

NEWSLETTER



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NET VIR PRET

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. We celebrated the month of love by having activities where our youngsters did something out of love for someone else. This ranged from making cards for the loved ones at home, to having performances with a focus on love for your friends. In this issue we will dive a bit deeper into what happened at Net Vir Pret during February. Enjoy!



Our After Care Programme had a busy month. Most of the activities included performances and storytelling. Here you can really see the imagination taking over. Every Thursday the activity would be to develop a short play. With the guidance of the Interns, they came up with the most wonderful stories which they performed in front of the class, which at times can consist of almost 80 youngsters. You see big improvements in confidence as our youngsters develop.



Puppetry Highlights

A revised version of our Day of Reconciliation Performance called Moving Mountains was performed at The Arts Carnival hosted by Railton Foundation in Swellendam. Our performers were on point and delivered a wonderful puppetry display

This is only the start of touring our shows!

The revised version

- All though our director cut some of the scenes, we were still able to deliver a performance where the essence of the story remained. So all in attendance could witness the great puppetry skills in the Giant Crow and Giant Leopard. Even our youngsters were great in their costumes as little sheep

- We want to thank Ukwanda Puppetry Collective at The Centre For Humanities Research at UWC for the creation of our giant puppets. We also want to thank Railton Foundation for inviting us to such a wonderful event. Last we want to thank all the performers for once again giving their utmost best.

“Dominee and Constable”



Look! The constable and the Dominee aim to shoot down the crow. They believe Koos Sass, our main character, turned into a crow. They want to shoot him down. They managed to catch him, with the intention to cut off his tongue and clip his feathers.



Our Visit To Genadendal

On February 24th, the team of Net Vir Pret with friends from the UK, visited the Genadendal Museum in Genadendal. What a good experience for the crew to go on an excursion, which brings us to why we went.

We believe that there is still much to be explored in the traditions of the KhoiSan, and we are eager to pursue these deeper stories and to bring them to the forefront when we deliver the giant puppet performance on the Day of Reconciliation. So make sure to tune in.



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Ancestral Tree

Some of the ancestral trees were on display. Clarisa Jonas, one of our staff members, found the tree of her ancestry

IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE



Teachers of colour

Genadendal is known for producing the first coloured teachers. A memorial board is dedicated to them at the museum as seen in the picture above

WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT

THE NEXT MONTH



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Staff Support

This year, our senior staff was in charge of developing a safe space and activities for the youngsters. They were then joined by our interns and Young Leaders. It is always wonderful to see how much effort is being put in.

The month of March spelled one thing, Holiday! To be more precise, School Holidays. And this is what we were preparing for. Like all the school holidays, Net Vir Pret developed a programme for our youngsters where they can be stimulated and fed during the day. This time we divided our spaces into four. We had the sports field, the Net Vir Pret centre, an open playing field and the local library as part of our plan.



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At the sports field, we focused on all the sporting activities and how to keep our youngsters active. This included soccer, rugby, netball, traditional games and obstacle courses. The youngsters participated in all the activities. This identified the need for more sporting codes in our community. Not only did the youngsters participate, but our Young Leaders led by example and this allowed the youngsters to join in by seeing their leaders partaking in all the fun.

At our other venues, we did developmental activities. From designing pottery objects to creating small seedling bottles to help the growth of plants. We covered a wide range of activities to keep our youngsters engaged. By rotating them day by day, this proves to work very well as all the youngsters, no matter their age, got the chance to participate in all we had to offer for the School Holiday.





HOW TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANISATION 03/24

At Net Vir Pret, we do realize that without support not a lot of these programme will be possible. We also acknowledge that support can come in various forms. Some will donate funds and others will volunteer to be hands-on at our centre. Whatever the case may be, we do really appreciate all the support we are getting. But we all know that without funds, some of the programmes can't operate. These funds will secure materials and expertise that will ensure that our youngsters are being developed in the correct manner.

We have different ways for you to support what we do. Please take some time to visit our website where you can be up to date on what we are doing, or our Facebook page for day to day updates on what is happening and also Snap scan, a new method we acquired to help with smaller on-the-go donations. We do have a Back-a-buddy campaign where you can make donations. If you wish to keep yourself anonymous while donating to our cause, Back-a-buddy is the perfect place for you. See below for our website and SnapScan



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Our Website

On our website you can read about what we do in the community and on the surrounding farms. You can also watch some of our videos with direct links to our Youtube page. Here you can also make a donation and share your email.

You can also check out our Facebook page where you can easily get in contact with us. We love the engagement.

How you want to engage with our centre is up to you. We're looking forward to working with you.



Snap Scan

As stated above, SnapScan is a new method we're introducing to make smaller donations as easy as possible. It takes up to R25 to support one child a day. By getting these smaller donations, it places us in the position to make sure our youngsters receive developmental activities and have a nutritious meal everyday. Donations received via SnapScan are paid directly into the Net Vir Pret account, so make sure to add a reference. Please provide us with your email address so that you are added to our list of Friends receive our newsletters.