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# NEWSLETTER NUUSBRIEF



Our students show their love and support for teacher Merv Slachter and admin ace Maryanne Winter, both of whom have been battling with health issues.

## speeding recovery to M&M

### IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST!

Top season is in full swing at Plett Primary.



### GAME FOR A DRIVE?



The Grade 2 outing to Plettenberg Bay Game Reserve was most memorable, as was the trip there and back in our pretty new school bus.



### THE BEAUTIFUL GAME



Our girls and boys soccer teams played several matches in Rhenendal during the first weekend of the holidays on June 14 and 15. Everyone had great fun on and off the field.



Here's hoping all the hard work paid off and that all our students and staff are having a marvellous holiday

## Gadgets galore bode well for those born in Africa and beyond

IT'S all over the news: we produce too much waste, so lots of plastic and recyclables end up in our oceans. Therefore, Born in Africa (BIA) - a non-profit organisation active in socio-economically disadvantaged areas around Plett - strives to equip the children in its care with knowledge and skills to reduce waste in the town's diverse communities.

BIA educational coordinator Veronique Claes recently initiated 'The World Gadget Factory' in the primary schools of Kranshoek and The Craggs.

Says Veronique: "This programme makes children aware of the different kinds of pollution around the world, urges them to think about ways to reduce waste within their home or community, and then encourages them to create cool gadgets from waste items!"

"In addition, our Born in Africa children learnt about electricity so they could integrate a light bulb or propeller to their gadgets. The kids worked hard to create, for instance, an aeroplane from toilet rolls, or a whole house out of card board."

Veronique adds that this fun programme concluded by rewarding everyone for their hard work with an exciting 'Show and tell' afternoon that took place in both schools.



**BORN TO INSTRUCT:** Educational coordinator Veronique Claes enlightens local kids on the subject of waste reduction and thinking out of the box in terms of recycling - pictured below are some of the kids with their excellent inventions



Afterwards, all the kids went home with cool prizes, lots of new knowledge and many new skills, and a feeling of great pride.

"We are the people who can change our planet's future. As the Born in Africa slogan says: 'Together we can make a difference'."

Email [veronique@bornin africa.org](mailto:veronique@bornin africa.org) for additional information and visit [www.borninafrica.org/](http://www.borninafrica.org/) if you would like to support this excellent local cause.

## Youngsters wowed by wellness day games

More than 100 children attended a Western Cape on Wellness (WoW) event hosted by KwaNokuthula Community Day Centre on June 13, as part of local Youth Day celebrations.

Sixteen teams eagerly competed in five-a-side soccer matches and netball games, while clinic staff were on hand for health checks and questions.

"As the wellness team of KwaNokuthula CDC, we wish to involve more youngsters in physical activities," said Zama Soko, wellness coordinator at KwaNokuthula CDC. "In short, the aim of WoW is to address harmful health outcomes by increasing physical activity and healthy eating." Zama and her team thank Bitou Municipality for clearing the space next to the clinic, and LoveLife and Hospice Plett for being ground-breaking wellness champions. Visit [www.westerncape.gov.za/westerncape-on-wellness](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/westerncape-on-wellness) for details. Pictured at right are some of the boys showing their soccer skills.



### Look who's famous now?!



These Village Eco-preschool kids are poring over last week's edition, which boasted a pic of their protest against plastic on the cover and news of their World Environment Day activities inside. Check it out on p1 and p9 of the June 12 edition at [www.cypress.co.za](http://www.cypress.co.za) and visit [www.thevillage-ecopreschool.co.za](http://www.thevillage-ecopreschool.co.za) for additional information.