

NET VIR PRET NEWSLETTER

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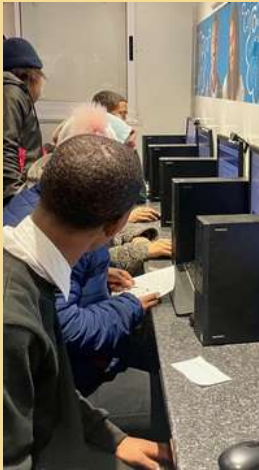
WELCOME!

We want to welcome you to our monthly newsletter. Here we will explore what our centre has been up to in September and what our plans are. Please stay tuned and read through our letter. Please make sure to check in with our social media pages to engage with us.

Major Event

Net Vir Pret Parents Meeting

We will look at the parents meeting we had to try to ensure that we have reached more people so that they can advise students to come to Net Vir Pret help to planning their future.



Riel Dance Fundraiser

We will look at the fundraiser our riel dancers did to support the Weltevrede Primary School. What a wonderful day it was. So stay tuned to enjoy the story of the youngsters dancing till the dust stands tall.



September Holiday School

We take a look at our one-week September Holiday School Programme.

What we did with the youngsters and how it added to the End Of The Year Parade and Performance.



PARENTS MEETING

On 12 September we held a parents meeting at Net Vir Pret to share what we have to offer in support of students planning to take the next step in their scholastic career.

The few parents that attended looked at a powerpoint presentation by our Interns and were advised to motivate their children to come to Net Vir Pret.

THE POWER OF STUDY

Looking back at last year's matric students, we were shocked to learn that although all 30 students passed the examination only one went on to further study. This was troubling information knowing that the unemployment rate is so high. So we are stepped in to try and get as many students as we can to apply for tertiary studies.

To date, we've been visited by 7 students and have managed to get them all registered. We've also provided support with the NSFAS bursary application. Not all parents can afford tertiary studies but it is not the end of the world. We look for ways for student to find financial aid in order to embark on their journey.



September Holiday School 23 - 27 September 2024



GVB Talk

On the Monday, the older groups took a walk to our local caravan park where they were greeted by the Grootvadersbosch group who did a talk on plant life. We linked it up with our theme and asked questions about the Riverine Rabbit and its habitat.



Building Puppets

On Tuesday our groups focused on implementing the information they gathered and began to build their small puppets. They also structured their performances which were set to be performed on the Friday. It was amazing to see how creative they are



Friday Performance

At the end of every Holiday School Programme we have a performance which indicates what has been learned during the week. The oldest group presented a play and the three younger groups all prepared a song

We want to thank The Grootvadersbosch team, and Pascal from Sanbona, our external partners, who contributed to our programme.

Our Young Leaders were actively involved like always and we want to thank them for their support. We also want to thank MOD and their team who engaged in sporting activities with our youngsters.



Sanbona Visit

On Wednesday, Pascal from Sanbona visited the Centre to talk to the groups about the life cycle of the riverine rabbit. She spent more than 20 minutes with each group. Her presentation was very well received and helped in the creative process for the performance on Friday.



Thursday Play-Day

On Thursday the groups continued building their puppets and prepared a song or play. It was wonderful to see the high energy of all the groups. We also had our music teacher on standby to assist with the songs. This made us look forward to the Friday where all the groups would gather and watch the performances

Boschendal Performance '24

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT OUR TRIP TO BOSCHENDAL AND WHAT WE DID!

On 22 September, a group of our performers traveled to Boschendal. This was our 3rd year at Boschendal where we delivered a parade and sang some of our songs. This all happened on the 24th of September.

In collaboration with CHR at UWC and the Ukwanda Puppetry Collective, Net Vir Pret was able to deliver a stunning performance with the children and young people there.

Our group ran a full-day workshop during which the children of farm workers built their own puppets for the parade and also taught them the songs which will be sung.

It was wonderful to see how easily the youngsters grasped the songs and to hear them sing with a lot of pride on the day of the parade. We also met some of our funders and could interact with them during that time.



To Share is to Care!

THE END OF YEAR SHOW - THE NEXT STEP

As stated many times before, it was one of our director's dreams to take the End-of-Year Show or a part of the show to other places. Having a partner like Boschendal is a great way to get our show on the road so that more people can see the work we do.

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The Weltevrede Fundraiser

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT OUR RIELDANCE TO RAISE FUNDS

Peter Takelo, who has been leading our work with children on the farms, helped to organise an event to showcase our riel dancers and to raise funds for the little school on Weltevrede. What a great event it was.

The event was well attended with parents and grandparents joining in to enjoy the day with their children. You could clearly see how the elderly experienced a flashback moment and some were in tears as they looked on to see their youngsters dance. Three schools participated in the event and Peter stood out as the master of ceremonies.

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Akkerboom Best Dancer

LOOK AT THAT!

Not only does Akkerboom have a good senior team, they also have very good junior dancers. The girl in the picture won best single female dancer. She was awarded one of Net Vir Pret's hand-crafted trophies.



Weltevrede Special

WELTEVREDE MADE SURE TO WIN SOMETHING

To restore the tpride of the Weltevrede school, this boy won the best single male dancer. This boosted the morale of the team and parents. They will definitely try to improve on this.

Welcoming Visitors to our centre

Sudonia attended the Masana wa Afrika launch in July where she made friends with people in the same line of work who visited in September. They represented the Breede Valley APD, an organisation based in Worcester that focuses on developing youngsters with disabilities. It was wonderful to show them our Centre and what we do.



It is always special to have visitors. The best way to show people what we do is to have them here. Most times, videos can only tell you so much, but to experience it first hand is totally something else. So we encourage all to visit our Centre and to see the amazing work we do in the community and on the surrounding farms.



- Here the group of ladies poses with Sudonia Kouter

NET VIR PRET NEWS

FOR OCTOBER '24

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

BARRYDALE IN BLOOM

Net Vir Pret is set to have a table at the annual Barrydale in Bloom market. Here we will aim to sell our craft, textile, woodwork, pottery and string art.

RIELDANCE IN KOO

The Net Vir Pret Riel Dance group and the Akkerboom Riel Dance group will attend the annual Riel Dance Festival in KOO, 40 KM out of Montagu, to display their skills

CAPE TOWN WORKSHOPS

Herman is set to leave for Cape Town to further his knowledge of puppet building. He will be joined by two other staff members in November where they will present our story and puppets at the Unima international Conference in Cape Town.

PREP FOR THE SHOW

We are now set to focus all of our energy on the end of the year Show.

IF YOU WANT TO VISIT

We encourage visits by the public. Do not hesitate to visit us at.

08 Renonkel Avenue, Barrydale

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IMPORTANT DATES

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Unima Conference in Cape Town

DEC

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Giant Puppet Parade and Performance

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