



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

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### HET February 2016: 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.

**“Hangberg Pre-Primary School”.** On **Tuesday 3 November 2015** HPP learners were blessed with a large shipment from **The Santa Shoe Box Project** which ensured that everyone went home with a smile. A small albeit moving graduation ceremony was held on **Tuesday 8 December 2015**. Of the 65 learners, taught in two classes by **Mrs June Arn** and **Mrs Yusrah Petersen**, 41 learners were age appropriate for Grade 1. All of these 41 learners were qualified as school ready and have “graduated” to Grade 1. We believe these learners are very well equipped for “real school” and we will be monitoring their Grade 1 results with much interest. Sadly we also had to say good-bye to our lovely class assistant, **Jade Abrahams**. After a lot of thought Jade has decided to pursue a career in Information Technology. We wish her all the best and she knows where to come in case she misses little ones...



**Never stop.** During November and December 2015 the teachers and the Interim Principal, **Mrs Karen Temlett**, worked diligently to ensure that all new parents are fully engaged, registration forms are completed, birth certificates are received and the year work planner is up to date. The year-end efforts paid off when school started on **13 January 2016** with 60 excited little ones and confident parents. A new class assistant, **Siddika Adams**, joined the team and has made a real contribution already. Well done to all!

**The building starts!** HET’s main project for 2016 is the construction of its first school building (designed by architect Dawid de Vaal) with a small aftercare centre on the property of Sentinel Primary School. The new building with 4 classrooms will educate and care for at least 120 pre-school children. In **November 2015** HET went on open tender for the building with approved plans and sufficient funds to enable us to definitely commence build in **January 2016**. Teknon Construction won the tender with a letter of intent signed early December 2015. After some negotiations by HET’s Quantity Surveyor, Herman Mynhardt, a final Bill of Quantities was signed early **February 2016** with total cost for the project at R5.2million. [Note: The estimated cost in our October 2015 newsletter was just over R4.9million, including the small after-care centre for R230 000.] Of this total amount, R250 000 had been incurred and paid by December 2015 (mostly architect- and other service providers’ fees). By **January 2016** the total building cost outstanding was R4.96million, with R4.6million<sup>1</sup> raised and a **shortfall of nearly R350 000**.

<sup>1</sup> In November 2014 Rotary Clubs in Germany committed €196 000 plus ZAR350 000 from Rotary Club Am Kap (Sea Point). Funds of R400 000 was received in H2 2015: R200 000 from the Western Cape Dutch Reformed Synod ECD, R100 000 from Mr&Mrs Little and R100 000 from HET’s annual-dinner dance in 2015. Just over R600 000 has been committed by anonymous donors.

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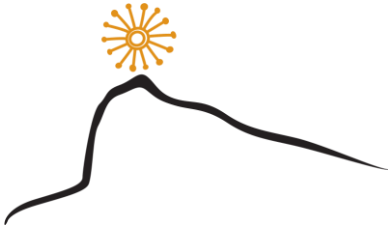
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**Monday 11 January 2016** the official site hand-over took place: from Public Works to HET with official hand-over to the contractor soon after. In spite of the usual initial building hiccups, all delays have been made up and we are still aiming for completion by **end July 2016**.... Holding all fingers and toes crossed!



**Feedback so far...** Mrs Claudene Overmeyer, principal of Sentinel Primary School, has noted that the contractor and teams are a pleasure to work alongside with. It is a privilege for HET to have the competent, diligent and effective people of **Teknon Construction, MLB Architects, Sigma Quantity Surveyors, KLS Engineers and Safetycon** (Health and Safety company) on our side. We have been blessed with the attitude and resolve of all involved to make this dream a reality. Thank you!

**HET's PUMA Sale.** In December 2015 **PUMA South Africa** donated a huge amount of footwear, apparel and accessories to HET. A massive sale was held **27-29 January 2016**. After significant efforts by the team with the support of many, many wonderful volunteers, roped-in family members, NG Kerk Hout Bay (provided the venue) and Deep Blue Security (ensured the safety with a lot of cash floating) a **whopping R230 000** was raised. Everyone was exhausted but the thrill of the hourly banked cash kept us smiling for days to come. The team also agreed to pass on some of the goodwill with golf clubs, cricket bats and soccer kits donated to the Raymond Ackerman Golf-, Gary Kristen Cricket- and Hangberg Soccer Academies. A huge thank you to PUMA South Africa for thinking of us. The whole event, the goodwill felt and funds raised was thrilling!



**And then more.** Just to make sure that our dream is a reality **Valley Pre-Primary School's Sandcastle Forum** made a significant donation of **just over R83 000**, funds held aside until we commenced building! The **shortfall is now under R40 000**. For our focused and very blessed team this seems a rather small hurdle to cross.

**What next?** From March the executive team will be looking for donations of relevant materials required for the new school's interiors as only a minimal budget has been allowed for this. (A new jungle gym donated by the **Pole Yard** and **Dare to Share** has already been gratefully accepted). We are also keen to uplift the Sentinel Primary School's main playgrounds as part of our project and have engaged with a similar-minded landscape architect firm to see what can be done, how and when. Finally (for now!) HET's popular annual dinner-dance will be on **Friday 5 August 2016**.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone and especially our key funder Rotary (**Rotary clubs in Germany and Am Kap Rotary Club in Sea Point**) for your incredible support and belief in our vision. We trust that the journey ahead will be as exciting as the past (nearly) 4 years; HET was established on 23 May 2012 ☺.

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Yours faithfully

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