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The school is based on Isaiah 32 verse 2 and aims to bring hope to the hopeless



This is the second Newsletter from the children of Dihlabeng Christian School. This time the editorial team (above) has been helped by a few other members of the school.



The pupils of Dihlabeng Christian School - February 2007

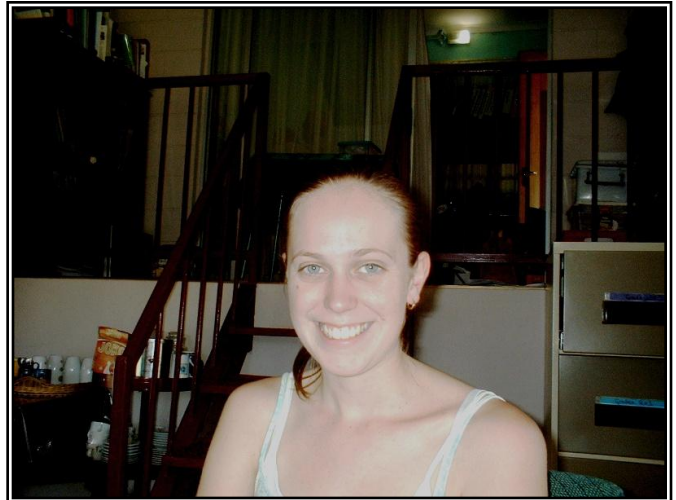
New Teachers at Dihlabeng

We would like to introduce you to some of our teachers, 4 of whom are new to the school this year.



Gabby Radebe

This is Gabby Radebe. She used to teach at another school in Clarens, but is now teaching Grade 3 at Dihlabeng. She will be with us until the end of next term when she will be on maternity leave.



Interview with Katie Van den Heever by Moleleki

Katie is nineteen years old. She moved to Clarens because her parents came to help at the church. She lived in Pretoria, and before that she lived in England. Her vision is to be a teacher and to work with small children. She worked helping Margaret's class once a week in 2006. She says the children at Dihlabeng are friendly and that they always say 'hello'. She says her passion is to teach different children and to serve God.



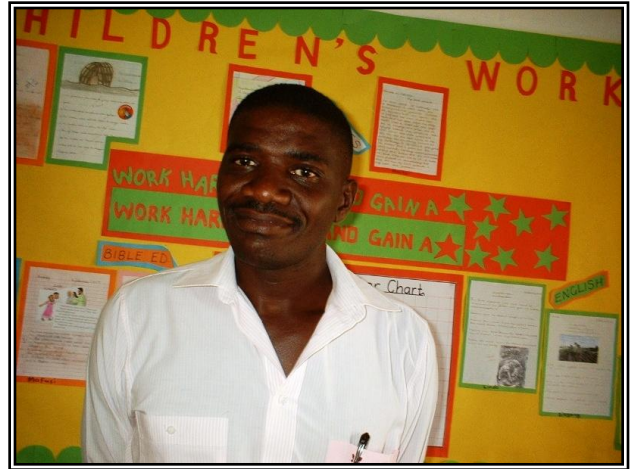
Pontsho Koti

Interview with Pontsho by Thandi Mashinini

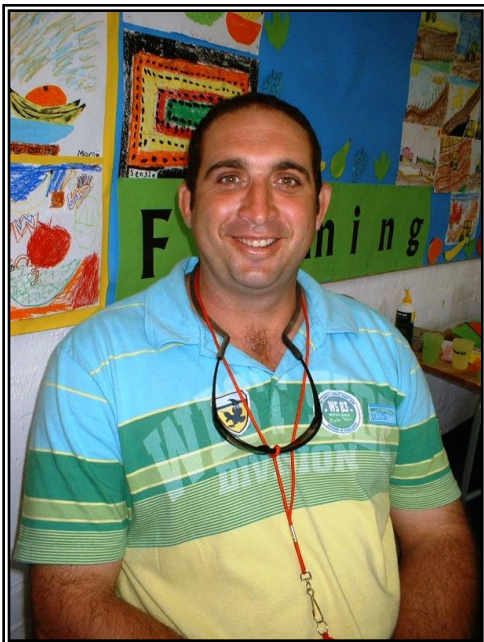
I interviewed Pontsho Koti who is teaching Grade R as an assistant. She wants to become a professional teacher. She has a very big family of three brothers and two sisters. She has one child and she likes spending time with him. She loves to cook. She first lived in Clarens, then moved to North West and after eight years she came back to Clarens. The vision for her life is being a teacher and serving God. She chose to be a teacher because she loves children. She enjoys working at D.C.S and she finds the kids and the staff friendly and enjoyable. She says she finds D.C.S like home. She is into gospel music and when she was at school she did stage drama, so she likes stage drama. She loves reading; her favourite author is Catherine Marshall and her favourite book is 'What happens when women start praying.' She likes spending time with the staff and the kids. Her favourite foods are meat, rice and Greek salad. She loves wearing brown and black clothes. She spends most of her time reading.

Interview with Anyway Muviyi by Naledi Matutle

I interviewed Ntate Anyway Muviyi. He is teaching one of the Grade five, six and seven classes. He told me about himself. He loves singing and he is married. He told me what made him move to Clarens. He said because he wanted to teach at a Christian School. He was living in Zimbabwe. His vision for his life is to serve God for the rest of his life. He chose to be a teacher because he loves the children. He said DCS is so good because it is a Christian environment. He said he finds some of the children are good and some are naughty. His passion is music and to worship God. He heard about how DCS started and he said it is so amazing how it has grown so big and he wishes it all the best.



Anyway Muviyi



Kobus Basson

Kobus Basson by Adam Oliver and Siso Buthelezi

Kobus is teaching Grade 4. This is his first year in Dihlabeng School. He grew up in Kwazulu-Natal in a town called Pongola and he used to live in Port Alfred in Kwazulu-Natal. God opened doors for him and his family to come to Clarens and to teach here. It was his heart's desire to teach here. He wants to finish his studies preach the gospel and contribute to the school. He wants to help children, families and teachers. He likes the children in the school for their special characters. He loves rugby and fishing. His passion is rugby, teaching and outdoors. He wants to stay at DCS for a long time and contribute to the school.

Class Themes This Term

Grade R Theme - Themselves - by Siso Buthelezi

Grade R have been doing a theme about 'Themselves' this term and they learned about the names of each part of their bodies. They learned about hearing - they learned about things that are loud, and some that are quiet. The children had to taste different kinds of fruits and they had to close their eyes and guess what they were. They had pots with different smells in and they had to say which smells smelt the same.

Grade 3 Theme - Weather - by Thandi Mashinini

Grade 3 learnt about the Weather so that they understand the four seasons and so that they know what clothes to wear when it is Spring, Autumn, Winter and Summer. They learnt what kinds of food they would eat in those four seasons. Everyday they filled in their March calendar to say what the weather was like. If it was sunny they drew a sun. They learnt about how the sun helps them, how the wind helps them and how the rain helps them. They have also learnt what to do if there is heavy rain and if there is a strong wind. If it is very hot and sunny for example, they have learnt to go under a shelter.



Thandi and 'Lanner'

Grade 4 Theme - Food and farming - by Adam Oliver

Grade 4 are doing a theme on Food and Farming and are making their own little farms with partners. They've done their own drawings and are doing the lifecycle of a chick. They are doing the verse Luke 4:4 'Man cannot live on bread alone but by the words spoken out of God's mouth.' They are also growing seeds such as tomatoes and carrots with partners. They are growing vegetables on a small piece of land next to their classroom to sell to go on a camp.

Grade 1 Theme - Painting - by Moleleki Tshabalala

Joanna explains what the children must do and the children find their work easier. The children do stories from a book and then write their own stories. The children like painting and they type out what they did about their painting. The children do their theme work in one group while the others play. Here are some of their 'Sunflowers'.



Grade 2 Theme - Animals - by Sibongile Dhlamini

Lizzie chose Animals as the theme for her class this term because animals can be found easily and we find them around us.

They are studying farm animals and have learnt about pigs and sheep. Sheep eat grass in the field and the pigs eat all kinds of food.

Grade 5,6,7 MG class outing to the to Drakensburg - by Adam Oliver

RAPTOR SHOW

Grade 5,6,7 MG visited the Raptor Show and we saw a Lanner Falcon, Long Crested Eagle, Black Eagle, Spotted Eagle Owl, Fish Eagle and a lot more. The Black Eagle is a big eagle. When you can't see it with your naked eye it can see your pupil! We learnt that birds of prey that fly fast have little yellow dots in their nostrils to keep their lungs from popping when they are going up to 300 kilometres an hour.

SWIM AND PLAY

After the Raptor Show we went to a park with trampolines, swimming pool and a water slide. A lot of us got sunburnt but we had a lot of fun. You could go so fast down the water slide.

DRAKENSBURG BOYS CHOIR

The boys choir was brilliant. They did some African dances like the gum boot dance. It was great fun until we had to go home the journey was very long it was very boring.

MY IMPRESSIONS

The whole thing was just amazing it was so much fun. The thing I liked most was the birds and the swimming.



Adam and Thabiso peeling peaches.

We held an 'Entrepreneur Day'. Margaret's class picked peaches from her tree, peeled and bottled them, then sold them. They also made jam. They raised R431!

The other classes also sold cakes, biscuits etc. Gabby's class sold plates of chicken and pap, and they did well too. We made quite a lot of money that day and it was good fun too!



Selling our lovely jam!

'Homeless' Project

In March, sixteen Grade 6 and 7 pupils from each of the two local schools, D.C.S. and Mojalefa Primary at Golden Gate, in conjunction with Red Oaks Primary School from Swindon UK, joined together in a project to find out what life is like for a homeless person. They tried to visualise and experience many of the difficulties and challenges faced by the homeless.



Thapelo and Lindo Making a Shelter

'We learnt how to distil water from a muddy pond, so that we would always have clean water to drink. We tried to create make-shift shelters to protect us from the weather. We were going to spend the night in our 'temporary homes', built on the school's football field, but strong wind and pelting rain flattened them! That left us in no doubt as to what life is like for the homeless.'

Moleleki Tshabalala wrote about what he had learnt that week, 'Homeless people do not know when they are going to get a house. Sometimes they sleep in corners of houses. Often they use plastic to build their shelters. Some people get to be homeless by running away from their homes. They take a sleeping bag or what they use for sleeping and it is quite sad. They build a house and then the strong bad wind, rain and snow, and sometimes fire burns the house down. Some build houses out of plastic and wood that can easily fall over or burn which makes them more and more homeless. Homeless people get sad, angry and scared. People who are homeless feel left out and hated, but God has a plan for them.'



Visitors from England

We had visits this term from pupils and teachers from Red Oaks Primary School in Swindon UK and a team of visitors from Biggin Hill Christian Fellowship. They brought with them 'The JC Rival Crew' - a team of puppets. We had lots of fun with the puppets and made many new friends! The puppets also visited the other schools in Clarens and The Orphan Family to tell the children about the love of Jesus. The team from BHCF also spent time building a new strong fence around part of our school grounds.

Thank you so much!



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