

Bonnie People Project – August 2018

Early Childhood Development, After School Care and Skills Development Facility

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In August we had many visitors but would like to give a warm welcome to our new friends from Luxembourg, the Weber Family. After showing them around the Project, Jurie de Vos, our driver took us all for a drive through the informal settlement. There was even time to watch as the ASC children learned a new song.

On Thursday 16 August 2018 we attended the Langeberg's ECD Forum Annual General Meeting in Montagu. Some of the guest speakers included Cathy and Gaynor of Wordworks. This is an informative platform for Early Childhood Development centres, as there are 24 schools involved in the forum and we get to share experiences regarding ECD.



The skills development workshops are progressing well. Maphule and Evaline are training more people to work as seamstresses. Here Caroline Theodore is working on the wine bags, one of the many products being made at BPP.



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August can be a very cold month in South Africa. Our children keep themselves warm under thick and fuzzy blankets.

Simonè, a three year old, was particularly cute during play time as she “read” a story to her classmates. We aim to introduce the children to books from a very young age.

The children were so fascinated when they learned that owls hunt at night. One of the activities they had to do was paint the background black to represent the dark, before they got to paste the coloured cut-out owl onto the paper.



The children love their free-play time, whether inside or outside. This is where we can get a glimpse into their daily home life. As most children do, the children portray precisely what they see. The one girl tied a doll to her back as this is a very normal way to carry babies around in their culture. As we have different types of ECD activities, at free-play, the children may choose which area they would like to play in.



As part of her school assignment, Marette Möller, a Grade 10 student from Bonnievale High School, came to the Project to do some volunteering. She was a great help in the classroom. The children all loved having her around for the day. Here she is singing the National anthem, Nkosi Sikelel’i Africa with the them.



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Youth and After School Care – August 2018

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Our homework program is progressing slowly but surely. Nita Slingers and Lucille Fortuin, our ECD teachers are a tremendous help with the children from Bonnievale Primary School. They assist with their homework and various school tasks everyday from 2pm till 4pm. We gave each student a new school shirt at the beginning of the new term.

The literacy boys start each day at 8 am and have classes until 1pm. Every Friday they write a test about the weeks lessons. Christa Godfrey and Cathy not only follow the curriculum but make sure the boys are having fun by experimenting with different activities, like making fans to see how the wind works. They also enjoy having art classes



August has been an unusually rainy month, so the children are kept busy with art projects indoors. Here they are being taught the finer details of sketching.



Another Grade 10 student, Abigail Brandt decided to do her community work by helping out at the ASC.



The children always love having fun outside, which includes “wheel barrow” races!



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