

HENNA PRE-SCHOOL AND HUNTINGTON HOME BASED CARE CENTRE



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May of you probably wonder what happen to the monthly newsletter? We decided to change the twelve editions per annum to four editions, which will tie in with the four school semesters.

According to the Shangaan Tradition, when a woman gets married the man must pay lobola in a form of cash as well as cows. The woman's family will then buy cutlery and crockery, furniture for the house as well as home-made beer (Umqomboti). This will be sent to their daughter's new home. This kind of a celebration is normally prepared by the elders of the Village.

The closest town to Huntington is 35km away and the availability of fresh fruit and vegetables are sometimes had to find. The women of the village gathered to discuss backyard vegetable gardens to assist those who are sick and to solve the availability problem of fresh vegetables. About 50% of the families in the community have managed to start these vegetable gardens. The biggest challenge is that water only runs twice or some weeks once a week.

In support for education, the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve has donated 300 bicycles to the high school learners who walk more or less 2 hours every day to the nearest High School.

HENNA PRE-SCHOOL

We currently have six children who are being sponsored by previous Lion Sands guests. The guests sponsor \$100 towards the Sponsor-a-child program and this amount goes towards payment for school fee, water etc.



The Pre-schools' soccer team is getting ready for the 2010 World Cup Soccer. Their new coach, Kurhula, who has also joined the pre-school as a new teacher, has formed one boys and one girl's team. Both the teams practice for their monthly competitions. This has now become a highlight for parents' meeting day. Lydia (Principal) is now planning to get goal posts for the pre-school's soccer field.

A big thank you to Suzie Kerr and family and Kim Stout who sent boxes of stationary through to Henna. The boxes were opened with great enthusiasm and the children couldn't wait to start using their new stationary.



We are currently investigating sinking a borehole on the property. Running water is at this stage still the number one priority and we are hoping that by the end of the year we will have completed this project. Lion Sands' FIELD team is helping Henna with their water problem by filling their water tanks on a regular basis.

HUNTINGTON HOME-BASED CARE

All the Non Governmental Organizations of The Bushbuckridge region have now started to share information on HIV / AIDS and related issues. HHBC has proved to be taking lead on HIV awareness. The HHBC have now been chosen to give most of the awareness talks for this year.

HWSETA have approved a sponsorship for Skills Development. The training for Health care Workers will only start in April for 8 volunteers. At the end of the training a certificate will be issued as a proof that they have been trained as Community Health Care workers.

Pride and purpose (Ulusaba Private Game Reserve's Community Development Project) has donated a box of cloths to be given to the orphans at Huntington. They also introduced a plant-a-tree project where they send guests on a community tour and one of their activities includes planting a tree at the home Based Care office. The community tours are run by Mhanlele luxury Tours who are based in the community.

Thank you for your continued interest and support

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