

Highlights of Last Term

Fun Day in September



The Fun Day is our yearly fundraiser. Thanks to generous donations of second-hand items this year, we were able to add a successful jumble sale, something worth doing more often.



Two Concerts



Our end-of-year celebration this year was split in two concerts. The toddlers amazed with their confidence and enthusiasm. The pre-schoolers presented a most entertaining hip-hop act, sang about farm animals and taught their parents about the continents.

Visit by the Indonesian Ambassador and Ladies Association

In October we were treated to a visit by the Indonesian Embassy, who generously donated stationery and snacks to the children and food items and paint to the school. We also received a music lesson, playing the angklung.



Visit Stichting Wake up! Windhoek from The Netherlands

Our partners in The Netherlands have supported our centre from the start, tirelessly doing fundraisers to supplement our income to run the school. So it was high time for Martha and Peter to pay us a visit and see the centre for themselves. Peter also gave the children a music lesson, this time on rhythm & percussion.



The Stormwater Channel is finished!



To close off the year with a bang, our partners in The Netherlands found a sponsor for the storm water channel. Hans our 'house architect' identified a Chinese company to do the job in record time, just before the rains started this month. This project paves the way for further development of the school grounds. Guangxi International Construction Engineering also donated two trees to the playground, which have already been planted.

From the Editor

Dear Readers,

By now both the Northern and Southern Hemisphere will have come to a standstill, to celebrate Christmas and the turn of the year. In Windhoek it is certainly very quiet. Schools will reopen on the 10th of January.

The coming year will be one of transition. The principal is preparing to hand over the reigns, as she will be coaching a new management team. A new Centre Manager started last October and is responsible for financial and office administration, daily operations and maintenance, human resource development, PR and fundraising. A (vice) principal and deputy have been identified who will take charge of our educational programme.

Main challenge for 2018 remains our financial deficit. This year we did more in terms of fundraising (jumble sales, baking), but it does not yet meet our needs. As our teachers become more qualified and experienced, salaries can not stagnate and the cost of commodities is only increasing. During the coming year we hope to get more parents and local partners on board to do their part. **Our Very Best Wishes for 2018!**

Playground developments

The Windhoek International School made Wake up! the beneficiary of the proceeds of their funday and has donated N\$16,000 towards maintenance jobs and playground development. So far a small group of fathers has volunteered a number of Saturdays to build a new partition on the playground and do some minor repairs, for which they are much applauded. It looks great!

