



Reaching Out to Neil

Our school is involved in the **BREAD TAGS FOR A WHEELCHAIR PROJECT.**

We have to collect **200kg of bread tags** for a **free wheelchair** to be given to a person in need of one. To date We have collected 30 kg of tags.

It has come to the attention of Mrs R. Botha that Mrs V. Neetling has a disabled son, **Neil** who urgently needed a new chair. Even though we have not yet reached our target, she made contact with the organizers of the Bread Tag Project and presented the background profile she received about his situation.

Mrs Neetling was told that Neil could have a wheelchair. When she shared this good news with him, he was absolutely overjoyed!

Mrs Neetling communicated some of Neil's history with us. He is a Spastic Quadriplegic which means that his arms, hands, legs and feet are differently abled. He is therefore **wheelchair bound**. At a young age they were told



Neil and his brother Lance

that he would never be able to do anything for himself and would need 24 hour care. Neil went to a Special Needs school where he received extensive physio, occupational and speech therapy. By the age of 4 he was able to dress himself, eat by himself and spoke English, Afrikaans and Sotho.

He has a **passion for sport** - his favourite being rugby. At the age of 17 he won the Victor

Ludorum for Athletics at his school.

Neil has an **amazing outlook** on life and nothing really gets him down. He loves to make people laugh and has **sunshine in his eyes**. He has everything to complain about, but never does. He is a go-getter, unique, special and most of all, a gift from God.

The one thing that really frustrates Neil is the lack of wheelchair friendly holiday places, restaurants, malls and public bathrooms.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BREAD TAGS THIS HOLIDAY AND SEND THEM TO US WHEN THE SCHOOL RE-OPENS





Wishing you the gifts of Christmas

The Gift of Joy!

The Gift of Love!

The Gift of Health!

And a Spectacular 2015

Reaching Out

Pampering the Less Fortunate

The **PAMPER PACK PROJECT** is the brain child of Mrs S. Stanbridge and her dedicated team.

A request was sent out to the parents of our school, via our learners, to put together a "Pamper Pack" containing some essential items. These had to be placed in a shoe box decorated with Christmas paper and a Christmas message.

With the help of four of our learners, 200 pamper boxes were donated to the

elderly at Huis Ysterplaat and Huis Zonnekus.

The choir, accompanied by Mrs J. Kahler, delivered another 50 or so boxes to the residents of Cheshire Home.

A substantial amount of money was also received and this will be used to buy a new flat screen TV for the residents of Huis Ysterplaat.

Thank you to everyone for their contribution in...

Helping us give back to those in need this festive season.



THEY WENT CAMPING

Gedurende die naweek van 28 - 30 November het die 2015 prefekte, tesame met mev. C. van Rensburg, mev. R. Botha, mej. A. Rootman en mnr. B. Botha, die pad bos toe aangedurf.

Die groep van 33 prefekte was heeltemal uit hulle gemaksones toe hul sien dat hul die naweek in tente, in die middel van 'n groot bos gaan deurbring en dit sonder TV, rekenaars en tyd vir hul selfone.

Net na hulle aankoms het die 2 fasiliteerders van Back 2 Basics, (die kampterrein se naam), die kinders in 2 groepe opgedeel en dadelik begin met die eerste aktiwiteit, genaamd 'low ropes'.

Die doel van die aktiwiteit was om *vertroue te bou onder spanmaats* en te leer hoe om *saam te werk* en mekaar oor 'n moeilike 'obstacle' te kry. Daarna het hulle teruggekeer kampterrein toe waar 'n heerlike, groot, bord kos hulle ingewag het.

Almal is 'n bietjie vrye tyd gegun en toe die son weg is, was die donker baas. Een van die fasiliteerders het die vier onderwysers op baie strategiese plekke, in die bos gaan wegsteek, terwyl die ander een saam met die kinders die bos ingewandel het, sonder flits óf selfoonlig. In



die hartjie van die bos is daar, al langs die pad, 'n baie dun toutjie gespan wat die kinders, een vir een, op hul eie, deur die bos moes volg om weer aan die ander kant uit te kom - sonder dat die 33 prefekte geweet het wat, of eerder wíé, vir hulle langs die pad wag. Met die hulp van die vier onderwysers het selfs die sterkste en braafste manne soos meisies gegil wanneer een van die onderwysers voor hulle in die pad spring, 'n voet of arm gryp

en selfs net 'n geritsel in die blare maak. Nadat almal weer veilig teruggekeer het na die begin van die roete, is daar aan hulle verduidelik dat *die lewe vir almal 'n 'life line' bied, hetsy in die vorm van 'n mede prefek, onderwyser of ouer en dat daar nooit van daardie 'life line' losbreek moet word nie.*

Met moeë lywe het hulle teruggekeer kamp toe en probeer om vroeg te gaan slaap, maar die opwinding van die dag het gewen en sommige het tot na 01:00 wakker gebly en ander net na 04:00 wakker geraak.

Saterdag was oorlaai met aktiwiteite, van 'toxic blocks', 'zip line', 'army course' en die besonderse moeilike taak van die 'chair game'.

Elke aktiwiteit is met groot ywer aangepak, maar keer op keer is daar, maar koppe gestamp tot-dat die 33 geleer het hoe om as 'n *span saam te werk*. En so is dit ook bewys toe hulle hul rekord van 26 sekondes op die stoele verbeter het na 'n dawerende 1min 4sekondes. Die onderwysers was 'n bietjie meer opgewonde oor die nuwe rekord as die kinders na die lang gesukkel. So het almal, prefekte en onderwysers opnuut geleer: *Aanhouer wen.*



Sondag het aangebreek...die laaste dag...’n windstil dag. Met durf en daad en ‘n swemhanddoek is almal af dam toe waar 2 spanne elk hul eie vlot moes bou. Met groot sukses is die 33, op hul eie vlotte, oor die dam en terug en so moes hulle ook die opwindende naweek afsluit met die laaste formaliteite.

Elke leerder, fasiliteerder en betrokke onderwyser moes hul merkie maak vir 2015 se hoofleiers en in die “stem” boks gooi.

BACK TO BASICS

The newly selected 2015 prefects went to the Back to Basics Camp for team building, leadership and life-skills training. The Back to Basics camp is 8 km from Grabouw, surrounded by pine forests.

The group departed from school on Friday 28 November accompanied by Mrs C. van Rensburg, Mrs R. Botha, Ms A. Rootman and Mr B. Botha. It was an intense training weekend with numerous activities, great food and enough free time to get to know each other really well.

Some of the memorable events were the “Chair Game”, a scary hike through the forest in the dark, raft building, the army course and much, much more!

On Sunday after the last activity the prefects, the educators and the camp co-ordinators voted for next year’s prefect leaders. These votes, together with those of other educators, were combined to reach the final result.

These names were then presented to Mr Gouws for his final approval.



OUR 2015 PREFECT LEADERS ARE:-

Head Boy and Girl
Ryan Gregersen
and Cara Andrews
(photos left)



Deputy Head Girl and Boy
Lydia-Mari Erasmus
and Xijon Deacon
(photos right)



Carols by Little Lights and a Visit to Starke Ayers

On 3 December a wonderful atmosphere was created in our school hall by the little lights that shone everywhere. Setting the stage for our choirs' *Carols by Little Lights*.

What a magnificent evening!

Once the audience was settled the Junior and Senior Choirs entered the hall singing *Away in a Manger*. Mrs Andrea Jensen then joined them on stage as the MC for the evening. She has a beautiful voice, a stunning stage presence and encouraged the audience to sing along with the choirs. Her performance of 'Jerusalem' was out of this world, so touching that some audience members were seen to wipe away a tear.



The next evening, the choirs were invited to perform *Carols at the Starke Ayers Nursery* in Sunningdale. In the spirit of Christmas, the choir members and Mrs Kahler were dressed in red and white. They sang a number of carols beautifully to enthusiastic applause from the audience.

A visiting Father Christmas popped in to give each choir member a little gift. They were then treated to hot dogs and some fruit juice.

**Well done and
congratulations to
Mrs J. Kahler and Mr W. Bosch
and their choirs!**

HIGH TEA TO SAY THANK YOU

We recently spoiled our Reading and Recycling Moms with an elegant "High Tea" in our library.

All these special ladies worked very hard during the year to assist our learners and to organize our recycling drive.

We do appreciate the time you spend helping us. THANK YOU!





Grade 1 Orientation

On 27 November we welcomed our 2015 Grade One learners and their parents to our school with a detailed orientation program.

After some coffee/tea and registration, every one took their seats in the school hall. The proceedings were opened with a performance of The Welcome Song by the school's Senior Choir. Once the parents were welcomed by our head boy and head girl the Grade One teachers were introduced. They then left for their classrooms with their 2015 learners. There, the little ones introduced themselves, listened to a story, did some colouring in and were treated to an ice cream. They departed with a Welcome Goody Bag.

In the hall, their parents were addressed by various role players. The school uniform was shown, payment of school fees was discussed and our school counselor addressed various parenting issues, such as the need to be a positive and involved parent, and to keep all the communication channels open. Three of our Eisteddfod learners performed and various co-curricular activities such as swimming, cricket, hockey etc. were introduced. Mr Gouws ended the proceedings with a call to all parents to co-operate with the teachers and to be proud of their involvement with Table View Primary School.

Parents then collected their children and were afforded the opportunity to visit the school's clothing shop, the Waltons & Makro displays, as well as the counseling station.



WE WON R10 000

Collect-a-Can operates regional and national school competitions in South Africa to determine which school can collect the most cans.

We are very proud of the fact that we were one of the national winners. We came 3rd winning R10 000 for our school.

The award ceremony was held at the Chavonnes Battery Museum in the Waterfront where the cheque was handed over to three of our learners and **Mrs S. Stanbridge** who manages our recycling and the Collect-a-Can project.



FIRE ALERT

Recently, a small fire started on the corner of the roof at the end of Mr H. de Bruyn's passage. This may have been linked to the roof repairs happening at that time.

Fortunately The Nippers Life-savers, who were using our school's pool at that time, spotted the smoke and immediately sent out a Fire Alert. The Fire Brigade arrived promptly and quickly dealt with the fire.



Saying Goodbye

It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye to three very special ladies.

Mrs Esmé van der Westhuizen joined our school as secretary in January 1979. Before that, she started the school's 2nd hand clothing shop, coached netball and was a member of the first PTA.

We were told by Mrs Coba Coetzee that her first school was a small farm school near Barkley West. A couple of years later (1980) she joined Table View Primary, initially

as a Grade One teacher but moved to Grade Three a year later. She has been in Grade Three since then.

Mrs Marlene Jones joined us in June 1982 as a Grade Two teacher. For many years she was one of the Oudtshoorn Grade Seven Tour stalwarts, accompanying them to Oudtshoorn.

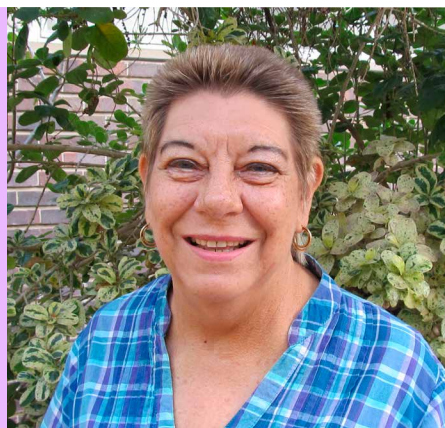
All three of these special ladies expressed a measure of sadness on leaving our school. As Mrs Jones said "More than half my life has been spent at Table View Primary School."

Between them, they have been at Table View Primary School for 101 years.

They said that they will miss their special School Family.

A Goodbye tea was held for the Foundation Phase educators, Mrs Jones and Mrs Coetzee at the home of Mrs S. Pitcher.

A spitbraai farewell function will also be held to officially say Thank You and Goodbye to all three of them.



FETE FUN

On 29 November we had our first ever Saturday Fete. There were a number of stalls selling a variety of goodies. For eats, there were the usual tuckshop fare, boerewors rolls, hamburgers, tea and cake. The main attractions were the various jumping castles and water slides. These were well utilized and thoroughly enjoyed by the children and a few educators as well.



NEW FRONT ENTRANCE

Work on our new entrance has nearly been finalized. On the two painted panels will be placed the school's name, badge and motto. The one side will be in English and the other in Afrikaans i.e.

Table View Primary School plus school badge plus the School Motto **Loyalty, Faith and Success**

and

Laerskool Table View plus skoolwapen plus die Skoolleuse **Getrouheid, Geloof, en Sukses**



GRADES 1, 2 & 3 HAVE FUN IN THE PARK



On Monday, 1 December, all our learners in Grade 1, 2 and 3 were treated to a picnic in the park with the added bonus of two water slides.

An amazing time was had by all!



OUR NEW CLASSROOMS

Our new classrooms have now been completed and they are magnificent! The new structure is linked to the old Grade 4 passage and consists of four classrooms and a spacious store room. Each classroom is equipped with a white board, a point for an overhead projector and generous pin-up boards.

Ms L. Jordaan (Grade 4E1), Ms T. Jagers (Grade 4E3), Mr. G. Knott (Grade 4E4) and Ms L. Louw (Grade 4E5) relocated to these classrooms. Ms Jordaan commented on the spaciousness of her classroom and the abundance of natural light.



SPORT

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Blouberg won the Inter-House Athletics.

Two records were broken. **Yogen Madikane** broke the U9, 80m sprints with a new time of 9,95 sec. and **Kanva Mququ** broke the U13 long jump record with a jump of 5,56m.

The trophy winners were **Yogen Madikane, Paton Peterson, Aiden Coetzee, Lehara Naidu, Kamva Mququ and Leah Morris. Well done!**



END OF YEAR MESSAGE

I have adored and admired Table Mountain every day since my arrival in Cape Town. This majestic, uniquely shaped mountain, will always be associated with our mother city and South Africa for so many reasons. Table View's name originated from this mountain and therefore it is relevant to refer to the symbolic meaning of the journey up a mountain. ...

"Everyone wants to live on top of a mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you are climbing it" – Andy Rooney.

The happiness started on the very first day of school with excited new learners that joined our school for the first time this year. Together we celebrated many new "additions" to our school that included a pavilion, new classrooms, a newly developed swimming pool area, a new face lift to the main entrance of the school as well as numerous maintenance initiatives throughout the school. Old traditions were celebrated, as well as a few new initiatives were started.

The "climb" has been evident in the holistic progress that each child has made throughout the year in school. The opportunities and memories during the "journey" were abundant and filled with gratitude from

parents and learners. Behind every determined climber, there is always a well-trained team of professionals and support staff. I would like to pay tribute to every teacher from grade 1 – 7 for their commitment and dedication throughout the year. Education and influence are only possible through relationship. I do believe that each teacher had a positive input in the lives of our learners. Our school obtained a 95,2% pass rate at the end of the year. Some classes managed a 100% pass rate. Congratulations to all of you on this great achievement.

Special mention needs to be made of those staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year: Mrs Jones, Mrs Coetzee and Mrs van der Westhuizen. All three of these staff members will be retiring at the end of this year. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and their sacrifices throughout their time at Table View. They have all had a huge impact in different capacities throughout their time here at Table View. They will be sadly missed and our best wishes accompany all of them on the new, exciting journey that awaits them.

The current School Governing Body under the leadership of Mrs Louisa Franken, has also concluded their term of office. A new SGB will be elected in

2015. As representatives of the parents of our school, they did an outstanding job and will leave a legacy behind of a group of parents that took a conscious decision to make a difference at our school. Mrs Franken has been involved in the school for the past seven years and her involvement included being Chairperson of the SGB and PTA, as well as running the tuck shop. Under her guidance all of the new building alterations to the school were managed and her input has been invaluable. She will be greatly missed.

Our Grade 7 learners have reached the top of their

Primary School "mountain" and will be leaving us at the end of the year to continue their schooling career at various new high schools. We are very proud of the final product leaving our school, and we wish all of them well in their future journeys.

Finally, may you all have a blessed Christmas and a very prosperous new year. Enjoy your holiday with your children. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back on the 21st of January 2015.

May God bless you, your family and our fortunate school now, and always.

W.A. J. Gouws