



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

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HET October 2015: Quarterly update and BIG thank you

As one might (or might not?) know, 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.

“Hangberg Pre-Primary School”. In July 2014 HET grabbed the opportunity to loan a classroom for a limited period from Sentinel Primary School. Hangberg Pre-Primary School (“HPP”) opened its “doors” after three weeks of renovations with guidance from Cecile & Boyd and work done by energetic Camps Bay High School pupils. The 1st Grade R class commenced on Monday 21 July 2014 with 9 little boys. By December 2014 HPP had 24 children. In January 2015 the “loan” was extended to two classrooms. Since then HPP has been completely oversubscribed with 85 children, numerous names on the waiting list and realistic capacity for only 60 children.



On Friday, 16 October the children went to the rock pools beneath Chapman’s Peak with a picnic on the beach and an info session at the Hout Bay museum. They absolutely loved it. After seeing the empty perlemoen shell one of the boys said *“This is what my granny uses to put out her entjies (cigarettes)”*. It was heartwarming to see them enjoy their environment so much, just as children should.

The new building. HET will develop a quality pre-primary school designed by architect Dawid de Vaal on the property of Sentinel Primary School (from January 2016 to July 2016) for a *total estimated cost of R4.7million*. Once completed, the new school with 4 classrooms will educate and care for 120 children between ages 3 to 6 years.

Key design elements include high levels of security, an outside undercover play area, lock up storage, separate entrance for deliveries, two toilets per class, an outside amphi-theatre, a one-way glass observation room and more. The size of the site is 1369m². The school has a construction area of 449m² plus an additional 431m² of decks, ramps, undercover paved playing area and amphi-theatre.



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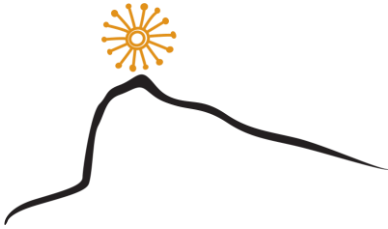
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Hangberg Pre-Primary School After-care Centre. In June 2015, Camps Bay High School donated a pre-fab classroom to HET. This classroom was donated to CBHS by Phyllis Jowell Jewish Day School in Camps Bay but CBHS no longer needed it. This quality 12.76m x 4.6m pre-fab room (with facilities for 3 toilets) will be used as an after-care cum reading room facility. The total estimated cost to transport, erect and refurbish the pre-fab building is around R230 000.

Funds raised!

In November 2014, after numerous due diligence visits and various meetings, Rotary Clubs committed **just over R3million** with ZAR350 000 from Rotary Club Am Kap (Sea Point) and friends plus a further €196 000 from certain German Rotary Clubs. The Rotary commitment together with other smaller commitments left a shortfall of R850 000 as at July 2015. But the **incredible Rotary Club support** gave the team the motivation and drive to continue with its dream to develop the quality school.

The funds required by July 2015 was estimated at *just over R1million* with the R850 000 shortfall for the school plus the R230 000 required for the completion of the donated pre-fab building.

- a) HET's Annual Dinner at Suikerbossie on 31 July 2015 was well attended and enjoyed by many. The team together with generous sponsors and dinner delegates managed to raise nearly R180 000.
- b) In September and October 2015 three significant donors committed R700 000 (Anonymous donor R400 000, Western Cape Dutch Reformed Synod ECD R200 000 and Mr and Mrs Liddle R100 000).



- c) Once-off donations of just under R25 000 (Anonymous charity R15 000, Mr and Mrs Durand R7 000 and JDI R2 500) have also been received. These funds have been used for special once-off expenses such as branded yellow t-shirts for future school outings and the *Wordworks* literacy programme for 130 Grade R learners, launched on 14 October.

The HET Exco team is delighted, inspired and extremely grateful for the wonderful support received from donors over the last year.

Conclusion

The Trust is now committed to the completion of a quality pre-primary school for 120 children by July 2016. A revised, up-to-date Bill of Quantities for the new school will be approved by the Trust in November 2015 which will indicate the *final shortfall*.

The executive team is actively looking at possible donations of relevant materials required for the new school to minimize any possible shortfall and thus ensure the completion of the envisaged quality school on time. It should be highlighted that HET, as a registered Public Benefit- and Non-Profit Organisation with its key focus on disadvantaged pre-school children, **can issue donors with required receipts, tax certificates and BEE verifications.**

And finally: thank you for all the support HET has received to take us this far. The journey has been long at times, but it has been energizing to receive incredible bits of support all along the way. A special thank you to Am Kap Rotary Club, the German Rotary Clubs and their friends for believing in us especially at a time when inspiration was sorely needed. **Thank you!!**

Yours Sincerely

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Note: Attached is a short annexure re the people involved and the future vision of HET, if you are interested. For any further information please contact the team at hangbergeducationaltrust@gmail.com