

THE SHINING STAR

SHINE

RISE UP. RAISE UP OUR NEXT GENERATION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SHINE



NAMPACK AND BOUNDLESS VISIT SHINE CENTRES

Nampack and Boundless representatives visited our centres to monitor and encourage our Youth Team. It was good to see the "faces" behind our sponsors and for them to see their impact in action!



HR DISCUSSION - 7TH JULY 2025



Mercia Patience gave up her morning and prepared an extremely interesting lecture on HR in the business world. She helped with ideas on CV preparation as well as how to present yourself in an interview. The Youth enjoyed the informative talk and responded with questions and comments for discussion.

SCHEDULE TALK 10TH JULY



Ricky had a great discussion and intervention with the Youth regarding schedules. All present learnt a lot and had some great ideas to apply to their lives.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBY BISHOP....



It is with deep sadness that we say goodbye to Debbie, whose passing has left an emptiness within our organisation. She was taken from us far too soon, and the shock of losing someone so young and full of life is something we are still struggling to comprehend. Debbie was our bookkeeper for more than 15 years and became a good friend over the years. She was more than a work colleague, she was a source of energy, creativity, and kindness and nothing was too much to ask of her. Her contribution to our organisation was immense, not just in the work she carried out, but in the spirit with which she did it. She gave wholeheartedly, led with compassion, and inspired us all to live selfless lives. We will remember Debbie for her unwavering dedication to SHINE, infectious enthusiasm, and the warmth she brought into every room. She had the rare gift of making everyone feel seen and valued, and our organisation is stronger because of the legacy she has left behind. Though Debbie's time with us was far too short, we hold onto the good memories and her passion for social justice. We are grateful for the privilege of having known and worked alongside such a remarkable person. Rest peacefully, Debbie. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten.





RESULTS!



For Your INFORMATION

MID YEAR ASSESSMENTS

As anticipated, our mid year assessment results were mind blowing!! Our learners coped very well and scores reflected that we make a huge difference! In just five months, we changed the projectile of the learners in our programme. We started the year with most of our learners "AT RISK", with very few learners "ON LEVEL". After scoring the assessments, we have very few learners still "AT RISK" and most learners "NEAR LEVEL" or "ON LEVEL".



Thank you to our Volunteers, Staff and Youth for the many hours of reading, clapping, encouraging, listening, writing, playing and GIVING..... You are seen and appreciated!



FORMAL DAY
@ LAKESIDE

BOOK
CHARACTER
DAY



YOUTH DAY
@ LAKESIDE

dressed to impress

Stachli and her Team participated in a few fun days....Formal Day, Youth Day, Book Character Day. Lakeside Primary SHINE Team - you sure do impress!



WHAT SHINE HAS MEANT TO ME...

KEONISHA SAYS: " SHINE has totally changed my outlook on life. I could never have imagined myself working with children, and not only that, but touching and inspiring each and every little soul I come into contact with. It is not only work, but a safe haven, a very special place where we get to share memories, life and we grow day by day."



STAFF SAYS:



MEGAN SAYS: " What SHINE means to me is exactly what it describes in the dictionary: "to give out a bright light". That is exactly what our programme is all about. For the three years that I have been in this programme, it has been one of my best experiences - to work with little humans and reate special bonds which help them grow. SHINE is definitely something worth living for!"



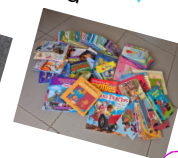
TEACHERS APPRECIATION DAY

It was a fun day of appreciating the Teachers of our schools. The theme of the day was "Being the coaster - being the support" The Teachers were encouraged by a talk that Ricky put together, pointing out the similarities between Teachers and coasters! We then helped the Teachers create their own coaster out of clay. They had the opportunity to mould, form and shape the clay, just as they mould, form and shape the lives that they teach every day. We chatted and laughed together over refreshments and eats - they really felt special as they left the centres with their unique creations.



FUN AT THE CENTRES!

Thank you to **Dadswell** and **Charmaine Vught** who both donated piles of books for our library. We also added to our variety by purchasing books at Markets, the Cat Project and SPCA.



LEADERS AND STAFF MEETING

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATED @ GOEDEHOOP!!



BRING A CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY



THE TERMS IN NUMBERS...

Results for Term 2&3:

At **Goedehoop** we are assisting
324 learners!

	Jan 2025	Mid Year 2025
At Risk	209	11
Below Level	89	62
Near Level	18	95
On Level	9	110



**READ
LEAD
SUCCEED**

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

At **Lakeside** we are assisting
158 learners!

	Jan 2025	Mid Year 2025
At Risk	82	12
Below Level	66	21
Near Level	4	61
On Level	0	55

**Learning
NEVER
Ends**

**LEARNING
is a
CONTINUOUS
LIFESTYLE**

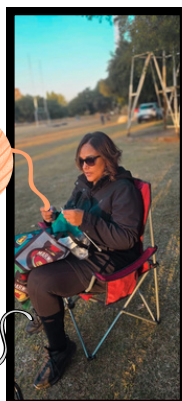


KNIT A SQUARE!



We had a KNIT-A-SQUARE drive!! There were plain squares, multi-coloured squares, bright and bold squares, crotched squares, patterned squares.....A WHOLE LOT OF SQUARES!! Our Volunteers donated these squares and loved the idea of blessing others in need apart from the reading programme. We were able to donate 8 blankets to HOPE IN CRISIS, which is an NPO helping local people that have been affected in emergency situations. Thank you Lesley-Anne from Hope In Crisis for accepting the blankets and we look forward to hearing how our HEARTFILLED blankets helped situations.

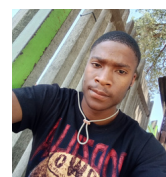
KEEP KNITTING.....WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!!



WHAT SHINE HAS MEANT TO ME...



LESEGO SAYS: "SHINE has reminded me of the importance of family and unity. It has given me more patience with the children and life in general. SHINE has helped me improve my vocabulary through the reading that we do every day!"



ACKNOWLEDGE

ESIHLE SAYS: "Working at SHINE feels like coming home, where I am surrounded by a family that supports and loves me unconditionally...everyday! It is more than just a job - it's a place where I have grown, learnt and thrived. I am thankful for the numerous opportunities that were given to me, despite my lack of experience when I first started. As a Tutor, I am living my passion by working with children. SHINE has provided me with invaluable experience that is shaping my future. I am grateful for the trust they have placed in me, the opportunities they have offered me and the love they have shown me. SHINE isn't just a workplace...it's a platform where I can be myself, pursue my dreams and make a difference in the lives of others."



Do you have
something to
share?
We would love
to hear from
you!!

REMEMBER - EVERY DONATION HELPS - WHERE CAN YOU HELP?

ALL SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME - WE ARE AN NPO AND SURVIVE ON DONATIONS!

BOOKS NEED COVERING IN CONTACT ADHESIVE TO PROTECT THEM!

**TAKE HOME BOOK LIBRARY NEEDS BOOKS!
SPONSORSHIP OF A STAFF MEMBER FOR A YEAR!**

**WORK
TOGETHER!**

VOLUNTEERING AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME TO IMPACT A CHILD'S FUTURE!

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