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Trimester Festival and Social Event: Support us with your Ideas

Our next **Trimester Festival and social event afterwards** will take place on the 17 November 2012. Please help us to raise some much-needed finds for our school. We need food (kiosk, cake, coffee, pizza etc) and cold drink stands, games/activities for the children and young people, and any other innovative ideas. Grade 11 has

already offered to make steak brötchen and boerewors rolls. Nicola Brodie will do the Flea Market again. Please help by sending in 2nd hand items.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Please contact Nicola Brodie or Kathi Damon with your ideas: Tel. (061) 41 45 50 or via e-mail → office@waldorf-namibia.org



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The new School Board

School Board, from left to right: Andreas Fellner (Parent), Benjamin Tjivambi (Parent), Madec Gwendal (Parents Association), Allan le Hane (Parent), Kathi Damon (Principal Primary School), Thomas Lombardt (Treasurer), Mattheus Shikongo (Chair person), Werner Hammerslacht (Principal High School); Executive Manager: Hans-Peter Seeger

Parents' Seminar with Joan Sleight

Review: Being a parent at the Waldorf School Windhoek I always enjoyed the seminars and lectures offered by teachers and visitors to learn more about Waldorf pedagogy. The seminar for parents offered by Joan Sleight at the beginning of October was such an enlightening workshop as well. After I had the pleasure to attend the Michaelmas lecture on Monday evening I didn't want to miss her parents' seminar on Friday and Saturday.

I was fascinated by her easy going and flexibility to meet the wishes and questions of the parents. To learn about the child development is a complex theme and we only touched some areas. Not only to understand the teaching according to the age but also learn to meet the stages of development your child and young adolescent are facing is enriching and for me a step towards the

understanding of my children. Even it was not well attended, the discussion which developed on media use of our children – if it is TV, computer with all social networks or cell phones was for me – and I think for all of us – a vital exchange of opinions and methods of handling our teenagers and the media.

Most of all I appreciate the practical work. The little exercise on rhythm clapping hand or stones together is quite a challenge for me as I am not a musician at all like my colleagues around me. Nevertheless, I am looking forward to her next visit in March 2013 and hope that she still offers parents seminars – with hopefully a few more parents attending, who would not only like to get an idea what their children are learning at our school but also would like to learn more about anthroposophy. *Nicola Brodie*



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Farewell Grade 13

On Friday 19 October we had the Farewell of this year's Grade 13 students. This was a very special occasion as they are the first class who started in Grade 1 at our school and went through to Grade 13. The fact that their first class

teacher, Ms. Birgit Peter, was also present made it even more special. With a few speeches from the teachers, former teachers, parents and former parents of this class the school said goodbye to this special group of students.



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Good-bye grade 13



Farewell grade 13



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Barbara Stauffer and friends – Farewell grade 13

Grade 13 – whats next?

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| Gerold von Koenen | → | Mechanical Engineering in Schmalkalden, Germany |
| Patrick Reimers | → | Germany (gap year and working) |
| Romano Coetzee | → | Zimmermann Garage (Auto mechanic) |
| Leonardo Calegari | → | Doing commercial pilot license in Port Alfred (SA) |
| Jenny Sack | → | Gap year and working |
| Clara Ahlenstorf | → | UNAM school of medicine |
| Jeslin Roman | → | Germany (gap year and working) |
| Ibrenca/Urikhos | → | Working in Hamburg or Freiburg, Germany (social-therapy) |
| Mbeurora Tjiuongua | → | Gap year (working) |
| Harald Hanke | → | Study architecture in Pretoria (SA) |
| Jana Krappmann | → | Work at Windhoek International School, travel (Europe, Bali Venezuela); study education in Cape Town |
| Anna Nuuyoma | → | Unsure |
| Nesly Uiras | → | Go to Germany in February 2012 to work in a Waldorf Kindergarten |
| Jenipher Arnat | → | Unsure |
| Minette van Wyk | → | Au pair service in America, will then study |

Werner Hammerslacht

Social Practical – Grade 11

In grade 11 in the Waldorf School, we believe that students are at a stage where they should realise that the world does not owe them something and that they can also contribute to the world and their communities.

With this in mind, we expect the students to do social work for three weeks. They must decide what they want to do and then find an institution where they can work for three weeks.

Werner Hammerslacht

Here are some of their impressions after their social practical:

My experience at the Windhoek Emergency Rescue Services was great. I learned more that you can ever imagine or comprehend, because of what they go through. It's something I would love to do, but would not prefer to do. This is because I have other goals in mind, but the adrenalin rush and greatness you feel after saving someone is really an addictive feeling. I loved it!

Jovanko Greyton

I learned to be patient and to be creative with kids. I experienced many things and because of that I am more grateful for what I have and where I am. Knowing who my family are and being safe and happy with them.

Nade Farmer

I enjoyed working with children, although it was not always easy working with them. I now know that I do not want to become a teacher.

My experience during my social practical was quite interesting

and a bit difficult with children aged 1-4 years. You had to keep an eye on every single one and that was tough. At times it also got boring, because you could not play, build or draw with them, because they were too young. It was an interesting experience but that's not what I want to do one day.

Yana Hufnagl

The social practical really changed my perspective about a lot of things. I have mainly learned that we can be truly grateful for what we have, because there are people out there who have nothing.

Julia Kaufman

Ihapa and I did our social practical at the Georg Ludwig Kindergarden in Swakopmund. Although it was not easy with the children, we managed pretty well and had a wonderful time with the kids.

Jurgen Sack

I had two wonderful experiences – Helpzread and therapeutical horse-riding. It was an eye-opener and really rewarding to see how, through individual attention, the children can improve with their difficulties and just the delight on their faces whilst riding. I really appreciated this great opportunity.

Nita Pallett

My experience at the social practical was that you have to have a lot of patience when you work with children. On the other hand it is fun to work with them, when they listen and do not cry. A handy cap is not the best thing to have when you work at any place.

René Bader

Agricultural Training

Landwirtschaftliche Ausbildung = Menschenbildung

Education is only successful when it results in human development

Just south of Windhoek in Namibia lies Krumhuk Farm, where there is an Agricultural Training Center. It offers a two year training course with two possible orientations: one is **agriculture**, the other is **home economics**. The curriculum is broad, and in addition to the main subjects of each orientation, all participants take part in artistic activities – such as choral singing, drama and eurythmy – as an aid to personality development. Each day is also given a structure which supports community cohesion (e.g. the morning circle).

The **agriculture** curriculum is geared towards teaching the principles of organic farming. It revolves around Namibian farming, and the teaching is in the hands of local agriculturalists. Course components include: management of the various types of pasturelands, dairy cattle, crop and fodder production, and horticulture.

The **home economics** curriculum covers a wide range of topics from areas of social responsibility such as the bringing up of small children and caring for the elderly to the management of small livestock. It also includes cooking and nutrition, as well as sewing, knitting, batik etc.

The course is residential and leads to a diploma which is on a par with normal state qualifications (NTA level 4).

Ausbildung ist nur fruchtbar, wenn der Mensch sich entwickelt

Im Süden Windhoeks in Namibia liegt die Krumhuk Farm, wo das Agricultural Training Center beheimatet ist. Es bietet eine zwei Jahre umfassende Ausbildung in folgenden Fächern an: Landwirtschaft und ländliche Hauswirtschaft. Der Lehrplan umfaßt neben den jeweiligen Hauptfächern für



alle Studenten künstlerische Aktivitäten, wie z.B. Chor, Theater und Eurythmie als Hilfe zur persönlichen Entwicklung. Jeder Tag beinhaltet Strukturen, die das Miteinander fördern, wie z.B. der Morgenkreis.

Der landwirtschaftliche Lehrplan ist ausgerichtet auf der Grundlage biologischer Landwirtschaft. Die Kurse beinhalten: das namibische Farming mit den verschiedenen Weidewirtschaftssystemen, Milchvieh, Futteranbau und Gartenbau. Der Lehrplan der ländlichen Hauswirtschaft deckt ein weites Spektrum von Themen ab, wie Soziale Verantwortung, die Erziehung von Kleinkindern und die Betreuung von alten Menschen bis hin zur Versorgung von Kleinvieh. Dieser beinhaltet ebenso Kochen, Ernährung, Nähen, Stricken, Batik etc.

Alle Studenten sind im hauseigenen Hostel untergebracht und schließen mit einem Diplom ab. Das Abschluss-Diplom entspricht der staatlichen anerkannten Ausbildung auf Stufe 4 (NTA).



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November 2012

Upcoming Events



Vision Workshop for Teachers and Parents

Friday, 2 November 2012 → 15h30 – 18h00
Saturday 3 November 2012 → 09h00 – 13h00 & Plenum at 18h00 – 19h00

Ulrich Kleber together with Harald Schütt offering a vision workshop with the main theme of school development and Integrated Vocational Training for all teachers and interested parents. Mrs. Marion Würth will be participating on the Saturday evening session.

Hit the Beat Reunion

Saturday, 3 November 2012 → 19h00

Parents and learners of grade 10, 11 and 12, as well as teachers and school board members are cordially invited to the Hit the Beat reunion. The movie of the Germany tour will be shown and a braai will be organized. We are very happy to announce that Mrs. Marion Würth will be present.

Vision Workshop for Grade 8, 9, 10 and 11

Monday, 5 November 2012 → 7h00 – 13h00

A workshop will be offered by Ulrich Kleber and Harald Schütt especially for our younger high school learners. Mr. Frieder Münz as a senior expert for vocational training will be joining this workshop.

Grade 8 Year Project Presentation

Friday, 16 November 2012 & Saturday, 17 November 2012 invitation to follow
All teachers and parents are welcome.

Trimester Festival and Social Event

Saturday, 17 November 2012 → 9h00 for 9h30

The Trimester Festival combined with a market with food and entertainment (see → Support us with your ideas)

Strategy Planning Day

Monday, 19 November 2012 → 7h30 – 16h30

The School Board, Parents Association and Colleagues made the decision to go into a strategic development process to meet the urgent needs of the school. The strategic plan will be steered and guided by Harald Schütt and is compulsory

for all teachers. Interested parents are more than welcome to join this work.

The school will be closed for all learners!

General Meeting

Tuesday, 27 November 2012 → 18h00 for 18h30

All members of the Waldorf School Windhoek are cordially invited to attend the General Meeting. We will review the activities and finances of 2012 and have a look on the budget and planning for 2013. You will also be introduced to our new school board.

Who is?

Ulrich Kleber: He is a friend of the school since the founding of the Waldorf School Windhoek and a member of the Board of Trustees. He is the General Manager of Forum Berufsbildung Stuttgart and Consultant with a long history of Waldorf education. He worked as a class teacher himself and was also a founder of the Waldorf School Kirchheim Teck. During his long friendship with the school he repeatedly held seminars, teachers training and mediations. He is actively involved in the development of our Integrated Vocational Training.

Frieder Münz: He was the principal of the Freie Schule Anne-Sophie in Künzelsau until his retirement and is a member of our Board of Trustees. Since two years he is a Senior Expert consultant (SES) for our school to help us with the development of the Integrated Vocational Training. After he actively getting to know Namibia and the learning opportunities in this country, he is now fully involved in the development.

Marion Würth: Mrs. Marion Würth is a member of our Board of Trustees and very close to the Waldorf School Windhoek. She takes a great interest in the development of the school and got to know our learners during the Hit the Beat Tour in June 2012. She is visiting the school as a follow up to the Hit the Beat Tour and to get into contact with teachers, parents and learners.

Harald Schütt: Owner of Amusha Consultancy Services, Namibia. He is a former Waldorf learner and has lived for more than 20 years in Namibia. The School Board appointed him as an expert for strategic planning and consultant for company development to acquire with teachers and parents for the Waldorf School Windhoek.

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Meeting Board of Trustees (Kuratorium)

The Board of Trustees and close friends met on the 10 September 2012 at the Hotel Anne-Sophie in Künzelsau, Germany, for further development of the school.

From left to right: Peter Fabian, Ulrich Kleber (BoT), Markus Brust, Virginia Collier, Norman Gräter, Josip Gonzo Krolo, Dr. Ulrich Roth, Marion Würth (BoT), Frieder Münz (BoT) and Hans-Peter Seeger (Executive Manager Waldorf School, BoT, not on the picture)



Cooking with friends

Monday, 29 October
2012 – Saturday,
3 November 2012

Our grade 10 and 11 will cook under the supervision of Mr. Peter Fabian (Photo), Kitchen Chef of the Freie Schule Anne Sophie in Künzelsau, for the Hostel, Afternoon Care and for interested parents, teachers and learners who would like to obtain an excellent lunch for N\$ 25. Lunch time: 13h00



Teachers movements during the Enrichment Seminar

Readathon

Thank you very much for your support. This year we raised a total of N\$13 615.30 of which 15% goes to the various class kitties. This money will enable us to stock up our library and to buy additional class readers. Much fun was had on our Readathon Day 27 September. Many dressed up and in mother tongue language groups stories were read to for 30min. *Kathi Damon*



Grade 3 Outing

Erich Kunderer, grade 3 class teacher, went to Okahandja for the morning to visit a blacksmith and a wood carver. The parents again organized all the transport. They made nails for their building epoch and carved boats.

Contact to our W-Mail-Team: wyss@milch-berlin.de



Norman Skillen and Joan Sleigh

Teachers' Enrichment Seminar

The teachers embarked on a five session enrichment seminar with Joan Sleigh. Each session comprised of an introductory part then there was a practical/artistic part, with Norman Skillen) and then rounding off with a discussion. All sessions were very well attended. We had a lot of fun and learnt many things about ourselves and what we can and/or should do as teachers to keep improving ourselves. Lots of positive feedback received. The general mood of the teachers' body was lifted and we all left inspired and sad that it had come to an end! We look forward to the next uplifting block in the first trimester of next year. *Kathi Damon*

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- Vision Workshop for Grade 8, 9, 10, 11
Mon 5 November 2012, 7h00-13h00
- Grade 8 Year Project Presentation
Fri 16 / Sat 17 November 2012
- Parents Evening Grade 2
Mon 12 November 2012, 19h00
- Trimester Festival and Social Event
Sat 17 November 2012, 9h00 for 9h30
- Strategy Planning Day (the school will be closed for all learners)
Mo 19 November 2012, 7h30-16h30
- Green Market Grade 3
Sat 24 November 2012, 8h00-12h00
- General Meeting
Tue 27 Nov. 2012, 18h00 for 18h30