

THE SHINING STAR SHINE

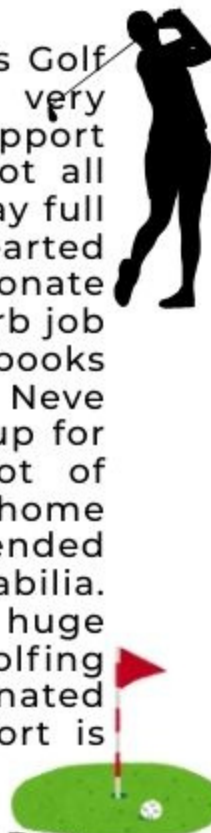
RISE UP. RAISE UP OUR NEXT GENERATION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SHINE



We had a most enjoyable day out on the State Mines Golf Course in Brakpan. Many fourballs braved the very overcast and dreary looking day to come and show support to SHINE. Although there was not much rain - not all dodged the few drops we did experience. This is a day full of sponsorships, donations and extremely kind hearted people! We had a table where the golfers could donate money for new books - Lesego and Megan did a superb job in collecting cash! We look forward to buying new books for our Take Home Libraries in our centres. Ricky and Neve were stationed on the 9th hole - and they had a TV up for grabs!! Closest to the pin WON the TV!! A lot of disappointed golfers, but ONE very happy guy went home with the stunning TV! Prize giving and Pizza supper ended the fun filled day, with an auction of sporting memorabilia. We raise an amazing amount of R92 500 rand! A huge "Thank you" to each person that gathered their golfing friends, gave sponsors details, donated prizes or donated cash. We only do this once a year and every effort is appreciated.

Let's start thinking how we can improve for 2026 Golf Day - any suggestions are welcome! We also would like to start early in the new year with prize collecting, Company interest and money raising ideas.



Grade 2 and Grade 3 Year end Assessments

Our centres were A-BUZZ with learners coming in to do their end of the year assessments, which we ran from the 27th - 31st October. Thank you to Ricky and Stachli, as well as their teams for getting this week to run as smoothly as it did. There were many other events happening concurrently and they held it all together as usual! The results show the great work that SHINE is doing and the Volunteers, Staff and Youth impact is very evident. Each year it seems as though we will never be able to make a difference when we see the huge need of the Grade 1 intake.....yet every year WE JUST DO IT!!!! We see more confident learners not returning and we see the ones still needing a little extra assistance, staying for their second year. So we say goodbye to all the Grade 3 learners that were with us for two years.

AT GOEDEHOOP AND LAKESIDE WE HAVE MANY LEARNERS DOING VERY WELL IN THEIR GRADE 2 YEAR WITH US AND A FEW LEARNERS REJOINING THE SHINE TEAM IN THE NEW YEAR.

Couldn't have done it without you!

GRADE 1 - NEW INTAKE FOR 2026

We also conducted the Grade 1 Assessment for the entire group of Grade 1 learners - the results were (as expected) quite an eye opener! We will definitely have our hands full in 2026.

We will be having a Volunteers Workshop Gathering early in the new year to recap on the Curriculum for the first Term. This is different to Term 2, 3 and 4.... Date to follow via whatsapp!



BOSS!
THANK YOU MIKE FOR ALL THAT YOU DO IN ORGANIZING THIS DAY!





GRADUATION!



Lakeside Graduation was held on the 31st October and there was much excitement in the air as the learners were treated to the beautiful decorations of the Lakeside Awards Evening held the previous evening. They were proud and honoured as they walked onto the stage to receive their certificates. Ashley did a talk about the impact of SHINE in her life. There were two learners who recited a poem and all of the SHINE learners sang the Graduation Song with much enthusiasm! It was very special to share the day with the volunteers that joined us in handing out of the certificates.

GoedeHoop had their Graduation Day on the 10th November. The learners were excited to be acknowledged and were very proud to receive their certificates. There was nearly a FULL HOUSE of volunteers that supported this special day! The children loved spotting “their SHINE Teacher” and vigorously waved at them from the front. Neve shared what impact SHINE has on her life, Mike gave his vote of thanks and Ricky encouraged us all.

Congratulations





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ALOHA APPRECIATION DINNER

On Monday the 10th November all our Volunteers, Staff and Youth were treated to an evening on the Isle of ALOHA! The theme of the evening was WE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY! The decor was set, the Slow Lounge was available and the flight took off to an amazing start. "Chicken or Beef" menu requests were taken as the smooth landing took place. For a moment we all thought that island living was real! The evening progressed with fun, games and laughter. There was a tangible atmosphere of love and belonging as each table scurried around trying to photograph different items on the Scavenger Hunt list. The balloons floated above the tables amid the loud shrieks of excitement. The ALOHA game was challenging, as we had to be quiet and listen carefully for the words called out. The question of the day was "Who is the ice cream vendor?" Only to find out after dinner that Ricky and Stachli were very capable at that task.

The casual "street food " dinner vibe of DELICIOUS burgers (chicken or beef) kept everyone busy while enjoying each others company around the decorated tables. The speeches and words of gratitude hit home as we listened to the gratitude and encouragement of our Leaders. There were giggles, aha moments and even a few tearful moments. Each team member received a Certificate of Gratitude as well as a MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE from their specific Leader. ICE CREAMS on the Island were good as the ice cream Vendors rang their bell loudly, weaving through the beach goers. It was fun! Thank you to the SHINE Board and THRIVE Church for supporting and being with us in this important mission. The Pilot's announcement message, which started the evening, drew the evening to a close. Our Team left the Island and the Departure after a relaxing SUMMER HOLIDAY!

P.S. Can you spot Mike's shirt on this page??

REMEMBER - EVERY DONATION HELPS - WHERE CAN YOU HELP?

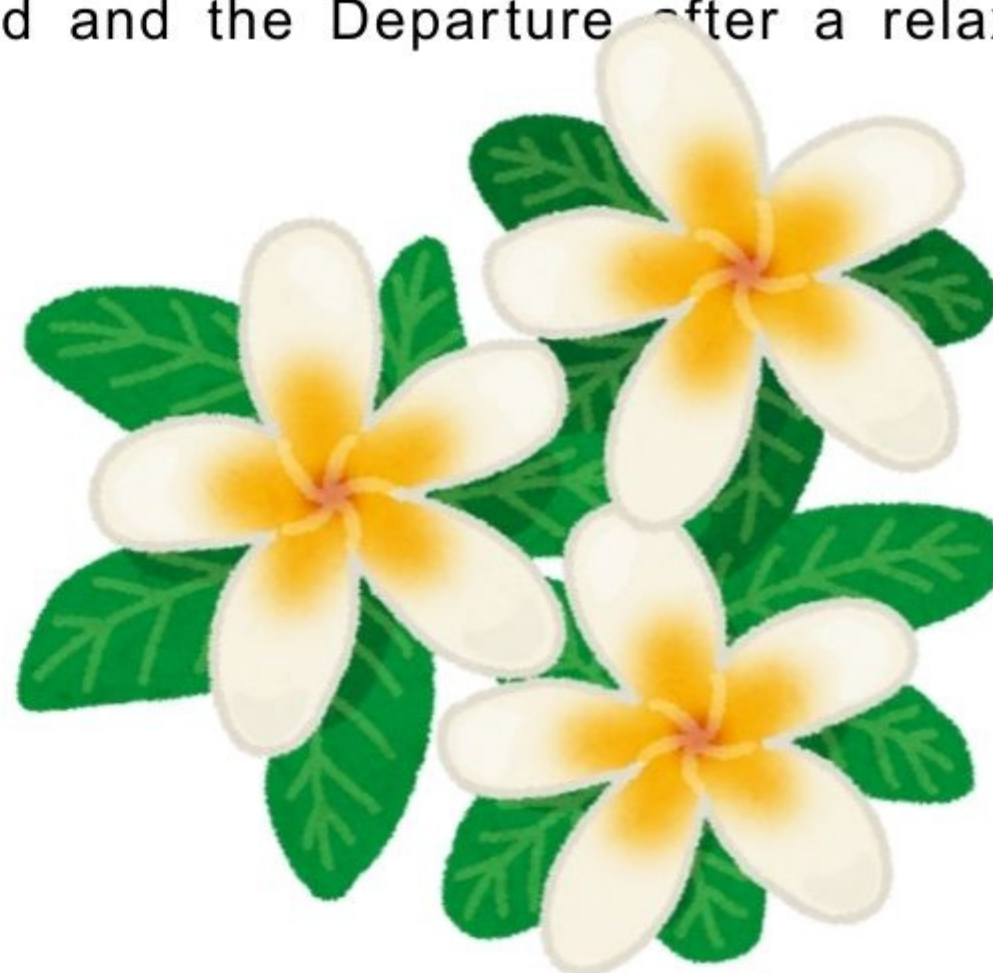
ALL SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME - WE ARE AN NPO AND SURVIVE ON DONATIONS!

BOOKS NEED COVERING IN CONTACT ADHESIVE TO PROTECT THEM!

TAKE HOME BOOK LIBRARY NEEDS BOOKS!

SPONSORSHIP OF A STAFF MEMBER FOR A YEAR!

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



MUCH
appreciated

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