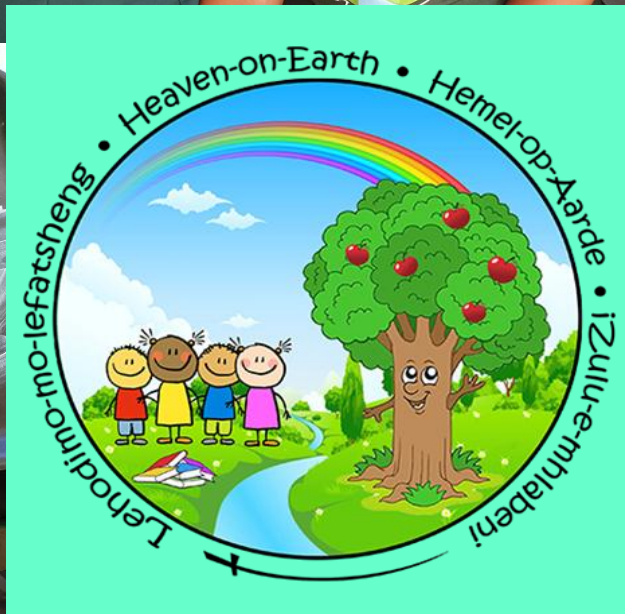


Heaven on Earth Project (HOEP) Newsletter





"If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to."

Firm Foundations

The main objectives of HOEP are:

- (a) Quality early remedial intervention, so that every young learner on the programme can be school-ready by the end of his/her Grade R year.
- (b) Sharing the Word of God with every child on the programme.

We are so grateful that our sponsors support us in strengthening both arms of HOEP.

Above: The trees in the Cape were once again a breathtaking explosion of red and yellow, orange, brown and gold this term! What a wonderful opportunity to teach the little ones that seasons change, but that Jesus' love for us remains the same (Hebrews 13:8)!



Top, left: By making cute crafts, we were also able to share the following messages with the learners:

- **Juice box cell phones.** We can talk to Jesus at any time of the day or night. He is never too busy for us (Jeremiah 33:3).
- **Paper cup houses.** When Jesus is the foundation of our life (house), it will withstand all storms (Matthew 7:24-27).
- **Toilet roll candles.** Let your light for Jesus burn strong and bright, so that everyone can see His love shining through you (Matthew 5:16).

Top, right: The children we work with grow up in extremely dangerous areas. During the term we taught them certain life skills by using rhymes and art:

- **Tear and glue fire. “Don’t hide, go outside!”** Children get scared when they see fire and try to hide under a bed or in a cupboard. We teach them that they shouldn’t hide - they should try to get outside as soon as possible.
- **“Fall and crawl”.** We teach them that flames consume the upper layers of oxygen first. If they quickly crawl to the door, they will still be able to breathe, because the fire hasn’t consumed the oxygen near the floor yet.
- **Take five for safety.** Through this art activity, the children learn to be safe from malicious strangers through rhymes such as: **“Yell and tell!”**, **“Don’t take a sweet from a stranger you meet”** and **“Go with buddies you know”**.

Early Remedial Intervention

It was a term in which so much growth could be seen in the learners! They understand instructions and are already starting to work more independently. Below: Learners working diligently on concrete level:



Each activity addresses a specific motor or perceptual skill.

Below: Maths is great fun!



Below: From concrete level, we move to abstract level, where the skills initially practiced through games, are now reinforced by completing assignments in the HOEP workbooks. The learners are so proud of their work, and we are so proud of them!



Below: Language is developed in creative ways! The learners' participation in conversations, reasoning skills and the expansion of their vocabulary are encouraged through interesting, theme-related activities, as well as through beautiful theme tables.

As with the development of all other skills, it is very important to us that language enrichment is first presented in a play-based and interactive way, before any work is done in the workbooks.



Impact

HOEP's Early Remedial Intervention Programme is currently implemented at 120 schools/crèches in the Western Cape and 5 schools in Limpopo. **3 348 Learners** (4- to 6-year-olds) are being reached on a weekly basis and **199 educators** are being empowered weekly.

In addition to our quarterly assessment data, as well as external measurements (which will be conducted by external assessors again towards the end of the year), confirmation by various role players, as seen in the feedback messages below, is a very important cornerstone of impact measurement for us:

Dear HOEP Team,

On behalf of the children, staff, and parents of **Hope of Africa ECD**, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful jerseys you have provided for our children.

Your generous donation has done more than keep our little ones warm this winter. It has given them dignity, a sense of belonging, and a visible reminder that they are loved and seen. For some of our children, this is the first jersey they have ever owned — and the smiles on their faces say it all.



ECD Support

"We have been thrilled with the incredibly positive response from the ECD centres towards the Heaven on Earth Project (HOEP) support that Shoki is bringing each week. The learners are loving the work-books they have received, and the teachers are appreciating all the enrichment and structure the programme brings."

Top, left: Screenshot of a What's app message from the principal of Hope of Africa ECD in Delft, Monica November. Top, right: Quote from Colin Vincent (Chief Executive Officer, XL Education)'s recent Newsletter.

Highlights of the term

In the clouds, over the moon!



Above: It was a huge highlight for our HOEP team to be able to start online training during the term. It felt like we were flying past the moon on Artemis 2! However, the excitement stems from much deeper than just the hybrid training sessions – it is part of a Godly vision, given to Campher many, many years ago, that is now confirmed!

HOEP in Ga-Maja



Above: Our HOEP tree in Ga-Maja (Limpopo) already has five leaves: Thlakodisa Educare, Mokoena Maja Educare, Mologadi Educare, Makgeila Educare and Bokgobelo

Mphakanyane Primary School. Shoki Mashitisho attends her HOEP training sessions online every week and then trains the teachers at these schools to present the HOEP programme in their own classes. All glory to our Heavenly Father who allows this tree to grow and bear fruit in the far north of our country!

HOEP/ROLA/PROJECTS PERFECT Collaboration



Above and below: What a joy it was to team up to give Busy Bzzz Crèche in Firgrove a child-friendly “face-lift”! Through ROLA’s funding and a day of rolling up sleeves to paint, HOEP’s pre-arrangements and planning and PROJECTS PERFECT’s outstanding workmanship, this crèche’s play area walls were painted, the site was revamped, the broken swings were fixed, the cracked windows were replaced and shelves were put up in the classrooms. We are grateful for the happiness and excitement we were able to bring to Teacher Myrna (the principal), and her young learners!



Sponsor-visits!



Above: As always, it was a great experience for the children and for our team to be able to take sponsors out to the schools. Here, Ipic Property Group, Elevate Retail Group and CS Property Group spent time with children on the HOEP programme.

People join forces far and wide to support us in making a difference!



Top, left: Kassie and Aletta Karsten made wonderful resources for the crèches again this term. The elastic band boards are particularly effective for fine motor development and the bottle caps that were collected are used as counters. *NG Helderberg* and *Omgee Gemeente* also helped to keep many children warm through the winter with their beautiful knitwork and Rian Erasmus (Kerf Biltong & Deli, Stellenbosch Square) made sure the little tummies stayed full at Little Angels (Southfork).

Top, right: There was great excitement in the air at Agapé ECD and Hope for Life ECD in Grabouw when Diverso donated a photocopier to each of these schools on the 19th of June.

To all who helps us in driving change...

Our team is incredibly grateful for each unique partnership that helps to keep the gears of the HOEP-machine turning. Without your support, contributions, donations, and prayers, we couldn't do what we do!

With the greatest appreciation:

HOEP Leadership 2026



From left to right:

Nico Esterhuyse (SASOL): Director HOEP NPC.

Campher Serfontein: Founder and CEO HOEP NPC.

Hein Coetzee (Top Fruit): Director and Chairman HOEP NPC.

Sunette Erasmus: Director and Operations Manager HOEP NPC.

Anton van Geest (Diversifi): Director and Paymaster HOEP NPC.

HOEP-team 2026

Back row: Olivia Oppelt, Angelique Watts, Sunette Erasmus, Campher Serfontein, Shana Keur and Lynne Jacobs.

Front row: Beverley Roberts, Abigail Snyders, Patricia Mntuyedwa and Sophia Herman.



Please stay in touch!



The image shows two young girls, one with braids and one with pigtails, both smiling and holding up identical workbooks. The workbooks are titled 'Hemel-op-Aarde Graad R' and 'Werkboek 2'. They feature a cartoon lion on the cover and the text 'Hierdie boek behoort aan' at the bottom.

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