

HENDRIK KANISE COMBINED SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

At the end of the second term it is once again an opportunity to reflect on and share our activities with our school community. The first term was characterised by staff shortages.

Thankfully, the Department of Education granted the school a growth post to alleviate this. We welcomed Mrs Stamper to our staff in May.

Our learners had once again participated in athletics and were also included in the Rugby fixtures of the Department of Education. We had our Rhino Art competition to continue to be a voice against the vicious poaching of Rhinos.

We were privileged to host the Netherhall school from England. The school also maintained its International Eco-school status. We are now in our second Platinum year.

The opening of our brand new ICT lab is the achievement of a milestone for our school. We are immensely grateful to our funder, Sifunda Kunye, for the investment in the education of our learners. We have entered a new era of digitised learning.

Sive Ncwadi, gr 11, will be attending a Youth Leadership summit during the holiday. We wish her a safe journey and an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

I wish to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to ensure quality education to our learners.

Our learners are encouraged to work hard and focus on their education. I also want to thank parents for their support to the school and want to encourage them to fully participate in the livelihood of our school.

I want wish Ms Sati and Ms Block a speedy recovery.

INTRODUCING THE ICT LAB FACILITATOR AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR!!!



Hey Guys!

I am Yonela Swayi the Hendrik Kanise ICT Lab facilitator and the newsletter editor. I have always dreamed about working for a huge company and earning a huge amount of money. I totally forgot that in reality it's not all about material things. It was until I worked for a company that I didn't know anything about that I came to my senses. Sifundakunye, an organisation that funded our local school with computers, employed me. I experienced learners coming into the Lab with their hearts full of excitement. It then brought back memories. I remembered that I was a student here and we didn't have the same experience that the students are having now. It's through working with kids that I realised, we are different and we do things differently. This experience gives me peaceful nights, knowing that the learners are happy that Sifunda Kunye provided them with this kind of opportunity. I believe they made the students feel good about coming to school.

This makes me to look forward working with them and see them develop.

Thanks!!!!

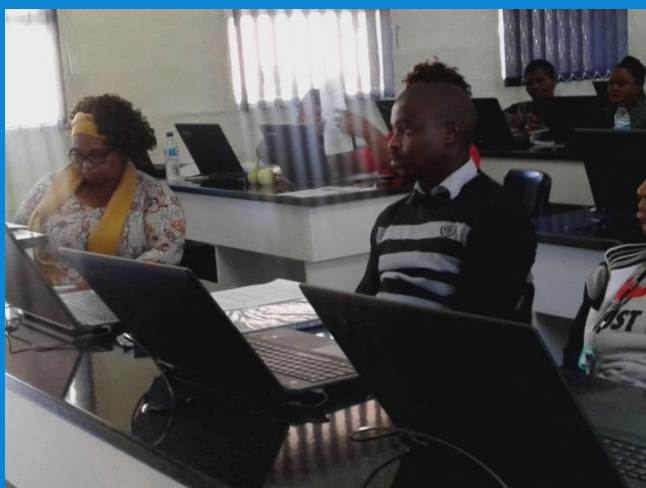
TEACHERS VIEWS

Mr Myona is the ICT Lab coordinator and English Teacher . This is what he has to say about the lab: ***“Learners work at their own pace. Programs are organised per topics according to subject matter. Learners can be remediated or enriched effortlessly by simply switching levels within the same program. The CAMI software which offers Maths and English is curriculum compliant and most comprehensive software. It is easy and quick to use. This diversifies learning and provides opportunities that cater for learners multi-intelligences”***. His response is one that would make you want to go and share the experience. I have also solicited the views of Mr Gumenge , the Language coordinator. He also had an interesting thing to say. ***“The ICT facility came at a right time for learners as the world is increasingly becoming digital. It will certainly go a long way in assisting the learners achieve academically especially in English and Maths”***.

This facility also affected the grade 1 teacher Miss Ntlokwana who said ***“I'm glad that this kind of program came into our school because I can see that some of the learners that struggle in class are very eager to learn and they enjoy doing CAMI”***.



PHOTO GALLERY



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ICT LAB GRAND OPENING

Sifunda Kunye is a non-profit Public Benefit Organization founded in 2008 to combat many of the challenges faced by South African children. They work directly with schools to improve the quality of education through their unique, hands-on programs focused on technology, literacy, and basic needs. Their programs impact the lives of over 4000 primary and secondary school children across their six partner schools throughout the Eastern Cape. Hendrik Kanise is amongst the few of the schools that got the opportunity to be part of this amazing and fruitful organization. The Sifunda Kunye Organization donated 50 Laptops to the school and to top it all off they didn't just donate but they also blessed the school with a gorgeous lab and a full time facilitator. That alone made the learners want to spend most of their classes in the Lab. To show appreciation, the school held a grand opening event and it was a very successful one. The event was graced by visitors from the Department of Education, St' Andrews College in Grahamstown, a Grocott's newspaper editor and the parents. The visitors were entertained by the school cultural group who swept the floor with their fun and entertaining acts and the school choir topped that off with their energetic songs that put a smile on Alexandria Pauluhn, one of Sifunda Kunye Executive Director from the US.



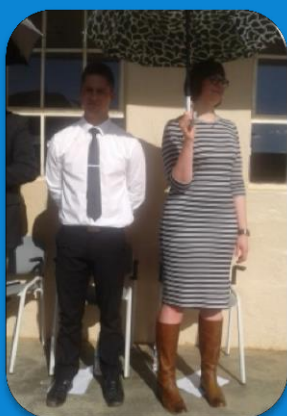
The visitors



The School Cultural dance group.



The School Choir



Alexandria Pauluhn and Zander Hampson from Sifunda Kunye



Mr Myona making a speech.



Mrs Batyi about to cut the bow



**SIFUNDA
KUNYE**
TOGETHER IN LEARNING



POETRY CORNER



ASEMAHLE DYANTYI

GRADE 9



I want...

*I want love,
I want the truth,
I want more than I'm beholden,
I want commitment,
I want trust,
I want a watch that is golden.*

*I want fame,
I want fortune,
I want all that is here,
I want this,
I want that,
I want them to tell me all that I want to hear.*

*I want money,
I want a mansion,
I want everything I don't need,
I want cars,
I want planes,
I want to be friends with rappers who smoke
weed... Not done with it*

*In reality and truth be told
I have no idea what I really want.*

By: Asemahle Dyantyi

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POSITIVE OUTLOOK

Your life is a story to
someone else.

A flower does not think
of competing with the
flower next to it. It just
blooms.

If you can't handle being
talked about then you are
not ready for success.

There are two primary
choices in life: to accept
conditions as they exist or
accept the responsibility
for changing them.

Two things define you.
Your patience when you
have nothing and your
Attitude when you have
everything.

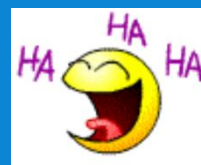
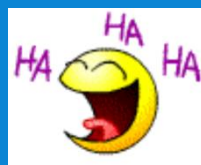
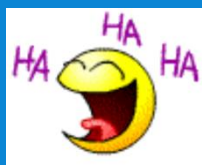
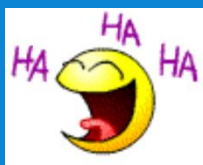
Happiness starts with you.
Not with your
relationships, not with
your job, not with your
money, but with YOU.

FUNNY CORNER

I hate it when mom says "get up
its already morning, sun is out".
So what am I supposed to do?
Photosynthesis?

People call me ugly until they
see my bank balance, then they
call me *ugly and poor*.

When I ask you a question I
expect a direct answer stop
giving me weird reactions. Who
are you? Organic Chemistry?



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LEARNER REVIEWS

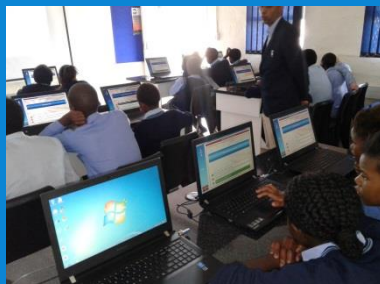
To see learners coming into the computer lab with huge grins on their faces is a priceless experience. Learners have shown a great interest in the new computer lab since the day it was announced. The idea of a new computer lab brought a positive vibe and atmosphere to the school grounds. The day finally came and the learners couldn't wait to be in the lab! They had CAMI classes in the lab on their first day. They were so excited and didn't want the lesson to end. Two of the learners who were part of the excited classes was Anele Njengele and Phila Mzizi from Grade 5. Anele Njengele enrolled this year at the school.

"I enjoy being in the computer room, I get to do Maths and English and understand it better than I do when my teacher is teaching us in class". Said Phila



"Being in Hendrik Kanise is very exciting because we get to use computers. I have never used computers in my old school, the teachers told us the computers are for grownups and kids will only damage them." Said Anele

GRADE 5 LEARNERS PHILA MZIZI AND ANELE NJENGELE.



LEARNERS ENJOYING CAMI CLASSES IN THE LAB

HOSPICE DAY



On 20 May we celebrated our annual Hospice Day. On this day Hospice sisters and health workers addressed our learners on various Health issues. The school fully supported this good cause.

THE NETHERHALL SCHOOL VISIT



Tug-of-war



bonding...three legged race



Agcobile heading for the finishing line



We had the privilege to host Netherhall School from England in March. Our learners had much fun and new relationships were built. Learners exchanged ideas and good practices. Teachers could also learn from each other. We are very appreciative of the resources they generously donated to enrich our school.

RHINO ANTI-POACHING



Kingsley Holgate with the team of adjudicators



learners listening attentively

We were once again graced by the presence of renowned environmentalist Kingsley Holgate as part of on schools commitment to the anti-poaching Rhino campaign. Qadasi also entertained the crowd with song and dance. Holgate was accompanied by members from Amakhala Game Reserve and Born Free to adjudicate the Rhino Art Competition. Asemahle

Dyantyti won the competition and earned himself a bicycle.

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SCI-FEST



learning more about
aquatic weed



Learners participating
in one of the
activities.

Grade 7 learners were afforded the opportunity to attend the Sci-fest in Grahamstown. They were educated on alien plants, fish diversity, Agricultural practices and various Science matters. They had a blast!

THE LIBRARY



Luyanda and the Learners
having a reading program.



Learners borrowing books.

Our school library was much underutilised until a donation from the **Claude Leon Foundation** made it possible to appoint a part-time librarian in the person of Luyanda. His appointed ensures that many feet visit this room. We are on course to inculcate a reading culture amongst our learners. Teachers also visit the library for their own personal reading as well as getting teaching resources to use in class.

THE DEBATE TEAM



Our debaters with their mentor
Mbasa Stamper

Our school has a newly established Debating Club. We value the contribution of Mbasa Stamper to sacrifice his time to with the establishment and the training and mentoring of the debaters. Watch this space... they will be afforce to be reckoned with!

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