap, shampoo, sanitary towels, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are just out of reach. If you can help, please let us know or donate **R50 towards the purchase of toiletries for each child per month.**
- **New Premises –** Not only have we outgrown our premises, but Vagrants have moved onto the land adjacent to the school (30m from the gate) which has resulted increased incidents of break-ins at the school and violence in the adjacent squatter camp e.g. rape, murder and drug related violence. While we have identified a suitable property we are seeking the funds to make this dream a reality –**Should you be interested in sponsoring our school or contributing towards this purchase, please contact us for more details.**

## So how can you get involved or support us?

### 1. Donate funds...

The simplest way to send a donation is via the GivenGain global platform. Supporting thirteen currencies and allowing for one-off or monthly donations, this is the simplest way to securely donate to the Tereo Project.

- **R50 will feed a child for 1 month.**
- **R100 will provide transport for a child for 1 month.**
- **R450 will provide computer learning for a child for 1 year.**

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### 2. Contact us to get involved in one of the many projects we are running to help improve the lives of these children.

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