



1st Trimester 2015

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New grade 1 – welcome!

On Tuesday 27th January we welcomed our 15th Grade 1 class at the Waldorf School Windhoek. We are very pleased to have these 13 boys and 12 girls with their class teacher Heidrun von Koenen, who takes a grade 1 class for the first time. As part of the welcoming ceremony Grade 2 performed a little play about three little pigs and their parents provided the tea for the new parents.

Since the school became too big to fit in the hall with the primary school and all the new parents, the High School learners form a guard of honour to mark the way from the hall to the classroom for the new



grade 1 class, applauding as they pass. The final part of the guard of honour was the new grade 8 class, most of whom were in Heidrun von Koenen's class last year.



Urgent appeal for donations to fund building work (Arts & Crafts Centre)

The Waldorf School Windhoek needs 1,000,000 N\$ (approx. 75,000 EUR) to complete the construction of the Arts & Crafts Building. This is where teaching for the BVET (Basic Vocational Education and Training) will take place, including the workshops. We urgently need your support! Which institution would like to become a partner and help us with donations?

The reasons for this remaining sum are as follows: Pledges made by partners were lower than planned, and when the opportunity to increase the height of the building presented itself during the planning phase,

we decided to take the entrepreneurial risk and begin this construction phase regardless. We are happy for every supporter who now gets actively involved during the final construction phase.

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US Ambassador Daughton visited Waldorf School Windhoek – PEPFAR supports HIV-Project

ONE Africa TV: A project at the Waldorf School Windhoek, financed by PEPFAR (US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), brought adolescents together through music, dance and drumming, and inspired them to talk about topics such as HIV AIDS. When the new US Ambassador to Namibia, Thomas Daughton, visited the Waldorf School ⇨

PEPFAR 2nd phase (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief)



From February 16th–27th we will be going into the 2nd phase of our PEPFAR project. This time grades 8,9 and 12 will have an intense week dealing with the topics of HIV prevention and information with me – these sessions will be taken up again at the end of the trimester and continued again with our very professional partners from Lifeline-Childline.

In addition to this work Caro Kriebietke – an artist from Germany who previously joined us for Hit the Beat in 2013 – will be offering art workshops along with two school colleagues Berit Lühr and Markus Minberg. Another workshop will be offering poetry as a possibility

to voice themes in connection with HIV. Last but not least we will have an intensive week of choir singing together with our former student Sarah to prepare for the Hit the Beat presentation in June.

So we are going to have a really busy two weeks filled with drumming, stick-fighting, art, singing – all of these being confidence-building projects. We would like to invite all high school parents to our next **PEPFAR parents evening on Monday 16th February at 18hoo** so that we can work together and really offer the learners a life-changing experience! *Simone de Picciotto*

⇨ PEPFAR parents evening on Monday 16th February at 18hoo



The new grade 1; right: birthday child Teagan Hasheela with class teacher Heidrun von Koenen



US-Ambassador Daughton visited wood work lessons.

⇨ Windhoek last Wednesday, the young members of the group explained to him that they had learned a lot and had had positive experiences, yet could not address most of these topics with their parents. Although all the girls and boys are so-called 'born frees' (having been born after Namibia's independence), numerous myths and prejudices still exist in their communities.

Watch it on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_IVLAvrkt4



The WSW Grade 13 results 2014

During October 2014, 16 grade 13 learners each sat the NSSC examination in 6 subjects each and 20 grade 12 learners sat the Mathematics Ordinary Core. In the Higher level subjects the grade 13 learners achieved a pass rate of 83% while the pass rate for the Ordinary level subjects was 79%.

One of last year students made history by achieving 7 distinctions for the first time ever at our school. She achieved this in 6 higher grade subjects and one ordinary grade subjects. Seventeen of our 20 grade 12 learners passed Mathematics and their average percentage was 60%. Seven of them achieved above 80%.

In the Higher level subjects we moved 4 places up in the ranking list and are now 10th of 27 schools in the Khomas region. Nationally we moved up 13 places in the ranking list and are now number 40 of 126 schools.

In the Ordinary level subjects we are now ranked 27th out of 37 schools (moved down 2 places) and nationally we moved up 4 places up to number 113 of 176 schools.

Picture above: Seven grade 12 learners achieved above 80% in their NSSC Mathematics Ordinary Core examination at the end of last year. In the photo (from left) are Maxine Holtz, Theopolina Ndahangoudja, Mordilla Mariine, Markus Pinsenschaum, Sushmita Kooper and Zahra Mohammadian. Markus,



Sushmita and Zahra are now taking mathematics at Higher level. The seventh learner is Juliane Schuckmann (insert). She has been in the Namibian National Junior Tennis team for many years and is now studying sport in Germany.

Right: Nita Pallett made history with the 2014 NSSC results. She became the first learner in the history of the school to achieve 7 distinctions in matric. She achieved a 1 (above 80%) in 6 higher grade subjects, namely English First Language, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology, History and Art & Design and an "A" in German Foreign Language Ordinary. Nita is going to study Journalism and Zoology at Rhodes University. We are very proud of Nita and wish her all the best for her further studies.



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Biology teacher grade 8–13: I was born on the 14th of June 1963 in Cape Town and my parents moved to Namibia in 1979. I attended the Wellington Teacher's Training College and received the Higher Education Diploma in 1984. After serving in the South African Defence Force and teaching in South Africa, I returned to Namibia 1989 to teach at Etosha High School in Tsumeb. In 1992 I attended the University of Namibia and received the Bacalareus Education degree. Thereafter, I resumed teaching at Academia Secondary School. 2003, I was appointed as Principal at Centaurus High school. 2010, I joined Channel 7 as a full-time radio announcer. I enjoy watching television, doing woodwork (especially woodturning), metalwork and music.

Do you want to know more about Waldorf-education? Join us!

Since the Waldorf School Windhoek was founded, a solid pillar of our pedagogical work has been the opportunity to read texts by Rudolf Steiner together on a weekly basis, as well as to gain experience in painting, clay work and playing music.

With a strong new impulse we would like to offer this training not only to our colleagues, but **also to parents, ex-alumi and all interested persons**. The 2015/2016 seminars will take place over the last weekend of each month to make participation in this broad-ranging programme feasible for as many people as possible. We start on the 27th of February at 19h00 with the seminar "**The threefoldness of the human being**", run by Joan Sleigh. The artistic work will be Eurythmy with Christiane Reé Ahlenstorf.

All seminars will take place at the Waldorf School Windhoek. Each Seminar will start on Friday 19h00–20h30 with a lecture and continue on Saturday 09h00–10h30 lecture and group work, 11h00–12h30 artistic work, 12h30–14h00 break, 14h00–15h30 Group work; divided accordingly to theme and target group: High School, Primary School, Kindergarten; 15h30–16h00 Rounding off.

Waldorf Teacher Training Seminars

2015/2016

- 27/28 February 2015
- 27/28 March 2015
- 29/30 May 2015
- 26/27 June 2015
- 31 July & 1 August 2015
- 25/26 September 2015
- 30/31 October 2015
- 20/21 November 2015
- 2016 to be announced

Booking: Please book in advance. Booking should be done always the week before on Friday by 13h00. The booking fees is N\$ 500 and includes coffee and tea during the break times. On Saturdays lunch will be offered for N\$ 35 and needs to be booked as well in advance the week before. All participants will receive a certification of attendance.
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Further information, about themes and our team, you will find in our flyer available at the front desk or phone 061 415250.
Marita Clasen



Rachel Mayer

English teacher: I grew up and studied biology and health education in Upstate New York in the United States. Since finishing my Masters of Arts in Teaching in May 2012, I came to Namibia through WorldTeach, a volunteer teaching organization partnered with the Ministry of Education. I taught a wide range of subjects at Rukonga Vision School for two years before moving to Windhoek and the Waldorf School. I am now teaching English to the middle grades as they transition to High School. In my free time, you can catch me on my scooter heading to the swimming pool or a good rock climbing spot, or possibly to a play or dance studio. If you don't see me around, I'm probably reading a good book and drinking way too much coffee.



Rhodda S. Lambert

Afrikaans teacher grade 8-13: Having started at the Waldorf School in September 2014, my motives for becoming a teacher changed significantly. Waldorf helps learners grow mentally and emotionally while they can obtain psychological skills as well as life skills. Being part of this wonderful process of shaping learners is a privilege. With an additional degree in marketing, I aim to share my life lessons and experiences with the learners. I enjoy adventurous activities, dancing and learning.



Christina Haoses

I am Christina Haoses, born 26 March 1979, in Windhoek, Namibia. My love and care for children makes me an **assistant kindergarten teacher**. My biggest dream is to open a soup kitchen to feed needy children. I want to thank Mr. Seeger and Mrs. Damon who saw the potential in me and gave me this opportunity to teach at the Waldorf School Windhoek. I love to be part of the Waldorf team as we have the same goal of preparing the leaders of tomorrow and making children believe in themselves. My hobbies are singing, reading, cooking and long walks in my free time. My favourite food, fish and baked potatoes.



Archibald Mazvidza

History and Geography teacher: I completed a Diploma in Education at the University of Zimbabwe in 1994 and started a teaching career that took me to various schools in Zimbabwe. In 1998 I went to study at Africa University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with Education degree (BAed). In 2006 I came to Namibia and was involved in research work before I reverted back to my teaching career in 2009. I am a God-fearing born-again Christian man.

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English teacher grade 9-13: I graduated from the University of Zimbabwe with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and History. I have been in the teaching field for 23 years now. I am also a holder of a Graduate Diploma in Education,



a diploma in Human Resources Management, a certificate in HIV/AIDS and Counselling from the University of South Africa and an ICDL certificate. I am currently one of the Chief Examiners for NSSCH in English. I am looking forward to enjoying my stay and work at Waldorf school as well as uplifting the standard of English in the school in general.

I am thankful of the warm reception I was afforded upon my arrival at Waldorf School by both the management and members of staff.

Events February–April 2015

Sat 14. February 2015

→ Sports Festival

Mon 16. February 2015

→ Grade 8–12 Parents Evening

Mon 16.–27. February 2015

→ PEPFAR Project 2nd phase

Sat 21. February 2015

→ Green Market Grade 8

Mon 23. February 2015

→ Grade 2–7 Parents Evening

Fri 27. February 2015, Founders Day

Fri/Sat 27.–28. February 2015

→ Teachers Training Seminar

Wed 11. March 2015

→ PA Meeting (Parents Association)

Sat 14. March 2015

→ Trimester Festival & Open Day

Sat 21. March 2015

→ Independence Day & Green Market gr. 6

Fri/Sat 27.–28. March 2015

→ Grade 8 Class Play

Fri/Sat 27.–28. March 2015

→ Teachers Training Seminar

Wed 1. April 2015

→ PA Meeting (Parents Association)

Fri-Sun 3.–6. April 2015

→ Easter Weekend

Thur-Sat 9.–11. April 2015

→ "Peronnik" Theatre play

Fri 17. April 2015

→ School closes

Teachers Empowered

The programme was co-authored and introduced last year by Lukas Hohler. Ben Schernick facilitated further sessions during 2014. A follow up and rounding off of this programme took place with all pedagogical staff on Tuesday and Wednesday during the teachers' preparation week for the new school year. The main focus was teamwork within the organisation. **This was a good theme to get everybody on board and include the new teachers in our team!**

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