



Newsletter
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Thank you very much for your support during 2013!

Vukukhanye Educare Centre

The Vukukhanye Educare Centre, which enrolls 40 children and has been operating since February 2012, will be relocating from early 2014. We are looking forward to a new permanent home on the property of the nearby uKukhanya Kwelanga Junior Primary school (which includes a Grade R facility), close to Christopher Nxumalo Primary School.



"Play is the work of children".
Some of the children at the jungle-gym area

- Christopher Nxumalo Senior Primary
- Ukukhanya Kwelanga Junior Primary & Grade R
- New site for Vukukhanye Educare Centre



Christmas Party - thanks to Fins & Flippers Swimming School



A welcome visit and support from the Key Foundation

Other preschool news



◀ A washing machine for Ekuthuleni Educare Centre in Chesterville Extension 1. The principal of this school of 180 children was ecstatic to receive an almost brand new washing machine to help with laundry.

Suncoast staff treating Okwethu Crèche in Cato Manor to a fabulous Christmas party, which cheered up the whole neighbourhood. ▶

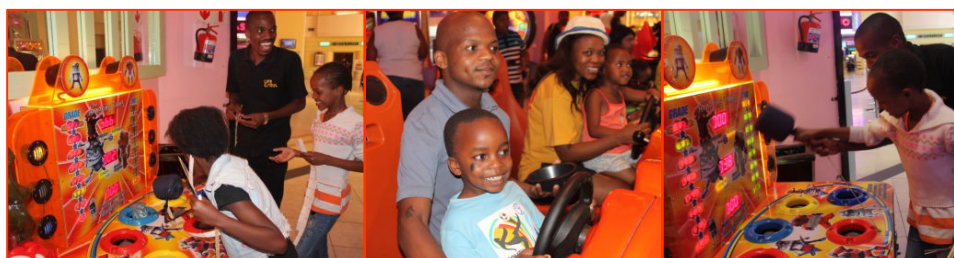


Children's Foster Home

The Home continues to care for 6 children, 5 of whom are at school and Sanele is studying Information technology at Durban University of Technology. Tryphina (Foster Mother) is progressing steadily through her "National Association of Child Care Worker" (NACCW) training programme, which is providing valuable insights. 'Thompsons Travel' and the 'Helping Hands' youth group have been providing very valuable assistance with repairs and maintenance at the home. In addition, a 'Nedbank Local Heroes' grant assisted with repairs and maintenance needs, worm tablets, clothing, pyjamas and underwear and other household needs.

A few recent highlights:

- Dean Has been included in iThemba Lethu's Youth Programme.
- Mlondi received a certificate for the "Best backline player" in rugby.
- Mxolisi is progressing well at The Browns School. At his prizegiving he was the group leader in a recorder performance and received 3 certificates, including a "Good Story Telling Award".
- Kloof Round Table invited the family to "Uncle Jumbo's Christmas Party".
- Suncoast treated the children, along with other children from Chesterville to 2 outings to Suncoast: 'Smurfs 3D' and a Christmas Pantomime.
- Annual FMI Christmas Party!



Christmas party with FMI



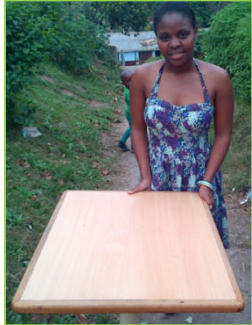
◀ 21 children having a wonderful time with Suncoast staff – 'Smurfs 3D', games and relaxing in the sun

Bursaries

Four new bursars were selected towards the end of 2013 from grades 12, 8, 5 and 1 from 3 Chesterville schools. This brings to 26 the number of bursars being assisted with school (18) and tertiary (8) study. Philile, Tsepo and Sibonelo completed their degrees and diplomas in BSc, Marketing and Civil Engineering respectively this year and we look forward to their graduations in early 2014.



Most of the school bursars with their school uniforms, ready for 2014



Thanks to 'We are Durban' for donating desks which we could pass on to 3 of our bursars, to improve their home studying environments.

We were very pleased to have been able to assist our two Grade 12 bursars with their Matric Dance needs (tickets, clothes, hair etc.).

Other news...

- **220** children were reached in November 2013 – through the Welfare Support Programme, the Children's Foster Home, Bursary Project and those at the Vukukhanye Educare Centre.

- Public address system donated to the office of the Ward 24 councillor.

- A large amount of items useful for sewing were donated to the Siyapambili sewing group, which works from the Chesterville community hall. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Umhlanga and The Oyster Box Hotel. The sewing group is looking for new or 2nd hand sewing machines. Please contact us should you have any to donate, thank you.



- Twenty Chesterville children participated in Sunflower Fund Rope of Hope (Bandana Day) event.



- Suncoast staff spent a morning with the children of the 'Golden Gateway' special needs school in Cato Manor.

