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newsletter from the **Vlakteplaas skool** De Rust - South Africa

A great South African success story! Vlakteplaas UCC Primary School

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*A forgotten community in
the Swartberg Mountains*



life



food



water



classroom



school

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A first hand from far away Holland reaches out...

March 2005

*A new school rises
in the Karoo landscape*



January 2006

Grateful children say Thank You!



The next three years many international donors contribute to establish a landmark school.



In 2004 there were a staff of three. Today they are eleven!

From left to right:

Ellna Snell [Cook], Alida Kammies [Cook], Esmerelda Snell [Baby minder], Linda Felkers [Gr 5, 6 & 7 Teacher], Thelma Agulhas [Gr 3 & 4 Teacher], Berenice Philander [Secretary], Sannie Britz [Principal and Gr 1 & 2 Teacher], Neels Coetzee [Music Teacher], Andries Snell [Caretaker], Shariefa Wolmarans [Gr R Teacher], Johanine Loyd [Crèche Teacher].

We gratefully acknowledge, the support of our many, many contributors

In this issue we recognise but a few



John Willemse en Jenny van Alten,
very first Dutch supporters.



Helga van der Meijden,
*a major sponsor of
our music department.*

Yvonne Keuls,
*raised finance for
building the
creche, clinic and
caretaker's house.*



Lex van Vught,
*chairman Tiger Brands,
sponsors our kitchen's
groceries - on a special
visit to the school.*



Maaiké & Marcel Burger,
staunch KarooCare members.



Our building team constantly at work: Johan Basson,
Marius Makwena, Manie Japies, Jonathan Langeveld,
Denzil Nuiwenhuis, Klaas Galant and seated Douglas Menzo.

Maryke Visser, Ternesia Dreyer
and Glen Mitchell,
*senior Shoprite Checkers management:
sponsors of our school uniforms.*



The joy of music, enters the hearts of our rural children



Again we make history. Three months ago Helga van der Meijden reached out and financed a range of musical instruments.



Vlakteplaas became the first rural school to teach music; the essential magic to enhance kids' development. At year's end we'll have a full performing orchestra.

Our music teacher

Our dedicated music teacher, Neels Coetzee, is an acclaimed concert pianist. KarooCare Holland funds his honorarium.



The real heart of our success

A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body!



Tiger Brands again, a major food corporation in South Africa, supports us with large monthly supplies of groceries - rice, dry beans & peas, tinned foods, jams & peanut butter, etc.

Numerous individuals, organisations, schools and clubs in Holland, contribute toward our kitchen operations via **Stichting KarooCare**. It presently provides our school and creche children with 155 hot meals daily, and it finances most of the fresh fruit, vegetables and meats, as well as the salaries of our cooks, and other expenses.



We salute them all



We've opened a next new door to the future



Our Creche is in full swing...



The wheels are rolling....



Foundations Karoocare London, and KarooCare Holland, donated two buses specially tailored to our needs - one for the daily transport of our toddlers; and one used only for special sports and cultural outings.

Foundation iThemba Antwerp, magnanimously sponsors the fuel and maintenance of the vehicles.



Andries Snell, our trusted chauffeur.



The future awaits ...

And as life begins anew a Community Centre for all our people takes shape. The first step is our clinic at the school for local outpatients. The mobile nursing staff testify this facility as to be the best in our rural communities.



In the next KUDU we'll report on our

- magnificent new netball/basketball court;
- new butchery;
- paved parking bays;
- concrete concourse and driveway;
- new special BabyHouse for six to twenty-four month old babies - specially fitted out and supported by Nestle's South Africa.

Finally, we however salute Roger and Greta Vande Wiele, who design, edit and publish the KUDU without any remuneration whatsoever. How fortunate we are to have such friends!

Jans Rautenbach



We have a saying in the Klein Karoo: "When it rains the desert blooms..."

A Koningkandelaar (Brunsvigia) bursts forth as a few drops refresh the barren earth.



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