



Newsletter 2 – To all our Verlorenkloof Owners, Friends and Guests

I can hardly believe that the second term has already passed. So many things have happened during this term.

Our babies are all crawling, and some are well on their way to start walking. As they reach their milestones, the crèche keeps adapting inside to accommodate their safety and play area. You cannot believe how smart these little ones are. These toddlers can count to 10 in Sepedi and to 5 in English. They know their age-appropriate colours and shapes. They love singing and dancing. Teaching takes place in their home language and I speak English to them so that they can also learn another language. Some of the 3–4-year-olds have started greeting me in English when they arrive at school. You just want to hug them for being so teachable and smart. In the meantime, I'm also learning to speak Sepedi. I'm getting there but definitely not as fast as these little people.



Our teacher assistants are both studying. Maria is busy with her ECD qualification, Linah is going to complete her Matric so that she also can qualify herself as a teacher. We are super proud of these two ladies. Martha, our baby carer, is amazing with our babies, and I have learnt so much from her since we've been working together.



We want to thank all the people who help us to accomplish our vision. Those who contribute financially and those who provide educational toys. Please know that it is much appreciated.



Our focus for the 3rd term will be to develop our outside play area.

We must erect a safe **jungle gym**, **sandpit** and **swings** for the physical development of the children.

REASONS:

Sandpit: Helps to develop gross motor muscles by digging, pouring, sifting, and scooping sand. Children use their upper bodies and arms in ways that many of their other toys do not require them to move.

Jungle gym: Children who regularly play on jungle gyms develop and learn to utilise their large muscle groups. They become aware of the capacity and strength of their muscles, how to manoeuvre their bodies in the most proactive ways, to coordinate their movements smoothly and of course to learn to balance themselves effectively.



Swings: Promote fitness and whole-body awareness through actions such as leg pumping, and they offer opportunities for children to engage in sensory rich experiences that address rhythmical movement and stimulate the vestibular system – critical in developing balance and coordination.



INVITATION:

If there is anyone who would like to support us by donating toys for outside play, maybe an unused jungle gym, fencing to fence off the little play area for the babies and the 1-2 year olds. Small slide and swing for the 1-2 year olds and a Sand box we would appreciate it so much.

We would like to invite the owners and visitors to come and visit our little school.

Visiting days are during school terms : Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:00.

Should you wish to visit the crèche during the school holidays, you are welcome to arrange at the info desk and a viewing visit will be arranged with Magriet.

Warmest regards in this cold season!

Magriet and the Hlokomela staff