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## 4th Term Newsletter 2019

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**Dear Friends,**

School reopened on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and we immediately began working towards the annual Trashion Show. This took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. As usual our judges had a very tough time choosing winners in the various categories. We had a lovely selection of prizes and vouchers for the children.



We were given vouchers for a month's modelling and for cooking lessons for children. We also used the small entry fee to buy prizes that our children would enjoy. The staff worked tirelessly to encourage their classes to make lovely jungle themed animals to decorate the hall. We had especially creative children this year and the décor was beautifully eye-catching. We are very proud of our little ones as there was interest and improvement in the abilities of most of the children.



Some of our Trash Fashion Show entrants



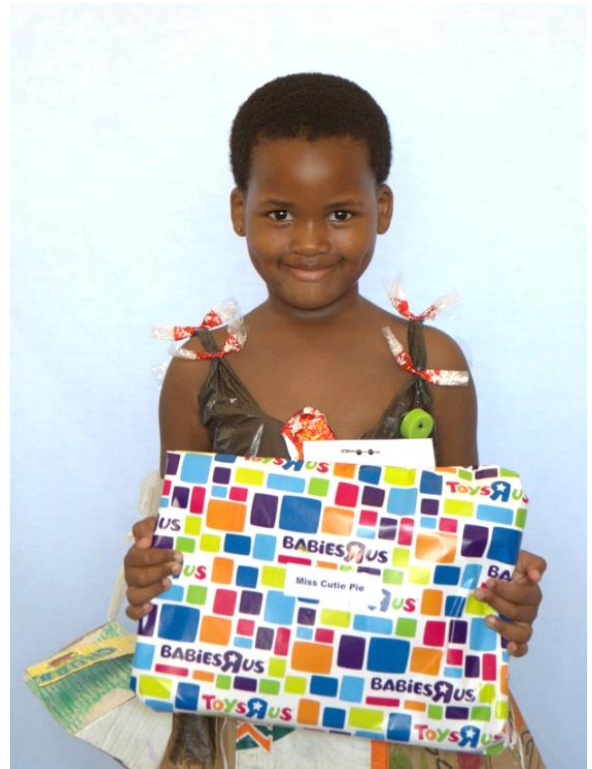
We had a fun hat competition for the adults and we had a very brave dad who modelled a hat!



Miss Michel presented a short drama lesson with the children she taught this year. I was given a beautiful bouquet of pottery flowers that the children taking pottery lessons had made.



We worked very hard for this event and raised R4500.00 which does not reflect the amount of effort that went into the morning.



**Some of our prize winners**



Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November we had a visitor from Albany Bakery who came to share the story of bread with our Grade R learners. They followed the planting of seeds to the final product and the bakery kindly donated 10 loaves of bread to the school.

Every day I am meeting with parents who have lost the jobs they had or had some mishap that prevents them from paying us the very small amounts of money they owe for the child's fee at school. We have lost our Christmas wrapping at Toys r Us so we don't have that money to carry us over December month, so we are not in a very comfortable financial position. I however, believe that this is a ministry very close to the heart of God and that we will get through this challenging time. Although there were no bonuses everyone was paid and we praise God for this!

The last few months of the year were given over to completing the syllabus and revising what was taught during the year. The teachers prepared reports as well as working very hard on the closing Concert and Graduation morning that took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November.



**Rev Philippa Cole opened in prayer**



**The school sang the National Anthem**

The Concert was wonderful as usual and the children entertained us with song, dance and recitation.



**Grade 000 were 'elves'**



**Grade 00 with 'loving hearts'**

As usual it was very difficult to say goodbye to the children who were leaving us to enter Grade 1 at local Primary Schools – they become very precious to me during the time they spend at Udobo School and fill my days with fun and hugs – always lots of hugs!

## Udobo dance group



## GRADUATION



I also have to say goodbye to my precious secretary and bookkeeper who is leaving us to relocate to the Cape Province – her husband was transferred there six months ago. Lizette Platjies stayed behind so that her children were able to complete their year at a local High School. Lizette has been the most wonderful staff member – she works incredibly hard and always goes the extra mile. I am going to miss her incredibly – at times when we had to deal with people who were less than polite or have to explain once again about something about which I had sent many letters, we were able to laugh together. I think our ability to see the funny side of things has bound us together, kept us going and cemented a friendship far beyond a usual working relationship. I am going to miss her more than I can say.

## Lizette clowning around



Our fridge died today which is a huge problem as we rely very heavily on it, even in this I see God's hand as the fridge stopped working when the school closed – it would have been an awful problem if we were still feeding the children! We have many challenges around the school and really need a handyman to tackle maintenance around the school. We are trying to speak to the neighbours about a fence that is leaning dangerously towards the children's play area but without success – these are the three areas of concern as we come to the end of another year.

### Moments of Joy:

Gratitude for Ms Passipamire who took over as 2-iC this year – she has been amazing and has stepped up and sorted day-to-day challenges in the school leaving me to deal with the bigger concerns. Thank you, Edinah!

Watching a little girl who had been quite an introvert suddenly blossom as she learned various dances. She made friends and became so confident when we found her 'strength'

A little girl who brought in her Udobo bag and uniform for me to give to 'a child who did not have money' as she was leaving for Grade 1 at a local school. She was so delighted to hand over the items.

A little boy who drew me a picture every morning and discussed what he had drawn, with me, so special.

One of the Cell groups from Montclair Methodist Church [Mizpah] blessed us with R3500.00 – such an incredible gift given so quietly. I know that God will grow this exponentially because of the love with which it was given.

The realisation that this is such a special place – there is grace here, there is friendship and love, growth is measured in the development of the children and we celebrate their achievements. Most of all this is a place where God is honoured and where we know that we cannot do this without Him.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us, given in any way, visited the school and encouraged us through the year – thank you is such a small word but please know that you are making such a difference in the lives of many families as you enable their children to receive a quality education, good food and have the seeds of love planted in them so that Christ is glorified.

May the birthday of Jesus be celebrated in your homes and the Spirit of God enfold you as we look towards a new year.

God bless you all,

Always grateful,

Anne [Principal]



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### Some of the Graduates of 2019



Receiving flowers



Skippy, The Rev Cole's dog, attends all the church functions



Seasons greetings to all from the Snyders family – all my grandson needs are his two front teeth!!

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