

Newsletter



JUNE HOLIDAY

Here we will have a look at what happened at our centre during the month of June. We will look at the holiday school programme we had and the farms we visited to deliver our programmes there as well. Stay tuned and enjoy the content. Please share as widely as possible. We love meeting new friends.



JULY'S NEWS

July marks the beginning of the preparations for the end of the year show. Here we will keep you updated on the progress. We have also employed new Interns and welcome them to our centre. We wish them a successful journey and hope they will learn as much as possible while being with us.



Card Payments

Something to remember. We now have our own Card machine for your Market sales. This will include the sales of all the products our community members create at our centre. The funds will be paid into the Net Vir Pret banking account and we will split the funds 50/50 between Net Vir Pret and the crafter.

THE HOLIDAY SCHOOL

FROM 24 JUNE TILL 13 JULY 2024



The First Week

In the first week we were active here at our Centre and worked with the kiddies from town. Our theme was Walking Tall, with a focus on creating animal puppets that represent a tall presence in the animal kingdom. Our youngsters created puppets and a story that they presented to the other groups on the Friday.

The Farm Schools

Lentelus Primary school

It is always a pleasure to visit the farm schools and this time did not disappoint. In the second week of the holiday we visited Lentelus and the last week we went to Lemoenshoek Primary.



The Engagement on the Farms

The engagement with the youngsters and the people on the farms is always a heartwarming gesture. It is evident that the youngsters on the farms are always very pleased to see us.



Lemoenshoek

What a place to visit. After COVID, our reach to Lemoenshoek had stopped and this year we started visiting them again. During the holiday you could see the excitement in the eyes of the kiddies and the adults who were always ready to assist where necessary. We want to make sure that the youngsters there get the same opportunities as those in town. And we did it.



MARKET DAY 29 JUNE 2024

Since the start of the Skills Development Training, it has been important to develop products that we could sell on the Saturday Markets and so we did. As part of empowering the creators we decided on this occasion to give 100% of the income via sales to the persons who created the products. So we took the cushion covers from our Textile group, our bread trays from the carpentry and the newly added Baskets that are being woven by Johan Majola and 4 CWP members. Due to the cold winter mornings and cold days, the market was poorly attended but we are aiming to have a presence again the next time.

Next time when we will be even more prepared. An observation made by our quality control partner Michelle Berry, advised us to get a card machine. She noticed that Tourists sometimes don't have cash on them and thus are demotivated to buy some of the products. They simply do not have the time and energy to go to an ATM to draw money. So to avoid this we acquired a machine to better our chances of selling products. In July it arrived and is fully set up for the next market day. So please if you are in the area, pop in to Karoo Daisy and see if there is anything you like.



Herman For Training

It has always been a dream for Peter Takelo, the Director of Net Vir Pret, to see one of our members go for training in puppetry building. This July, Herman went to Cape Town for a month to work closely with Ukwanda Puppetry Collective. Here he learned new methods of building and how to make the puppets more sustainable. He was asked to assist in the building of the herd of puppet animals that will travel from Morocco across the Mediterranean then all the way across Europe to Norway. It was a wonderful experience and we can't wait to see him in action as he starts with the puppets for this year's production.



Sudonia Attends Launch

Sudonia attended the launch of Masana Wa Afrika. Previously known as the Elma Foundation, who are a longtime supporter of Net Vir Pret, but have relaunched with the new name and has invited all the organisation that they support. Sudonia was nominated to represent Net Vir Pret at this event in Johannesburg. "What a wonderful event" she said. She was very pleased to be able to connect with more organisations in the sectors similar to ours and to learn from others who have attended the launch. The audience was very pleased with the video which introduced them to Net Vir Pret. It even got an applause.

Get in Touch With Us



We are all about engagement and we invite all to visit our centre to get first hand experience of our work. Please do not hesitate to visit our centre.


In the Community

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