

Wake up! News

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Wake up! Centre completed!

In July, two months ahead of schedule, the last building phase of our centre was completed. We are very happy with the quality of the work of Guangxi Construction company, who delivered on their promise and even did some extra work without charge to channel rainwater in front of the classrooms. The unity of the buildings, the central playground and now proper housing for the caretaker make the centre stand out as a striking model of an Early Education facility. Again we thank all the sponsors, in particular the Wild Geese Foundation, who have helped us to reach this milestone. The next



challenge will be to get the classrooms ready. This requires additional fundraising and ingenuity to envision the set up of each classroom, to source the furniture and learning materials and bring it all together.



In preparation for a new vegetable garden (which had to make way for one of the new classrooms) we have started to sow seeds in tyres and hope for a better rainy season this year. Further landscaping of the garden is also on the agenda.



Jazz for Wake up!

With a vibrant performance in The Netherlands by the Herman Bakker Trio and an auction of small treasures an amount of over 3000 euros (about N\$50,000) was raised in support of Wake up! Thank you to the Stichting Wake up! Noordwijk for organising this event, the people who donated an item or two and everybody who was bidding. What a great result!



From the Editor

With the start of the last schoolterm of this year, Wake up! is starting a new chapter. The founder and previous principal 'Teacher Loes' has left the country and has now truly handed over the reins to the new principal and board. From Germany she will join the Dutch support network, but not be involved anymore in any day-to-day affairs.



The surprise party that staff and friends of Wake up! organised to send her off was a beautiful event and proof that there is a creative and solid team of staff at work! The farewell by the children and alumni was heartwarming as well! Wake up's alumni are doing well and go up to Grade 8 (and have become as tall as their previous teacher).



The third term will see a Fun Day / Fundraiser organised and (as it was postponed) a Strategic Planning exercise to bring friends, partners, board, parents and staff together to map out the future of the centre and cement plans for next year on how to best operate the new classrooms.