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## NEWS LETTER JULY 2025

### Who's the Best “Driver” in the School? 🚗 🧑

This week, I decided to put our teachers to the test — no, not with lesson plans or marking homework, but with something far more important... **wheelbarrow driving!**

I loaded up a wheelbarrow full of giggling kids and challenged the teachers to see who could “drive” the best. The reason? Well, I have to make sure that when I eventually retire, someone will be ready to take over the *bus driving duties!*

I must say, the competition was fierce — we had sharp cornering, a few “traffic jams,” and plenty of laughter. I think we've found our future bus drivers... but maybe we'll stick to the wheelbarrows for now!





## Mandela Day at Our School 🌳

For Mandela Day, we were blessed with a wonderful gift from the **Harold Porter Botanical Gardens** — six beautiful trees for our school! 🌱

The best part? They didn't just deliver the trees; they made the day truly special by letting our children help plant and water them. Little hands were hard at work (and sometimes a little muddy!), learning how important it is to care for our environment.

Thank you, Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, for helping us grow — in more ways than one



## Mandela Day – Sharing Warmth & Kindness 💛

This Mandela Day, **Pikkewyntjies** reached out to our elders in Mooiuitsig. We took them to the library, where each received a warm winter blanket, and afterwards we gave them all a hearty meal and a sweet treat — because nothing warms the heart quite like good food and good company. 🍲💛

A simple act, but one that brought many smiles and a sense of community.





## 👩🍳 Look at our new little chefs-in-training!

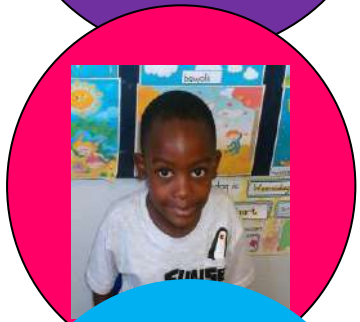
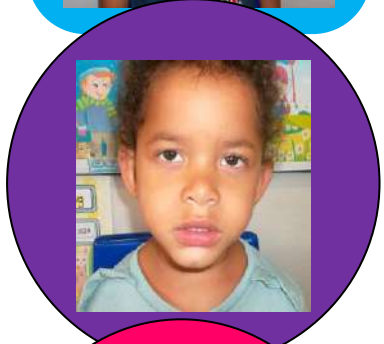
Our preschool kitchen has never been this full of giggles, flour, and “creative” recipes. The kids loved every moment of dressing up — and we promise, only *some* of the cookies were slightly “experimental.”



## Challenge Funds in Action!

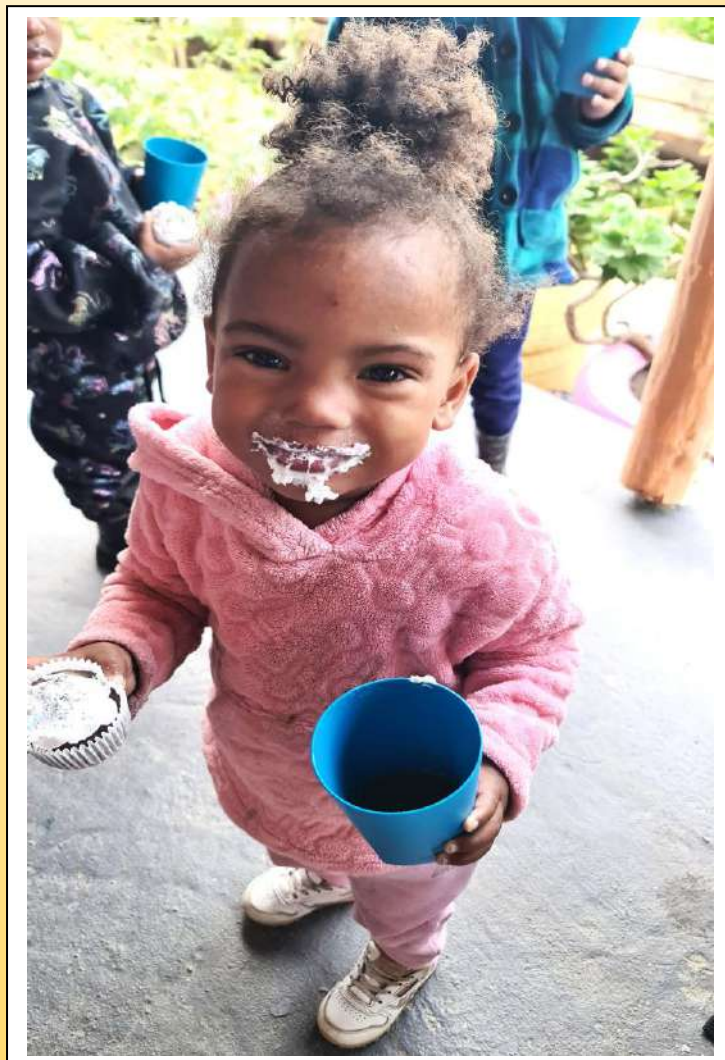
Thanks to the generous support from our challenge fundraiser, we were able to buy brand-new tables and chairs for our children. The old set had served us faithfully for nearly 18 years, but was sadly quite worn and dilapidated. Now, our little learners can enjoy a fresh, safe, and comfortable space to learn and play!





## When Cupcakes Become Face Paint 🍰 😊

At Pikkewyntjies, we believe in enjoying every bite of life... sometimes a little *too much*! One of our little girls recently proved that cupcakes aren't just for eating — they're also perfect for decorating your cheeks, chin, and even your nose! With icing from ear to ear, she wore the biggest smile you've ever seen, reminding us all that childhood is about messy moments, sticky fingers, and pure joy.



# BABELBEKKIES CLASS

MY SNOWMAN



PATTERNS



NUMBER 6 ART



NUMBER 7



BRAINY BLOCKS



DRAWING THE STORY



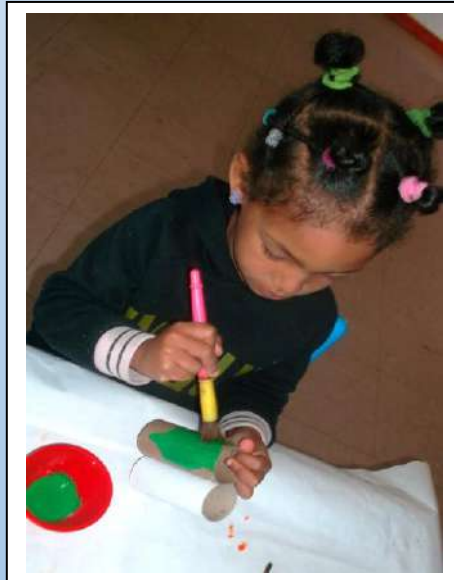


## PIKKIES CLASS

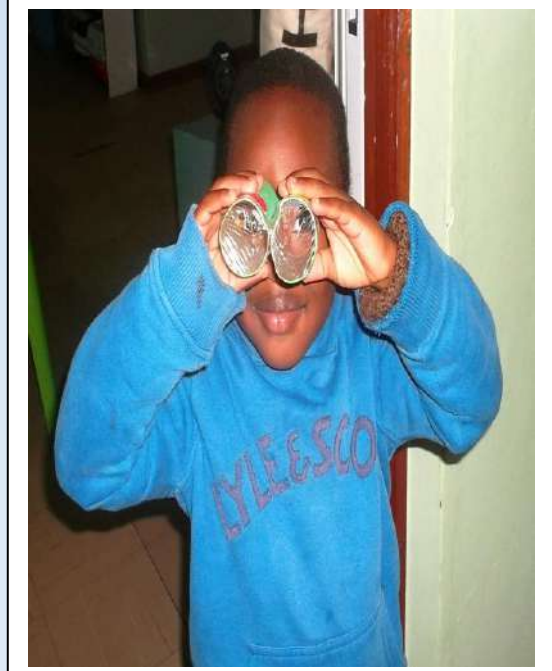
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Painting



Look at my binoculars

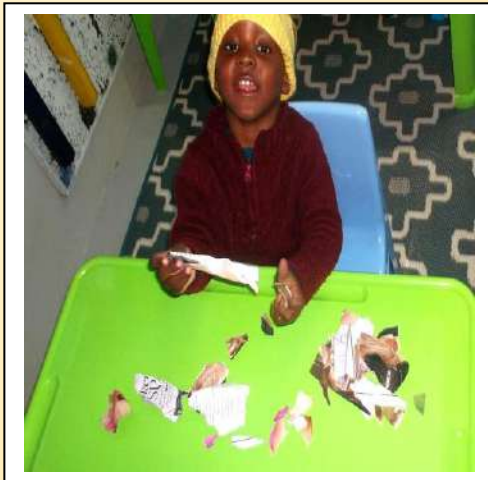


Learning about number 3



# WOELWATERS CLASS 2-3 year old class

Tear and paste



Stringing beads



Sand play



Sorting the colours



Using sand to make the number 3



## A Splash of Rainbow Magic 🎨 🌈

Who knew a bit of string could bring so much joy... and mess?

This week, I introduced the children to a rainbow string-pulling art project. Armed with paint, string, and plenty of curiosity, the kids dove right in — quite literally in some cases! Soon, there were streaks of colour on the paper, on the tables, on the floor... and mysteriously on a few noses.

The best part? Watching their little faces light up as the colours danced across the page, each pull of the string revealing a brand-new surprise. The children loved it so much, I suspect they'd like to turn every activity into a "string project" now — I'll just have to keep the paint stocked and the wet wipes ready!



End result – Juan is so proud of it



## A Dolly for Every Smile 🧸 ❤️

This week brought the sweetest surprise for our little ones! Christine, with hands as quick as her heart is big, knitted 45 tiny dolls — each one made with love and care. When she arrived, the children's eyes grew wide with excitement. One by one, they got to choose their very own special dolly to keep with them all the time.

Some dolls were tucked under arms immediately, others given names on the spot, and a few were proudly introduced to friends before the end of the day. We are so grateful to Christine for creating such joy with her thoughtful and creative gift.



## ♥ Pikkewyntjies Wish List

We'd like to kindly ask for help with a few much-needed items for our school. Even gently used goods will go a long way in supporting the children and keeping things running smoothly.

### We currently need:

- 🎨 **Any old or leftover paint** – any colour or amount, to brighten up our classrooms and outdoor play areas
- 🍲 **A large cooking pot (4–5 litres)** – used to prepare warm porridge for the children each morning.
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➤ Everybody who donated goods towards our second hand shop.

## To Our Wonderful Donors & Sponsors 🌟💛

Once again, we want to say a huge, heartfelt *thank you* to all our incredible donors and sponsors! Truly, what would we do without you? Without your generosity, we'd be stuck trying to patch up old tables with sticky tape, baking cupcakes without flour, and running the school purely on coffee and hope.

But thanks to you, we can give our children safe transport, happy classrooms, fun activities, and resources that help them grow into bright, confident little people. You don't just donate — you *change lives*.

From all of us at Pikkewyntjies (big ones and little ones alike) — you are the wind beneath our penguin wings! 🐧🌀

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