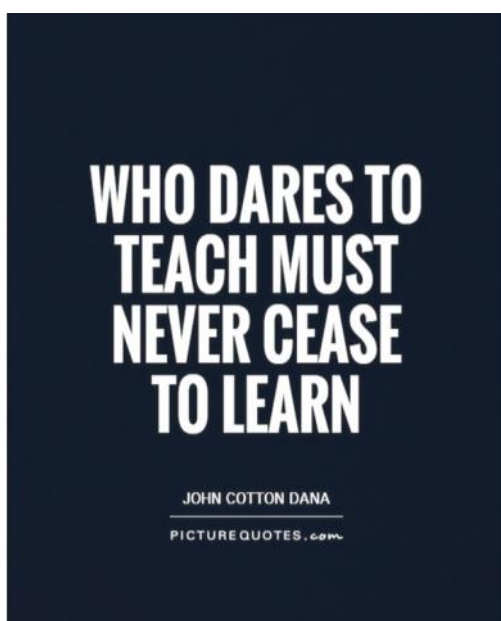




Newsletter (Sixth edition)



Paying tribute to Khulani's staff

by Fran Torlage

Khulani ECD is blessed with a wonderful team of women who teach, nurture and care for the children entrusted to them on a daily basis. Each one of them, when asked what they love most about their job, responded without hesitation that it was all about the children:

- "Being around the children. I think about them even when I am not at work. They are forgiving and loving"
- "Interacting with the children...nurturing them and watching them interact and socialise"
- "I love children, being with them makes the job easy. They are fun, loving and there is no hidden agenda. I enjoy seeing them develop and learn, each at their own pace"

- "Working with children is stress-free, they learn a lot each day"

During 2019, significant investment has been made in Khulani's staff through providing both internal and external training opportunities. This is aligned to a key objective: that Khulani be regarded as a centre of excellent and quality education. The aim is to develop a culture of striving for continuous improvement in all areas:

- A great success has been engaging the skills and expertise of Jennifer McQuillan, a talented and passionate ECD practitioner and consultant. Jennifer has shared her knowledge and wealth of experience in this field willingly and generously through training sessions and hands-on workshops (often including the children) with the staff. She has also been a sounding-board and source of sound and practical advice on education-related questions and queries.



Mashudu Nwanamidwa, Bellah Monyeki, Jennifer McQuillan, Patricia Mdawonde, Violet Ngakanyane,

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- Bellah, who has a wealth of experience in the early learning context, started a two-year course offered at Heronbridge College's outreach centre, and is benefitting from both the theoretical and practical knowledge she is gaining, to complement her experience.
- Violet attended Lego training which incorporates Lego play in teaching and developing skills and understanding of concepts in creative and exciting ways

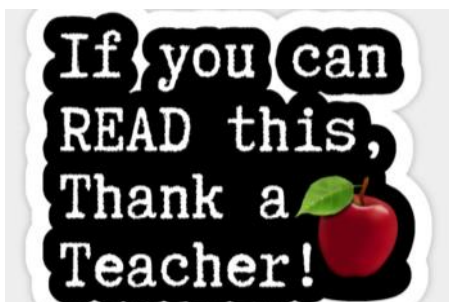


- Violet & Patricia learnt about fire safety & fighting fires, ensuring the safety of all on site in the event of such an emergency occurring
- All staff attended a requisite First Aid course

We are deeply grateful to the two volunteers - Taylor de Beer and Naledi Kubayi - who have assisted and provided back up this year, and it would be remiss not to acknowledge them and the vital role they have played in keeping the cogs turning at Khulani. They have been an immense help, particularly on days when Staff members have been off-site for training. They too have shown a deep care and compassion to the children of Khulani and, Taylor, who will be moving to Durban in the new year, will be sorely missed by all.

Training plans for 2020 include Bellah completing the Heronbridge course, more Lego training for both Violet and Mashudu, and computer skills training for all staff.

The journey continues and so does the learning...



Message from the Staff

2019 was a great year, we started our year with over 40 children in both classes. We are very happy to see Khulani growing and empowering the children of the Diepsloot community.

Once again, we are very thankful to our sponsors and the management who work tirelessly to make Khulani a success. Last but not least we would like to give our gratitude to the Khulani parents who are always there when we need them.

Our second graduation was a great success. Thumbs up to the school committee and all the parents involved. We are looking forward to 2020 and we bid farewell to the outgoing class. We wish them all the best in their journey going forward.

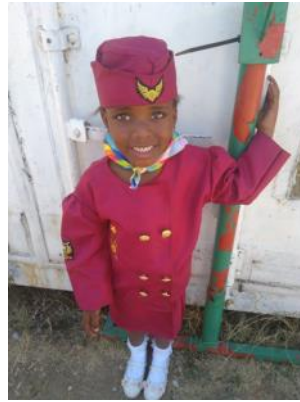
We wish our beloved sponsors, management, parents and all our lovely Khulani ECD Kids

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



When I grow up I want to be....

Occupations Day 2019



by Heather Garrett

Occupations Day 2019 was held on 14 October. It is always a fun day with the children dressing up as what they want to be when they grow up. Chosen careers varied from fireman to doctors, air hostesses to businessmen.

This year the teachers also arranged for some of the parents, and other members of the Diepsloot community to come and talk to the children about their careers.

A big thank you to Monica Khumalo (tailor), Gloria Mashiane (social worker), Zimkhitha Mafumane (hairstylist), our own kitchen manager Patricia Ndawonde (chef) and two of our carpentry students for sharing your time and expertise with the Khulani ECD kids.

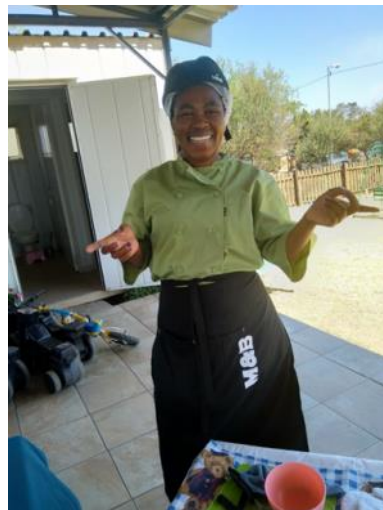
During their time at Khulani ECD the children have also been exposed to various other occupations via:

- the themes that they study each week e.g. air transport and pilots, pets and vets, etc.
- visits to the site by professionals e.g. last year on Mandela Day the on-site mobile clinic arranged for a dentist to check all the children's teeth.

It came as no surprise then, when at the graduation ceremony this year, various careers were mentioned by the graduating children in response to the question 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'

The Khulani ECD graduates are keen to tackle the world and conquer it as doctors, dentists, vets, pilots, farmers, fire fighters, policemen, teachers...the future is in good hands!

Many thanks also to the teachers for arranging such a special Occupations Day



Khulani ECD Year End Concert

The Concert from my Perspective

By Aldon Karshagan

As educators teaching the kids in ECD's and people involved in the overall running of an ECD, we are not always sure of the impact and change that we have on the young lives that we touch. This is more so within the context of Diepsloot with so many other social challenges affecting the young kids and in turn negatively affecting their schooling which should be prioritised.

On 16 November 2019 we got a small glimpse of the impact we at Khulani ECD are having on the kids of Diepsloot when we held our end of year concert and graduation ceremony.

There was excitement in the air as the kids couldn't wait to get onto the stage and show everyone what they had learnt. The parents were also very excited (maybe a little nervous) to see their little angels performing.

It started with a heart-warming rendition of the national anthem followed by a beautiful narration of the Christmas nativity. As our theme was "Under the Sea", the kids performed energetic dance routines to yellow polka dot bikini and other lively music routines.

It was then time to slow things down a bit and acknowledge our graduates for 2019 who were all looking so smart in their graduation gowns and caps. Each one had a turn to introduce themselves and say what they wanted to be when they grew up, from policemen to vets and dentists to farmers



and even a pilot. We have no doubt a smart group of graduates who are going to take on the world.

Khulani ECD has once again in 2019 through its emphasis on quality foundational education produced beautiful, well balanced and equipped kids who are able to succeed through their future school careers. All involved, teachers and staff, can be proud of what has been achieved and the impact made in the lives of all the kids attending Khulani ECD.

By Lucia Proctor

On Saturday, 16 November we had the privilege of attending the Khulani-ECD Graduation. Such an honour to spend the morning with such talented and inspiring young children.

The future is bright in South Africa, so many future doctors, nurses, lawyers, policemen and pilots. May all your dreams come true. A huge congratulations to the teachers and sponsors who make this school such a special place for these young children on a daily basis.



and Graduation Ceremony 2019



By Brian McLean

Khulani ECD opened its doors on a warm and sunny summer's morning to a hall that was packed with parents, siblings, friends and a refreshing number of St Mungo's church members for the pre-school's annual concert in Diepsloot.

The programme kept our attention through catchy music, snazzy outfits and a lovely sea and beach theme!

We were left with two key observations from this fun-filled event:

- The parents are clearly SO happy and appreciative of the quality of education that their youngsters are receiving
- Our former minister at Diepsloot, the Rev Mukondi Ramulondi was in the audience and the joy on his face throughout the occasion was palpable – after all, the notion, the planning and the creation of Khulani ECD was his response to requests from his community to provide such a facility.



Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the staff, the parents and especially the kids for such a joyous morning!

By Shirley Dey

On Saturday 16th November I attended the ECD Christmas Concert and Graduation Ceremony.

I loved the singing of the National Anthem which was performed by the Busy Bees [3 year olds] with so much enthusiasm.

The Christmas concert which followed was full of cute, energetic 5 year olds and was enjoyed by all.

The Graduation Ceremony was taken much more seriously by the children who all looked very dignified in their gowns. They were presented with their graduation certificates and a book. I was encouraged to hear their future ambitions and dreams expressed. If in approximately 20 years' time all goes well according to the class of 2019 South Africa will have Doctors, Vets, Dentists and Pilots graduating.

The morning highlighted the important role the ECD provides to the Diepsloot community.



Special Times



Spring Day



Sports Day



Sand play



at Khulani ECD



Heritage day

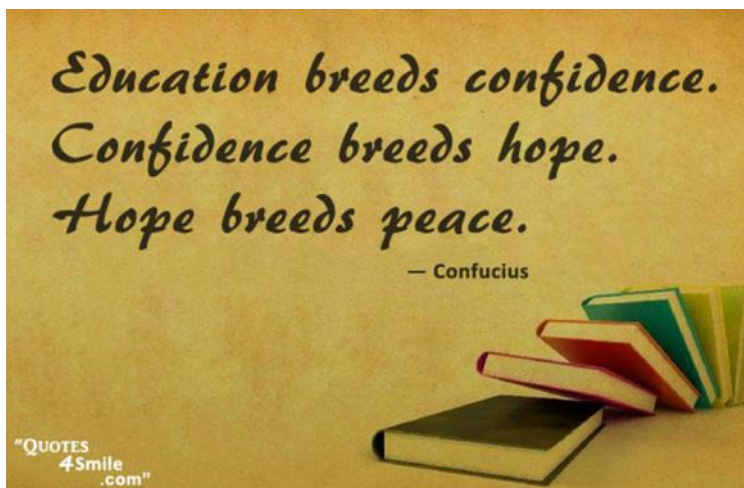
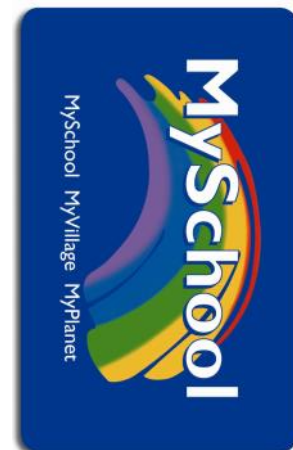


Pyjama Party



How you can help?

- Continued prayer
- Donations to help fund the shortfall between costs (salaries, food and other consumables) incurred and fees collected.
Our bank account details are: *Standard Bank, Fourways Crossing, acc.no. 03-636-631-5, ref: ECD: your name*
- MySchool card - Khulani ECD is a registered beneficiary of the MySchool programme.
 - If you do not have a MySchool card, application forms are available, on request, at the Social Action table and we will gladly assist you with completing these forms.
 - If you already have a My School card consider adding Khulani to your beneficiary list.



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