



“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” Neil Postman

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HET June 2016: Q2 Update and Thank You

Hangberg Educational Trust (“HET”) is an established, registered Public Benefit Organisation closely involved in Hout Bay’s disadvantaged communities especially Hangberg; a community of mainly fishermen and their families. HET is currently constructing and managing Hangberg Pre-Primary School (“HPP School”) on the premises of Sentinel Primary School in Hangberg.

HPP Sandcastle Success. On 12 March 2016 HPP School entered a team of seven HPP School children and a few family members, [June Arn](#) (teacher) and [Siddika Adams](#) (class assistant) in the Valley Pre-Primary Sandcastle building competition. They were well supported by [Matthew Schröder](#) and [Karen Temlett](#) (Interim Principal). With a picture of a hippo as the inspiration, the HPP School team came 2nd in the Sonwabile teams and received a prize for Best Team effort. The kids were absolutely thrilled. Thanks to the [Sandcastle Forum of Valley Pre-Primary School](#) (specifically [Gareth Lowndes](#) and [Mhinthi Pato](#)) for creating this special event. It just shows that because one might come from an underprivileged background, it does not mean one cannot have fun, achieve success and live a full, wonderful life. We are already planning next year’s design...



HPP Beach Day. The last day of 1st term (Friday 18 March 2016) was beach day for HPP School children. The weather was perfect and the kids looked too cute in their yellow HPP School t-shirts. They loved the new blue cricket bats kindly donated by [Oscar Kensley](#). Lots of games and of course the highlight, a beach Easter egg hunt. [Elke Wicht](#), our wonderful new teaching assistant, helped to make the day a success.



The Early Literacy Programme, **Wordworks**, run by [Tania Gray](#) is doing exceptionally well. The programme supports 120 Grade R learners through a team of 20 trained and committed volunteers. It consists of weekly sessions (30 minutes each) with 2 children per volunteer. Each volunteer commits around 1.5 hours per week. A special thank you to these wonderful volunteers for their incredible commitment and for giving their love. This extra love and care are setting sound foundations for the future of these beautiful children.



During **April and May 2016** the children worked through taste, sight, sound and touch. They built amazing houses and made some ‘listening ears’ to take home. Some parents attended the seven week **Wordworks for Parents** programme which was successfully facilitated by Sentinel Primary School Grade R teacher, [Mrs Elliot](#). The programme trained parents on how to facilitate reading and homework with their own children and how to make games and toys. The last evening was a happy celebration with certificates and canned fish handed out ☺



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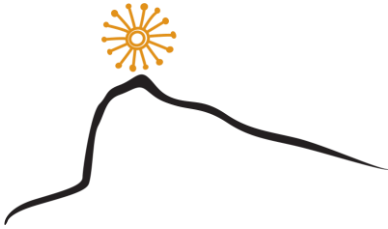
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Every day is a beautiful day. On **Wednesday, 6 April 2016** a professional photographer, **Didi Rotter**, kindly took some photos for the love of it. It is heartwarming to see HPP School and the construction through her lens...

School Day: <https://www.dropbox.com/sc/2ki9qiflqbyhad1/AABdGhYuwclxRgTBfRCyBbAg>

Construction: <https://www.dropbox.com/sc/u0d0r5c7hvs3x2d/AADhR1yYvvUozcHr65LvQ6Qna>

HPP School Construction. Since the official site-hand over on Monday 11 January 2016 not a minute has been wasted or a drop of sweat spared. Feedback has been extremely positive and the amount of goodwill and positive energy the construction has raised has been overwhelming: most importantly in the community and at Sentinel Primary School, and also at governmental departments. For this HET must recognize the competent, hard-working and focused efforts of **Teknon Construction**, **MLB Architects**, **Dawid de Vaal Architects**, **Sigma Quantity Surveyors**, **KLS Engineers**, **Safetycon** and the '24-hours-on-call' **Tania Gray**. Our bi-weekly site meetings are thrilling to say the least. Always a plan to be made... and then pure hard work. A huge thank you to **Siobhan Thomas from Flush Bathrooms** who donated beautiful Grohe mixers, a Franke kitchen sink and provided the sanitary ware at cost. Also thanks to **Table Bay Rubber** who has provided a deep discount on the floor coverings.



Money matters. Due to a few issues (such as extra plumbing for storm water drainage, electrical extras, full fire engineer sign off with fire tests required) the February 2016 shortfall of just under R40 000 increased to around R350 000 by May 2016 ☹. At the same time we have been extremely blessed by donations and support. Always ready for a challenge, **Karen Temlett**, Incredible Interim Principal of the buzzing HPP School, cycled the Cape Town Cycle Race for pledges to support the school's running costs. On **Sunday 6 March 2016** Karen made it in a brilliant 3:31 and raised around R30 000. You cook girl!



In June 2016, after a site visit and a few good questions on sustainability a **private individual** made a R100 000 cash donation to pay for the floor coverings. And **Marianne du Toit** requested her friends to make donations to HET in lieu of birthday presents; the "**Marianne and friends**" initiative raised just over R40 000! How incredibly gracious is all that? Thank you!

What next? Outside play areas are now on the wish list. Any support w.r.t. relevant materials such as paving, tartan, planter boxes will be gratefully accepted. The team is working hard on the popular HET annual dinner-dance to be held on **Friday, 12 August 2016** at Suikerbossie now nearly sold out. Let us know if you have any spare prizes for the evening's raffle and exciting auction!

To end with. The team continues to be motivated by **Rotary's** unwavering support. Their expedient monthly cash settlements of builder bills and attendance at all site-meetings have been invaluable. Thank you Rotary. And also **thanks to all the support received** all round. The team believes strongly that this "little school" pilot project might be the start of a sustainable, long-term, scale-able solution to our country's desperate need for quality, affordable and intensive upliftment of disadvantaged pre-school children (and their families). So come on, diarise the official opening of the new school on **Friday 18 November 2016** to celebrate the outcome of all your wonderful giving and support. Dare one miss it??

For any further information please contact the team at hangbergeducationaltrust@gmail.com

Yours faithfully

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