



GRAAFF REINET OUTREACH PROGRAM



The Prescient Foundation has been committed to supporting educational initiatives in the Camdeboo community for the past seven years. After the government confirmed its decision to close all farm schools in 2018, the Prescient Foundation together with the head coordinator of the farm schools, Hanli Rose-Innes, committed to introducing various courses/workshops to assist learners with the transition to their new schools while continuing to uplift the Graaff-Reinet community.

The outreach programs, spearheaded by Hanli Rose-Innes, are making good progress. To date, two chess meetings and one art junction has taken place. The schools involved have shown generous support by arranging free transportation for the scholars as well as allowing the tournaments and junction to be held in the school halls.



Art Workshops

We are excited to announce that Janet Kingwill, a farmer's wife and artist from the farm Grand View in the Murraysburg district, has agreed to facilitate all four art workshops for the year. The first workshop took place in March 2018 and covered the concept of Notan drawing.

The workshop included some theoretical tips from Janet followed by an outdoor practical where the scholars used big black permanent markers on white cardboard to create their own Notan drawing. In addition, each child was given a permanent marker and some cardboard to take home to practice their newly acquired skills.





The learners will be participating in an Eisteddfod during the second term where we hope to have an exhibition showcasing all of their completed art.

We look forward to the next workshop, on charcoal drawings, that will take place on Friday, 01 June 2018.

Chess Meetings



Graaf Reinet Primer and Kroonvale Primer were the participating schools at the second chess meeting that took place in March. The meeting included a tutorial on chess etiquette and also covered various strategies to consider when playing.

Hanli Rose-Innis commented: *"We practiced the first eight moves and then stopped them to ensure they grasped the concept. We then looked at forks and pins and skewers in chess and had a practice session on that. They had to call us every time they achieved one of these moves and we rewarded them with sweets. One little girl had a pile of sweets by the end of the session. Next, we taught them how to do a laddered mate. They practiced it and then had the opportunity to play friendly matches against each other, where they could implement all that they had learned. It worked very well. They had fun, there was no competition and they learned a lot".*



Union High School generously arranged free transportation so that a few of the primary school learners could attend an open chess tournament in Middelburg. The tournament serves as trials for the national chess championship and we're delighted that some of the scholars have been invited to attend the second round of trials taking place in August.

In addition, 78 learners from neighboring schools attended a friendly chess tournament that took place on Monday, 14 May 2018.



First Aid & Safety

The first two seminars on First Aid and Safety were hosted by Ethnie Hufkie and Jenny Clark. Jenny is a retired trauma nurse and Ethnie a retired school teacher.



In one of the seminars, the girls learned how to bandage an arm using a sling in the case of an accident.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ART WORKSHOP

The next workshop on charcoal drawings will take place on Friday, 01 June 2018.

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