



Newsletter

May 2014

FIRST VISIT TO NEW SCHOOL

In January, Maripe High School was the first of 29 schools to visit the new Timbavati Foundation Environmental School.

The new School has made it possible to double the number of students attending the school each week to 16. Our first group of 16 students was from Madizi Secondary School.

If you'd like to hear about the experience of one of the teachers that attended you can watch this by clicking on the YouTube icon above.



DEATH OF CHIEF MNISI

We learned with shock and sadness of the passing of Chief Mnisi early in January. We extend our condolences and sympathy.

PROJECTS COMPLETED 2013/2014

NETTED GARDENS

We erected three netted gardens at Paulos Ngobeni School, Diabo Moripe and Seroba Daycare centres in the first quarter of 2014. All these institutions are in an extremely poor part of Acornhoek.



PHELWANA CLINIC

A donation of R40000.00 was made to the clinic for the provision of medication.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE

A donation of R50000.00 was made for bursaries.

A REQUEST FROM HLUVUKANI HEALTHCARE CLINIC

Indigenous trees have been donated and other items are under consideration. Thank you to Mrs S Blatherwick for the large amount of trees donated to us.



PHENDULANI HIGH SCHOOL

Mr Clifford Mdaka of Phendulani High School received a donation from the Foundation to help complete their sanitation facility as well as the installation of a Jojo water tank. This will ensure a reliable water source in the future.

Dear Trustees

Thank you so much for your email. I must admit that I am out of words to express my excitement and surprise that this world still has people of kind hearts like the Leadership of Timbavati Foundation.

Kind regards



SEHLIKISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was decided last year to help solve the water problem at the Sehlikise Primary School. A donation of R20000.00 was made to help in the sinking of a borehole. We are delighted to announce that they now have a reliable source of water.



Dear Sir / Madam

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The SGB (School Governing Body), the SMT (School Management Team), our learners as well as the community of Sigagula village is thanking you for giving us life (because to us water is life). The donation that you made towards the drilling of a borehole gave us moral support needed to continue with our mission towards the realization of our vision. Because of your financial support a borehole has been drilled and water has been found.

Thanking you again for also teaching our learners. Your thoughtfulness and wonderful spirit is being appreciated. You have put a smile on the faces of all the people / organisation that I have mentioned above.

Kind regards

Mr. E.M Ndlovu (Principal)

Mr I Khosa (SGB Secretary)

VISIT FROM WESSA (WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA) AND K2C.



The staff of the Timbavati Foundation Environmental School were privileged to host Mr Chris Galliers, Lemson Betha, Claire Warner and Ggomotso Modiba from WESSA.

Accompanied by students of Sokisi Secondary School, they visited the Timbavati Museum at Chimanimani.

The Foundation together with other non-profit organisations, including WESSA, had a meeting at the K2C biosphere to map out projects that are focused at the rhino poaching problem.

The following areas were highlighted:

- * Gain insight into methodologies and materials applied.
- * Identify schools that are being/have been engaged.
- * Lessons learnt to date - what works, what doesn't.
- * The way forward - pooling of resources and capacity.

OPEN DAY FOR PRINCIPALS

We arranged with the teachers and principals of our 29 secondary schools to attend an open day on the 11 of April at the Environmental School. The purpose of this day was to discuss the program that we follow with the students at our School and also the Netball and Soccer Tournaments that will take place later this year.

PHELWANA LODGE STAFF VISITS US

The purpose of their visit was to learn what we do at our School in order for them to promote the Foundation to their guests for possible future donations.

VISIT FROM SANPARKS

Mr Auswell Machavi, Aitken Makhense, Lufuno Sihadi and Lindy Thuma from Sanparks stayed over for a night to experience what our students does every week.



HELPING RHINOS

Mr Simon Jones (Founder and Chairman of Helping Rhinos) UK representative of South African National Parks, Trish, Jacques and Letitia from The Timbavati Private Nature Reserve also came to visit us. The main purpose of their visit was to promote what we are doing for our communities in and around Acornhoek and also future possible donations.



APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR

Ronnie Makukule attended the Bush School in 2012.

Through hard work and enthusiasm he won a bursary to study at the SAWC.

Here he completed a Bridging Course in Nature Conservation.

We're proud to announce that he has been appointed as an Environmental Monitor tasked with environmental awareness programmes at schools in the Acornhoek area.

We're sure you will do a great job Ronnie!



BURSARIES FOR 2014

Herewith a photo of our two students that have been awarded bursaries for 2014 at the Southern African Wildlife College.

Kgaogelo Sebuyi, Tlayishego Pebane



RECYCLE, REDUCE AND RE-USE

We're proud of the fact that we adhere to our own policy.



Also with the provision of vegetables to our students out of our own garden.



A CHALLENGE OF A DIFFERENT KIND

The heavy rains produced a new set of challenges for the staff of the Foundation. The Guernsey road was virtually impassable. We'd like to thank Matumi Lodge for their help.

We'd also like to thank Pierre de Villiers from Phelwana Lodge and team for cutting the grass around our fences and the maintenance of the roads.



THE GATE TO THE TIMBAVATI FOUNDATION ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL HAD A FACELIFT



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