

Wake up! News

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Progress with the Hall and Playground

The building work in the hall is complete and we now have a hall to be truly proud of. Some work on the playground is still in progress, but the sandpit is ready and is being much enjoyed by the children. A group of parents, staff and friends helped with all the handiwork on various Saturdays.



From the Editor

The first term of the year raced by and the second term has just begun! This year we celebrate our **5th Birthday**, a good time to reflect and look ahead, as we have already done during our Strategic Planning in April. Our celebrations will take place on the 13th of June. As well as our birthday we will celebrate the inauguration of the renovated hall and playground. The winter term is the time for our children to blossom, now all settled and ready to make progress. 18 of our children are preparing for the big step to Grade 1 next year.

Happy reading!

Volunteers

During March and April one of our fundraisers from the Stichting Wake up! Windhoek in Noordwijk in The Netherlands, Ivo de Been, joined us at Wake up! Ivo gave management support, steered the work on the playground and even gave some soccer training to our stars. He will be dearly missed! Also during the month of March Eva from Germany joined us, hosted by a family from school in Otjomuise. As we have some quite ambitious projects underway or in the making, we

very much welcome all volunteers, both in the classroom and beyond.

Do get in touch if you can assist!



Dutch Support

Through a donation from the students of the ROC in The Netherlands we were able to buy 20 mattresses for the toddlers who stay with us in the afternoons. Thank you!



Independence Celebration



Strategic Planning

On April 13th we held a Strategic Planning Session at Wake up! to look into the future of the centre. Attendance was great, with 32 parents, staff and partners attending.

We mainly looked at two key issues:

- ◆ fundraising, to assess how our operations can become more financially sustainable
- ◆ the organisational structure of the centre, especially management support.

During the meeting we were also able to expand our Board of Trustees through the addition of several new volunteers. This will increase our capacity to govern the centre in the best possible way. We hope that this year will become a turning point for Wake up! in terms of creating a wider base in Namibia to support the centre, taking charge of its future and ensuring sustainability.

