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Vukukhanye Educare Centre

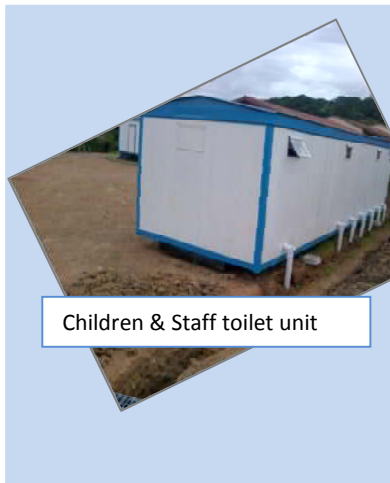
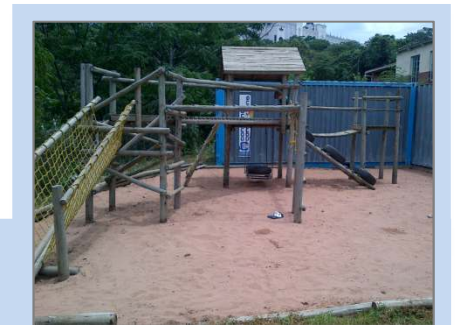


The Vukukhanye Educare Centre has now been at its new home, on the property of uKukhanya Kwelanga Junior Primary School in Chesterville, for one year. The set-up process has been ongoing with some encouraging progress in the last few months, thanks to generous support – the toilet and kitchen units have been fully plumbed and connected to the sewer and water mains (including a gas geyser to supply warm water to the kitchen); the two large rainwater tanks connected with a pump to a garden tap; a large area of instant lawn laid and the jungle gym installed. We are still working towards electricity connection.



Christmas Party, thanks to 'Fins & Flippers Swimming School'

This year the intake of children will be increased to 52, with 46 children (aged 2 to 5 years) presently enrolled in the 3 classes. The children continue to receive healthy breakfast and lunch as well as a morning snack daily. Support from the Starfish Foundation in 2015 will allow us to buy nearly fifty isiZulu reading books to start a school library from which parents will be able to borrow books. In this way we hope to encourage bed-time reading.



Children & Staff toilet unit

Some of the recent improvements to the preschool facilities



Topsoil and instant lawn



Christmas Party at Mazenod Preschool

Suncoast treated the 86 children at Mazenod Preschool in Chesterville to a wonderful Christmas party in December. Suncoast staff have arranged a Christmas party at a different Chesterville preschool each year since 2009.



Children's Foster Home (est. 2001)

The Home continues to care for 6 children, 5 of whom are at school and Thanda who matriculated in 2014. Yaya has been returned to the care of her granny after living at the Home for the 2nd half of 2014. Tryphina (Foster Mother) is progressing steadily through her "National Association of Child Care Worker" (NACCW) training programme and is also attending a parenting course ('Boundaries') at the Westville Baptist Church. The family was treated to two fabulous Christmas parties - IT Centric took them to the New Gemany Nature Reserve and FMI took them to People's Park.



Christmas party at People's Park



CHILDREN IN CARE					
	Name	Age	School	Grade	Placed
1	Mxolisi	10	The Browns School	4	2004
2	Mlondi	12	Berea West Senior Primary	7	2004
3	Dean	14	HP Ngwenya Public Primary	7	2011
4	Nkululeko	14	Westridge High School	-	2014
5	Tracy	15	Durban Girls High	10	2010
6	Thanda	23	Matriculated 2014		2001

A repeat Nedbank 'Local Heroes' Grant has been of great assistance towards meeting the repairs and maintenance and other needs at the Home. Improving the alarm and general security is a current priority, and we are grateful to ADT for sponsoring the alarm monitoring as of November 2014. We are pleased that Tracy was accepted at Durban Girls' High from 2015 and also pleased with the progress the other children are making at school. Dean recently won an inter-school drawing competition – well done Dean!

Welfare Support Project

The aim of the Welfare Support Project is to contribute to the protection and support of orphans and vulnerable children and their caregivers as well as other vulnerable individuals in Chesterville. Vukukhanye now has a new community worker as Hlengiwe has relocated to Gauteng and Nonto is employed elsewhere - we are very grateful for their loyal committed service for the past 6 years, and for Hlengiwe's assistance with the handover to our new community worker, Makhosi. Makhosi has lived in Chesterville her whole life and is well known. Community Worker training scheduled for this year includes a "Lifeline Personal Growth Counselling Course" and "HIV Counselling". Services provided by Makhosi will include the support of vulnerable and child-headed families and families in crisis through home visits, emergency or monthly assistance (food, infant formula, toiletries, household consumables, electricity cards etc.), support in accessing official documentation and grants, and referrals to other organisations. Vukukhanye will be able to provide 2015 school needs (fees, uniforms and stationery) to a limited number of children during the first term of 2015.

Mr. Price donated 140 pairs of shoes to the Starfish Foundation, which were distributed by Vukukhanye.



Suncoast staff donated food parcels to elderly clients of the Mhlinge Society for the Aged.



Suncoast laid on a Valentine's Day tea for 40 elderly from Mhlinge Society for the Aged at the Wiggins Community Hall

Suncoast donated a large amount of A4 paper & other stationery to Christopher Nxumalo Higher Primary School to assist with the schools 2015 needs.

Bursary Project (est. 2008)

Twenty bursars are being supported (13 at school and 7 at tertiary institutions) and four bursars have graduated. A lot of time has been spent since late 2014 arranging their 2015 registration and practical needs (fees, uniforms, stationery and text books) to make sure they are well set for a good academic year.

#	Name	Yr selected/grade	Grade/Level (2015)		School/Institution (2015)
1	Spesihle	2013/1	3	Junior Primary	uKukhanya Kwelanga Junior
2	Mbali	2012/1	4	Junior Primary	uKukhanya Kwelanga Junior
3	Nobuhle	2011/1	5	Senior Primary	Overport Primary
4	Asanda	2010/1	5	Senior Primary	Christopher Nxumalo Senior
5	Abongile	2009/1	7	Senior Primary	Christopher Nxumalo Senior
6	Bhekisiza	2013/5	7	Senior Primary	Christopher Nxumalo Senior
7	Sofia	2011/5	9	Secondary	Umkhumbane Secondary
8	Neliswa	2013/8	10	Secondary	Chesterville Secondary
9	Nonsikelelo	2010/5	10	Secondary	Overport Secondary
10	Nothando	2012/8	11	Secondary	Chesterville Secondary
11	Siphiwo	2009/5	11	Secondary	Umkhumbane Secondary
12	Thembinkosi	2009/5	11	Secondary	Umkhumbane Secondary
13	Nolwazi	2011/8	12	Secondary	Chesterville Secondary
14	Thandeka	2010/8	1	Dip Elect Eng	Central Technical College
15	Slindile	2009/8	2nd yr	B. Soc. Sci	UKZN
16	Thabiso	2009/8	2nd yr	Tech. Fin Acc	DUT
17	Siyanda	2013/12	2nd yr	B. Com.Acc	UKZN
18	Ntobeko	2012/12	3rd yr	B.Com.Acc	UKZN
19	Z'busiso	2011/12	3rd yr	B.Com CHE	PC Training College
20	Thabile	2013	2 nd year	Nursing	Nursing & Primary Health Care
1	Thobeka	2009/12	FINISHED	Nurse (Netcare)	Looking for job as "Staff Nurse"
2	Philile	2008	FINISHED	BSc Biol Sciences	UKZN, Masters 2015
3	Sibonelo	2010/12	FINISHED	Civil Engineer	TGC Engineers
4	Tsepo	2009/12	FINISHED	Marketing	Suncoast

School bursars with stationery and uniforms



"Chasing Gold – Mathematics is not a monster"

The Rotary Club of Westville sponsored the cost of the hire of two busses to transport Grade 8 learners from Chesterville High School to a special theatre production entitled "Chasing Gold – Mathematics is not a monster". The production is aimed at encouraging a positive attitude towards Maths.