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Wake up! News

Looking to the future

Before the end of last term teachers had individual talks with parents, to share the progress of their child. The feedback was encouraging. Parents tell us they are amazed about what their child is now able to do. As the Montessori motto is 'helping children to help themselves', we seem to be on the right track.

This year again, we have many children on our waiting list. That's why we are eager to add on classrooms. We got word that the cooperation with CLaSH, the organisation for the hearing impaired, will not materialise. We are now talking with local companies who are looking into the donation of building materials, to enable us to go into the next building phase. We have planned a Strategic Planning Meeting in October with the school board, partners and stakeholders to map out the future of the centre for the coming years, especially looking into financial sustainability. Our Dutch partners are keeping us afloat, but how can an educational institution swim by itself? We'll keep you posted on all new developments!

The Hunger Banquet

In June the Namibia United States Association of Alumni raised N\$40,000 for our centre by making Wake up! the beneficiaries of a fundraiser held in the Hilton Hotel. The occasion was called the Hunger Banquet, raising awareness about people in Namibia who face hunger every day. Our children gave a short



presentation, which was quite an experience in a brand-new five-star hotel!

Watch-us-Work Day



Twins Olivia and Abigael with their mum.

Proud Moments





We would like to say thank you to all the people who have visited us over the past months, for showing interest, helping out in the classroom or office, giving advice and bringing us toys and stationery.

A special thank you to the Hallberg Foundation for the donation of a series of Early Readers which can be used both in the pre-school and with the Grade 1 and 2s who come to us after school.



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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

This month we started the third and last term of the school year. It will be action-packed, with a Fun Day, Drama Performance and the graduation of 10 children leaving us for Grade 1. This term six children from the toddler group joined the pre-school class, which is now a hive of activity with 28 learners.

Follow us on Twitter to share the highlights of this term.

Kitchen Project

With mums who help to bake. great input from Martina our cook and volunteer Susanne as



a coach, banana muffins have started to roll out of our oven. We intend to bake and cook in our kitchen on a regular basis in order to raise funds for our school. In October we will join the street sale on Independence Avenue and with the help of parents we are busy sourcing regular customers such as schools and businesses. We will tell you in December how it all went!



