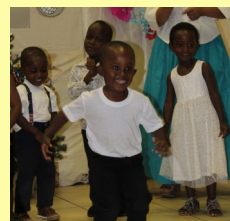


## Concerts 2018



'Elephants have wrinkles', the 'Sleeping Beauty', 'Catching drops in the shower', 'Monkey Puzzle', fifteen Graduates and having a chance to say thank you to our Pilates teacher Birgit.

## Santa came early this year

In November the Lions Club Windhoek Alte Feste teamed up with the Lions Club Jena from Germany to donate a sound system and a projector. We now have all the equipment needed to run our own events, which will also make our hall more attractive to people looking for a venue to rent.



We are truly grateful for this partnership which has sustained us now through many years. Thank you Lions!

## From the Editor

2018 was a challenging year in terms of getting a management team in place, but ended on a high note: teacher Jolandi has been appointed as our new principal from January onwards and a new Board of Trustees has started putting policies in place and setting out a vision for the future. We have put in an application with Peace Corps for a Community Economic Development Volunteer, to give management support and provide training opportunities for staff and parents in areas such as financial literacy and business development.



The new Board of Trustees

We wish all our readers the very best for 2019!

## Growing from strength to strength

As the suburb of Otjomuise is growing and more and more parents see the benefits of Montessori education for an early start, we intend to build on our strengths and offer more children a safe, inviting and nurturing learning environment.

Our partners in The Netherlands have been busy soliciting funds so we can build new classrooms and a flat for the caretaker. This extension will be the last building phase of our centre, which will then have seven classrooms. Once complete, we will be able to teach another 75 pre-schoolers. This phase has been spurred on by a generous offer from a Chinese builder in Windhoek who will donate one of the classrooms.

We were invited by the Wild Geese Foundation in The Netherlands to submit a project proposal. Already one donor has pledged €50,000, Lions Noordwijk has chipped in €500 and parents of Wake up! have raised N\$13,029.65. We are half-way, which is fantastic, but more fundraising is needed. With several fundraising activities planned around Christmas and early 2019 we hope to have funds to start building soon.