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# Wake up! News

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## Celebrating Another Year

The third term went by in a flash and was quite a busy one. We held a Spring Clean & Garden Day in September and a Fun Day in October which raised over N\$3500. The success of these events was because of the growing commitment and inputs of our parents. In November we held our end-of-year celebration and said goodbye to eight children who are leaving us for Grade 1.



*Our graduates performing*



*Staging The Sleeping Beauty during the Fun Day*



*Spring Clean Day*



*A Tswana Group performing at the Fun Day*

## From the Editor

*At the end of 2011 I look back on a successful year. It takes time to build up a school, to find our feet in the community and bring it all together. It is a learning experience for all of us - teachers, parents and children but we all grow and with that we are building a solid base for the children in our centre to prosper in their early years. I am sure 2012 will be a good one too! Best wishes for 2012.*

*Loes Bellaart*

## Kitchen Project

During the last term our cook Martina attended two courses at the Polytechnic in cooking and baking. She is now ready to take on more challenges in the kitchen. We are still looking for an energetic person to set up and coordinate a Catering / Baking Project and coach the cooks. Please contact us!



## Additional Classrooms

We are busy raising funds for Building Phase 2 to add two classrooms, one for us and one for CLaSH, the organisation for the hearing impaired. Once completed, CLaSH will move their Montessori Pre-school in with us. The cost for one classroom is N\$275,000 (€27,500). See our website for more information.

## Volunteers

This term we were very lucky to have the support of Ms Ulla Puusaari, a qualified teacher from Finland who came to work at the centre, and also brought her son with her. Volunteers add spice and new ideas to our work, and are much appreciated by both children and teachers. If you are interested in volunteering either as a teacher or doing a short project in arts, drama or helping to develop our playground and garden, please let us know.



## Launch of the Wake up! Reading Club

To keep in touch with the children leaving us for Grade 1 we have launched The Wake up! Reading Club. It is a proven fact that children who read do better at school, in all subjects and all the way through school. At Wake up! all the children love books and enjoy spending time in the reading corner or in the circle listening to stories. We would like them to keep up their love of books and foster their reading skills in the early grades.



Next year Grade 1 -3 learners can come to the centre once a week after school and get help with reading. We will organise books, volunteers and activities which foster reading. Let us know if you can donate some books, if you have some time to volunteer or come and share your ideas on how to promote a reading culture.

We also hope to organise a **Book Fair in 2012** at our centre, as research findings show that parents who have books in their home greatly enhance the chance of their children getting further in education.

For more information visit our website: [www.wakeupdaycarenamibia.com](http://www.wakeupdaycarenamibia.com)