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4th Term Newsletter December 2022

Dear Friends,

This 4th term came upon us quickly this year – the years seem to fly past. I am presently in the middle of taking on new children for the new year. Last year we seemed to have many Grade R children looking for space and this year we need space for Grade RR children. My work is never dull! It is wonderful to meet new parents and many are so interesting and have such hopes for their little ones. Excitingly, many parents have been recommended to our school from other parents.

This term we had a team from our local Mall moving between local schools and doing improvements – we were the only Pre-Primary School chosen and we had our back fence fixed, our drive way tarred in worn areas, our staff kitchen painted and the cupboards fixed. They installed a JoJo tank that holds water, for days when we have no water flow – this is fresh water which can be used to wash dishes, use in the cooking as well as drinking water. They laid a patch of AstroTurf in our front play area where we have our trampoline and climbing area. We paid for people to come in and cut the top section of our big tree so that the gutter would remain open and not clogged with leaves. During the holiday our fantastic, maintenance man, David Scott will come in and paint part of the outside of walls as well as making a new office for T/Lisa. He will paint the walkthrough where we set out our theme table. We were so sad to come back to school after Covid19 and find so many of our wooden shelving eaten by

termites. We are hoping to replace shelving that has been treated in order to set out our containers of toys again.



The tree that has been cut back and the Astro-turf cover

This term we have also finished the curriculum, written reports and prepared for the concert. I had a wonderful surprise from a staff member, T/Simphiwe who has only been teaching this year- she wrote beautiful reports and her children learned the words to songs such as ‘Silent Night’ and they sang the National Anthem so beautifully – these children are mostly 4 turning 5! T/Lisa has been a blessing as she organized so much that I would previously have had to do. T/Toinette has far exceeded what was expected from her little ones – I am so happy with the staff that we have working at the school!!

T/Edinah left us suddenly after 12years and we welcomed a temporary teacher in her place. Rain has been such a blessing and the children took to her and settled beautifully. Rain organised clothes for our Mary, Joseph, shepherds and Wisemen as well as organizing a wonderful tableau for us.

T/Toinette worked with T/Rain to decorate the hall and the place looked stunning.

We have had to say goodbye to our minister with oversight, the Rev Philippa Cole, after 5 years – quite a wrench! I have been acting chair until the Rev Buthelezi begins in the new year. He is a young man with a wife and little baby and I feel that he will be a unifying factor in our church.



The Rev Philippa Cole



Our chef Zanele

We took pictures for the photo pack for the children: the children are so beautiful and have such abilities whether academic, sporty or confident children – we have the compliment from our feeder schools every year as they find our children so ready for school!!



Three of our learners



Heritage Day



Each child received a knitted finger puppet





Teacher Lisa's sister, Carmel, blessed us with a party

We celebrated the Nativity play and it was beautiful. The younger groups Grade RR and RRR were on the 29th November and the three Grade R groups had their Concert and Graduation on the 30th November. The décor was amazing – my staff are so talented!! It was wonderful to celebrate Jesus in this way.



Some of Grade RRRs



Grade RRs singing the National Anthem

The Grade R children had their Concert followed by the Graduation ceremony on the 30th November. This means that they have completed our 'School Readiness Programme' and are prepared for Grade 1 in 2023. This is a very special time for our Grade R children and parents.



Our Grade R children singing



Joan Prenger, our Governing Body Secretary, handed out certificates

My container plan will have to be put on hold until our new minister has settled in January as we will need a piece of church ground in order to place the container.

However, this does mean that our computer area will become viable again – this area has not been attacked by any creatures and so now we need about 8 computers to launch our computer programme again. We want our children to have every advantage as they join our local schools. Action Udobo has kindly offered to help with the purchase of computers and I am so delighted about that.

I thank Action Udobo for their ongoing support that we receive from them – I don't have words to express how much they mean to us. We had a zoom meeting a few months ago and it was so great to put faces to the some of the names we know.

We are still supported by the KZN Fruit and Vegetable Market – they have enabled us to feed our children nutritious meals every day.

My Governing Body – a group of wonderfully dedicated people who support us and make running the school such a pleasure. This year we have joined a Governing Body Organization and it has already been of help to us. Joan Prenger our Governing Body Secretary is a font of knowledge and follows up on things for us. Eric Manicom is an amazing treasurer and has steered the ship for about 10 years. Our Governing Body gives of their time to make decisions for the school and I am very grateful to them.

David Scott and Pierre Snyders have been so good to the school in ways too many to name.

A big thank you to all those who have helped us in any way – we appreciate you!

I feel incredibly blessed and grateful to work at the school and to deal with wonderful people every day. The staff this year have worked very hard to encourage our little ones. The people who support us have been so generous and helpful, I don't always have the words to say thank you so I will say 'may God continue to bless you as you have blessed us'!

A very grateful principal, Anne Snyders

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The graduates of 2022



The Udobo Pre-Primary School staff of 2022

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