

# Zenzele Aftercare Newsletter

June 2026

## Here's what has happened and what's to come!

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who continued to support us during challenging times. Your generosity and dedication have enabled us to keep our program running smoothly and effectively. Thank you for believing in our vision and helping us make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

### Annual Golf Day – A Record-Breaking Success!

Our annual Golf Day was an outstanding success, raising an incredible R200 000.00 for Zenzele Aftercare Centre.

A special thank you goes to Dr. Holger Heidrich for his dedication, hard work, and commitment to making this event possible. This year marked a significant milestone in Zenzele's history, with a record-breaking 86 players participating in the event.

Thank you, Holger for your continued support. We greatly appreciate your efforts and look forward to another successful Golf Day next year!



## Christmas Celebrations

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December we kicked off the festive season with a nativity play for our sponsors. Father Christmas handed each child a specially selected gift sponsored by Laura Alexandrou and Mr. Brunton. Thank you for making this so special for the children and for making their wishes come true.

On 6 December we held our annual Carols by Candlelight event. This special celebration brought together the community of George for an evening of music, fellowship, and festive cheer. Various groups entertained the audience through singing and dancing performances, and we were honoured to welcome Joel Jonkers, Director of the Eden and Central Karoo Education Department, who shared an inspiring message with the community.

We were also delighted to distribute 900 goodie bags to children from Blanco and surrounding areas.

Thank You to everyone who contributed towards making this event such a memorable occasion. Your generosity helped bring joy to many children and families during the festive season.



## Garden Project:

Our garden project continues to be a source of pride and sustainability for our centre. This season we harvested a variety of fresh vegetables, including carrots, cabbage, spinach, and beans, all of which are used in the nutritious meals prepared daily for our children.

A heartfelt thank you to Aunt Eva, who lovingly cares for the garden throughout the year – even during the holiday season. We appreciate your dedication, hard work, and commitment to helping our children enjoy fresh, healthy food.



## Interns and Teen Development Programme:

Thanks to the generous funding provided by the Carraresi Foundation, we are able to invest in the future of young people within our community through internship opportunities and our educational teenage programme.

We currently have four interns studying towards their Level 5 Early Childhood Development (ECD) Diploma through Edubuild Educational Institution, while another Intern will soon begin a Health Care Assistant Course.

In addition, we have seven teenagers who participate in our programme every Tuesday and Thursday. Under the guidance of a dedicated facilitator, Elzenith Williams, they receive assistance with homework and assignments while also taking part in life-skills programmes that encourage positive decision-making, responsibility, and personal growth.

We are proud of these young people and look forward to seeing them develop into confident and capable adults.

## Our Interns:



- Romaine Booysen – Grade R
- Deswadine Claassen – Grade 1
- Enzo Treurnicht – Grade 2
- Voney Fortuin – Grade 3

## Staff Training and Development:

It is often said that one person can make a difference but a team can move mountains. When people come together to serve others, they bring unique skills, ideas, and energy. Each team member has an important role to play, and together we can achieve far more than we ever could alone. Through the support of Doris Brauner, Staff Development Coach, our staff continue to grow both personally and professionally. During a recent training session, Doris reminded us of the importance of making a positive first impression, understanding our strengths, and having a clear vision for our future.

Thank You Doris, for your ongoing support and willingness to help our team develop and thrive.



## Thank You to Our Sponsors

None of these achievements would be possible without the support of our incredible sponsors.

Thank you for believing in Zenzele Aftercare Centre and investing in the future of our children and community. Your partnership enables us to continue providing a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment where children can learn, grow and thrive.

We value your support and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with you.

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