

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Readers

We are pleased to present to you our 2nd edition of the 2019 Newsletter. We have had and shared wonderful moments so far but before we take you down the memory lane we would like to sincerely apologize for the late release of our newsletter.

VALENTINES DAY EVENT

Valentine's Day this year was celebrated in a grand way. It was very colorful, everyone was geared in red, white and black. We shared some love quotes and messages. The learners also had the liberty to do some social games, play with balloons and enjoyed themselves.



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INCLUSION FOR EVERY PERSON"*

CAMPHILL TALENT SHOW

This year's Commonwealth Day was celebrated in style. We had a talent show where members of staff were competing against each other in different categories including singing, dance and beauty contest. It was fun and exciting seeing all the competitors unwrapping their talents going all out to win the prize. Thanks to everyone who entered the competition, to our distinguished guests & judges then lastly events committee for organizing such a wonderful event.



ST JOHN'S FESTIVAL

On the 27th of June we gathered together to celebrate St John's Festival. We sang nice songs, shared the story behind the day, together with beautiful performances related to the festival. The day ended with all the staff and learners gathered around the fire eating supper.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Botswana Climate Change Network commemorated the World Environment Day with us under the theme "Beat Air Pollution". They were raising awareness on the importance of reducing air pollution and also trying to achieve its mandate of greening young minds. They wrapped up the event by planting some fruit trees at our orchard. Thank you so much BCCN; we will forever be grateful.



MR & MS RED RIBBON

As we all know that March is the month of Youth against HIV/AIDS we hosted Mr and Ms red ribbon. All the contestants were stunning, and the mood was high. After a very tight competition Onalethata Selelo and Segametsi Gabatshwane emerged the King & Queen (Mr & Ms Red Ribbon 2019). A huge thanks goes to our lovely judges and everyone who came to support us in this wonderful event.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Segopotso Primary School at Kanye hosted this year's Special Olympics from 10th – 16th June 2019. From the 10 schools Camphill scooped position 1 in football and athletics, position 2 in volleyball, in beauty contest they took position 1 and 2. Well done team Camphill you really made us proud.



CAMPHILL OPEN DAY 2019

We celebrate this event annually to recognize the learner's achievements. It was a lovely event full of activities and performances from the staff and the learners. Congratulations to this year's awards winners, keep up the good work. Much appreciation goes to Professor Lilly Mafela from the University of Botswana, all the dignitaries, parents, Camphill staff and lastly the learners. We could not have made it without you.



CAMPHILL WESTCOAST TALENT SHOW

Four of our learners went to Camphill Village West Coast, near Cape Town in South Africa to compete in their talent show with the theme: "Night at the Oscars". This was a high profile event which attracted national media coverage, celebrities, sponsors and professional judges. Team Camphill Botswana represented us well. Ontlametse Ramo and Segametsi Gabatshwane scooped position 1 in the Dancing and Arts & Crafts categories respectively while Kopano Bogatsu & Onalethata Selelo received Certificates of Participation in the Singing category. It was a privilege and an honor to be part of this amazing event. Thank you once again Camphill Village West Coast for the invitation, warm welcome and such good hospitality.



LEARNING HUBS WITH JULIA WOLFSON

We had a fruitful two weeks of different learning hubs with our consultant from Australia, Julia Wolfson. The theme this year was “Shine Bright – Phatsima o Galalele”. Julia has been a friend to Camphill for a number of years and has assisted the different units in the organization to analyze their work areas. Most staff members were able to identify their talents, strengths and challenges and how best they can make sure that they shine in their work. Most people pointed out that they loved the workshop because it was informative and engaging. They are looking forward to many more similar workshops.



SECURITY OFFICERS

We have 4 security staff who joined us recently, namely Buti Nkane, Joseph Mooketsi, Katlego Lekgatho and Mosimanegape Ramosesane. During my one-on-one interviews with them I found out that they have always wanted to work for people with learning disabilities and to give back to their community. Their desire is always to provide good service, to keep the security very tight so that we do not have cases of robbery or incidents where learners leave the organization unnoticed. Their motive is ‘safety first’. Camphill will never be the same again.

NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

It is with pleasure to introduce the following new members of staff.

Farmer

Let's welcome Guy Williams, who joined us as a Farmer. Guy has a background in insect biology and water purification. His desire for Camphill is to unleash the huge potential of the soil and be able to integrate more livestock and increase the diversity of plants grown here. He appreciates and values the landscape at Camphill. He is excited to grow a variety of vegetables and other crops both for consumption and for sale. He is going to develop new ways of balancing the ecosystem, including both plants and animals.

Teacher

Ms. Masego Thandie Sedigeng has joined Rankoromane School as Level 7 teacher. Having worked for several government schools and NGOs, Thandie has a vast experience in special education. She is so passionate about people with learning disabilities. Her desire is to teach children that in future she can be proud of. She would like to see many people with disabilities thrive, having happy, sustainable lives.

TEA GARDEN IS STILL OPEN

The Orchard Tea Garden offers visitors a tranquil environment where they can indulge in tasty light appetizers to traditional Setswana entrées. Come and relax with a freshly brewed cup of coffee or a delicious milkshake and enjoy the calming effect of the cheerful and uplifting scent of our Orange Trees. We open daily from 8am to 5pm. There is free wifi...



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