



Wake up! News

A Day at School



Playing in "the clinic"



Team work



Painting pandas



Sand play is always a winner

From the Editor

Right now we have a short break (one week) before we start the last term of the year.

Parents looking for a place at Wake up! came early this year. In June we were already done with registration for 2018. This means we now have to turn many hopeful parents away. Otjomuise is a fast-growing suburb and parents increasingly see the importance of a few solid years of pre-school education. We could easily fill another one or two classrooms (but we have not built them yet).

Parents have informed us that only a few of the 5-year olds will be leaving Wake up! for Grade 0 at a government primary school next year. Government education is free of charge, whereas at Wake up! parents pay fees (according to income). This shows us that our parents value the education their children are receiving with us!

Crossroads

For the past (almost) eight years we have made ends meet thanks to continuous support from friends in The Netherlands and local sponsors in Namibia. However, the Namibian economy is in crisis, a government subsidy is out of the question, the building industry has collapsed and one of our major local donors had to pull out. Right now, we face a shortage in our monthly budget and we have to do some serious fundraising to guarantee the future of our centre.



We are looking into better ways to use our facilities to bring in money (e.g. renting out the hall & kitchen for workshops & parties), doing more catering and sourcing more supplies through donations from companies. We will also have to raise school fees (for those who can afford to pay more).

We appeal to you to support us in any way you can: by making any contribution you are able to, and by sharing your ideas with regards to fundraising and on how to establish a strong financial base to sustain the future operations of the school.

Please write to us! Visit the centre to see what we do! Join the board of trustees to get involved and make a difference!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteering

Parents can get involved at school in many ways.

- ◆ Preparing snacks and washing up after snack time.
- ◆ The end of winter was the time to replant some vegetables and work manure into the soil, see above.



- ◆ A group of fathers did repairs on the playground.
- ◆ We have parents selling 'crunchies' on our behalf to raise funds for the school.
- ◆ A baking team recently started selling cookies on Friday afternoons.

Also there have been parents donating food items, stationery, paper and toys.

Thank you for the help you are giving Wake up!

What we hope for the future is to get more parents on board in organising (fundraising) events and becoming actively involved in supporting and managing the centre.

We will keep you posted!

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