



NEWSLETTER

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Bishop's Support for Nomonde Pre-School

It is greatly encouraging that in recent months the Bishop Scot High School at Rodenbosch known locally as 'Bishops' has been supporting Nomonde Pre-School. Recent photos from Nomonde show the High School students sharing exercises with the children and three trikes among a number of the latest gifts from Bishops.

This High School project started at Nomonde following a visit to Nomonde from some of the Bishop's students at the beginning of 2019.





We're into the second year of our special three-year Nomonde Project to mark the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the UK Langa Township Pre-School Trust

The aim of the project is to benefit Nomonde Pre-School in Langa by providing new class rooms and other facilities, renovating existing ones and generally improve the lives and prospects of its young pupils.

What have we achieved so far and what still needs to be done?

Two Years On

Newsletter 25 (December 2017) reported the Board decision to finance a modern office and as a pilot project, a full-time post of Administrator. Yolisa Gqirana was appointed by the local Management Committee and she is based at Nomonde Pre-School

LTPT is 6,000 miles away from Cape Town, so our local interests are represented by our part-time advisor, Nadia Petersen.

It is timely to reflect on the benefits of the Board's decision:

- The regular spending of LTPT In Cape Town is financed through the separate 'Nomonde Educare bank account' with Ned-bank.
- Monthly activity reports and receipts are received.
- We have immediate e-mail contact, and phone and skype contacts are possible.
- Yolisa, employed by the local Management Committee, is a key focus providing leadership and links within the community; also she is vital for the weekly purchase and supply of fresh food.
- Nadia is our direct Cape Town representative and she over-views and troubleshoots for us.

What started as a 2-year pilot project has proved its worth and we hope to continue this for the foreseeable future.



(L) Nadia Petersen - Cape Town LTPT Advisor

(M) Yolisa Gqirana - Administrator

(R) Clarence Mahamba - Chairman

Year 2

The mission will be accomplished with the installing of security fencing by the end of February!

There has been a 3 week delay because power outages have affected industrial production.

On 26 October the LPTP Board had allocated £5,000 for this but a further £12,000 was needed. Cheltenham College quickly committed to provide £4,500 and there was a general email appeal.

21 people responded positively and within three weeks the fund had reached nearly £16,500.

This enabled the work to be commissioned on local company, Master Trade Multi Services and overseen locally by Clarence Petersen.

Year 3

The main aim of the final year of the project will be to improve the playground at Nomonde so that it will be more suitable for pre-school children. The target for completion is March 2021, the projected time of the next visit to Cape Town by Gordon and Rosina Gaddes



Another Attack by Nature on Nomonde

Nature's woes continue for Nomonde!

The photos of dangling gutters and a recumbent water tank secure in the Nomonde building tell the story.

The 'Cape Doctor' is the local name for the strong, often persistent and dry south-easterly winds, well known in the southern hemisphere. It is known as the Cape Doctor because of a local belief that it clears Cape Town of 'pollution and pestilence' but in mid-January, it tore ferociously into the Cape including Nomonde causing floods and building damage.

Shacks adjacent to the pre-school lost roofs and the pre-school itself lost its recently acquired emergency water supply which had been of great benefit to the local community during the drought.

(see LTPT Newsletters 30/31, April/July)



New Arrangements for supply of Vegetables

Abalimi Bezekhaya (AB Farmers of Hope) In June 2011 the first LTPT newsletter reported our priority was weekly to provide fresh food for the children. Since then we have purchased food from AB, supplemented recently during the drought by buying in local markets. We have just heard that AB is closing its sales operation, whilst continuing to support the development of micro-farming. Now the supply of fresh food for around 500 children in six pre-schools will be further built up by Yolisa Gqirana in using local markets.

The emphasis will still be on staples suitable for young children (cabbage, butternut, carrots, baby marrow, potatoes and sweet potatoes, pumpkin, spinach chard, and squash gem as listed by Yolisa).

The importance of this is summarised by one cook's words, 'some come in starving but after 6 weeks of my soups with your vegetables they are well'.

These photos show what a task it is, feeding the 500!



Damage at Nomonde following the attention of the 'Cape Doctor': gutters dangling from support brackets: the top of the water storage tank where the downpipe connection has been torn out and the tank itself has now been brought inside the building for safekeeping.



2020 Looking Forward

May 27 Wednesday, 7.00pm Gin & Jazz at the The Gatsby

Cocktail on arrival and 3-course dinner, with the brilliant saxophonist Al Nichols and his Quartet - £40. Repeat demand following great success last May.
Berkhamsted

June 25 Thursday 7.15 pm Mid-Summer Swing & Rat Pack Party

with Ricky Lopez (Elvis Shmelvis) two-course supper, cabaret and disco - £30. LTPT pay bar.
St Paul's Church Hall, Hemel Hempstead

July 6 Monday 11.15 am onwards Seventh Annual LTPT Golf Tournament

Full details from Gordon.
Whipsnade Park Golf Club

August 29 Saturday 12.30 pm South African Braai

Three-course barbecue organised by South African friends - £20, drinks included.
91 Highfield Lane, Hemel Hempstead

September 23 Wednesday 7.30 pm Music at The Mazza Restaurant

'Motown, Blues and Indian Banquet', performance by Clayton Steven and his saxophonist Bernie - £25 plus any drinks
Mazza Restaurant, Hemel Hempstead

October 28 Wednesday 7pm LTPT Subscription Dinner

Three courses, glass of wine on arrival - £35.
The Marchmont Arms Hemel Hempstead

December 5, Saturday 7pm Annual LTPT Christmas Party

Three course dinner; by demand following hugely happy evening last December. The popular 'Nightcall Duo' will play and sing again - £30. LTPT pay bar.
St Paul's Church Hall, Hemel Hempstead

... and a new look for the website



Attractive and set up at the start of LTPT eight years ago, the time has come to re-view and update our website.

What was appropriate in the early years is now dated and inadequately reflects what we are doing.

It is anticipated that the revision will 'go live' this Spring.

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