

## First Term Impressions



## Four Graduates

On the 3rd of March preschool teachers Elizabeth, Emma and Genoviva obtained their Pre-Primary Teaching Diploma from Headstart Montessori Training College in Walvisbay. Teacher Sophia obtained her advanced qualification. At the centre we threw a little party to celebrate! Two assistant teachers have started the 3-year course this year.



## From the Editor

The first school term of the year went by in a flash and we are now in the middle of the term holiday. The centre is full to capacity with 80 pupils, 23 of them going to grade 1 next year.

In the preschool we are more and more accommodating children from our own toddlergroup and see the benefits of starting early. These children have opened up, understand the routines of a day at school, can work independently and are open and enthusiastic about learning, ready for the challenges of the pre-school classrooms. By the time they turn 6 they are truly ready for learning in Grade 1. We therefore advocate that more and more parents will and can give their child an early start in education! To quote Maria Montessori:

*"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."*

It is the mission of our centre to broaden a child's experience, as that is what makes a child develop.

## Senior Volunteers



Lately we have had two senior volunteers around, willing to take on any challenge. The roof of the playhut and kitchen outside got a shade, various items were repaired, books were covered. They made the children smile.

If there are more seniors out there considering a time-out from the ordinary: you are very welcome!