

GLLP News

Outings

The children have had a number of outings since our last newsletter, including a trip to the Lion Park and a Sports Day held at the Howick West Sports field.

The children and teachers had a great deal of fun in the run up to Heritage Day. They had fantastic time participating in cultural activities, enjoying traditional food and showcasing their heritage. It was wonderful to see everyone embracing diversity and having fun together.



Xmas Boxes

We have already made some progress towards the children's Xmas boxes. An appeal to the Greater Ambers retirement village and Howick Community Church yielded enough ice-cream boxes and soaps and face cloths for all the children. Our grateful thanks to all who donated so generously.

Our committee will be shopping for the balance of their gifts in the next month or so. If you would like to make a donation towards these expenses, kindly use our bank account at: <https://gods-little-lambs.wixsite.com/gllhowick/how-can-you-help-us> and mark it Xmas box.

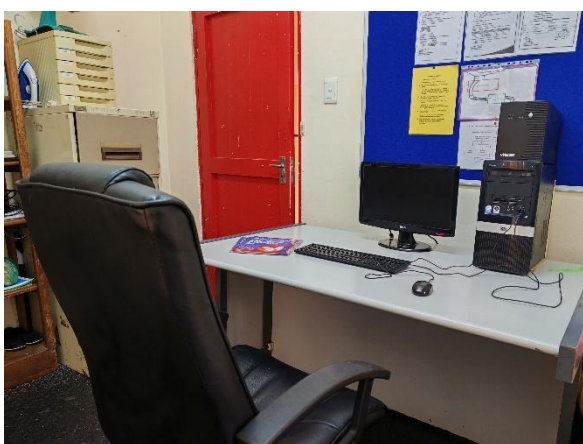
Staff

Our teaching staff have completed a refresher course in first-aid, essential to keep updated when there are so many little ones under one's care. Thank you, Martin Millar of Health and Safety Consulting, for discounting our training fee.

Two of our staff are furthering their studies with distance learning this year. Nontuthuko Zimu is doing her first year Honours in Education while Nomfundo Chonco is working through her final year in a Grade R Diploma.



Maintenance And Other Smaller Projects



The painting and upgrading of our principal's office and the adjoining passageways was completed in the July holidays when the staff and some committee members (and their husbands) got stuck in. New pin boards were erected, bookshelves moved, new lights fitted (thank you Bright Lights for your generous donation); new curtains put up; and a super desk donated by Falcon Engineering installed.

We also had a sickbed and bedding donated for use by children who fall ill at school (thank you Liz and Bill Speight) and a CD player from Isabel Paverd to use with the children's music lessons.

Building Fund

Our building fund now stands at R69 000 as we work towards dividing one of our classrooms to reduce noise levels; and enclosing a veranda to give the children a better space to play when the weather turns wet or cold. Predicted cost is in the region of R150 000. If you would like to contribute to this please see our bank details on: <https://gods-little-lambs.wixsite.com/gllhowick/how-can-you-help-us> and mark your donation "bldg" with your name and surname. Since the school is registered as a Public Benefit Organisation all donations qualify for a tax deduction. (Email GLLHowick@gmail.com for your tax certificate.)

Donors

Our thanks to all our donors - Howick Pre-primary - and many others (including our overseas knitters), who kindly contribute food or materials that the children can use. With the Department of Education cutting our subsidy by over 30%, we are grateful for every cent that we are given in cash or kind.

