



A message from our Project Manager...

Spring is here and we are heading into the final stretch of 2021! Tereo has been blessed to be able to have 100% learner attendance due to our small classes. This has ensured that our learners have largely been able to keep up with the required teaching schedule and we can see it in their assessment results. To date we have also had no Covid cases at our school which has ensured that there has been no additional lost learning time!



A special mention to our patient, enduring teachers and support staff who continue to serve our children and keep us safe with extra work on maintaining social distancing, checking the wearing of masks and sanitizing endlessly. This has been made possible with Wings of Support who have sponsored all our PPE requirements – THANK YOU! It is great to feel at ease when entering our school.

In lockdown it can become so easy for us to throw in the towel or sit back and do nothing. Hats off to all those who are fighting and working to keep our schools open and communities through vaccinations. All our staff took part in the Education Department initiative to vaccinate. We have also ensured that we have kept our first aid certification up to date together with providing fire marshal training for all staff.

With each day that the pandemic continues to consume our lives, we become more indebted to our loyal donors, partners and fundraisers who believe in and support us both financially and in kind. We can never thank you enough for being committed to our cause. It is comforting knowing we walk this road with you at our side. This has also enabled our learners to go on some incredible outings including the Planetarium, the Aquarium, Pets World and the stage show Alice in Wonderland at our local Playhouse theatre.

While poverty and hunger still stalk many of our children and their families on a daily basis, our sponsors have ensured that we can continue to provide two full meals a day to each child (currently 81 children) along with a snack and each family also receives a monthly food parcel. We currently feed 70 families. **Should you want to assist with sponsoring a meal for a child, donate R50 per month. Which will feed a child for 1 month.**

Tereo School is a registered NPO & PBO, with Level 1 BBEEE status, therefore making all donations fully tax-deductible

Tereo Success stories ...

Exam Results



With the current dramatic changes that have taken place during 2020 and 2021 relating to our education system and hours actually spent at school, it is even more important to evaluate where our learners lie in comparison to pre-Covid times. It thus came as a pleasant surprise that we have not seen a drop in overall scores during these mid-year assessments. With **constant interventions from our teachers** and the **personalized scholastic support** that has been provided to our slower learners, all have managed to maintain a similar level to that which we encountered pre-Covid. Unfortunately, there have been learners who have dropped out of the education system since the start of Covid, however; for the learners who have attended school regularly, the results speak for themselves.

An amazing success story... We had a pupil who started school in Grade 1 in 2020 at age 11 (having no previous schooling) and has excelled. He was assessed in January 2021 and was promoted to Grade 4 and again promoted to Grade 5 by Term 3. This is an exceptional situation but one that we at Tereo are so proud to be part of. His dream is to become an author. We have enrolled him on the **Gifted Programme** to ensure that a learner with such talent will be supported throughout his schooling.

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.

Fire Marshall training

All teachers and support staff attended **basic firefighting** and first aid training. With Lindel Jonkerman and Yolande Smith completing their **Level One First Aid certification**. Monthly fire drills and evacuation procedures are practiced throughout the year to ensure that all staff and learners feel confident on what to do in the event of an emergency.



New Grade 2 & 3 Teachers...

We have had two new additions to our teaching team, namely **Pamela Hare** with over 35 years teaching experience having taken over the Grade 3 class. Pamela was with Tereo many years ago and we are delighted that she was prepared to come back. Her wealth of experience and unique sense of humour has completely won over the class and staff alike.



Our Grade 2 teacher sadly left us at the end of July for Bloemfontein and married life, which necessitated us replacing her.

We have been fortunate to get **Cecilia Sieberhagen**. Her experience with children with similar backgrounds and circumstances to our learners has ensured that she has become a firm favourite in a really short space of time.



Grade 4 & 5 outing to the Planetarium & Museum

Twinkle, twinkle little star. How I wonder what you are? 🌟🌟🌟. Our Grade 4 & 5 learners went to the Planetarium just to help us answer this question.

Learning in action is a big part of our teaching approach. The museum also proved to be a great learning experience with lessons on fossils and other interesting phenomenon. They then went on to visit St Georges Cathedral to learn about Bishop Tutu and had lunch in the Company Gardens.

They had so much fun, some even had to take a nap on the bus on the way back to school!



Grade 1 & 2 Outing to see Alice in Wonderland at The Playhouse Theatre in Somerset West!



At the beginning of 2021 we said a big thank you to the Playhouse for hosting the Tereo children at their production of Annie. For many they couldn't wait to for the next theater visit, and this was made possible for our Grade 1,2 and Bridging class who went to see **Alice in Wonderland on the 3 & 10 September!** What a delight to behold – some children could not believe they were real people and wanted to touch them to make sure... They also got an opportunity to go backstage and see what a theatre looks like behind the scenes!





The whole school went to the Aquarium

Thanks to an amazing sponsor we were able to take the whole school to the Aquarium. This was spread over two days 12 & 13 August.

What excitement and wonder at the incredible sights. For some children this was their first time on a large bus and their first time ever going into Cape Town. So not only were the fish, sharks, divers, and penguins an experience but the actual drive into Cape Town.

Our challenges...

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

- **Transport costs:** We transport children to and from school, outings, doctor and clinic visits and with constant rising fuel costs this is an area requiring support. **R70 will provide transport for a child for 1 month.**
- **Clothing:** many of our children struggle with not having underwear, shorts and track suit bottoms for girls & boys ages 6 – 14. If you are able to help, please let us know.
- **Sporting Facilities:** Our focus for 2022 is to provide an artificial grass surface and all-weather courts to allow for netball, basketball and mini tennis. This is an area where sponsors are currently being sort.

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 13 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.**
- **R70 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're running to help improve the lives of these children.

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Until next time, from all of us at the Tereo Community School Project: Stay Safe & God bless!

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