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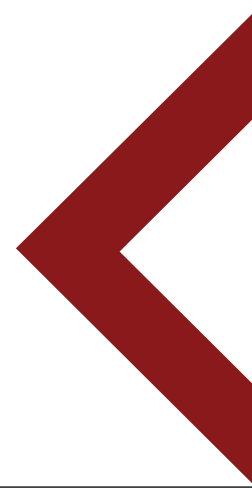
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“ A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything! ”





A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

As we reflect on the successes of 2023, I am filled with immense gratitude for each one of you who has contributed to our journey of enriching education in Bitou. Our achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support and commitment of our donors, sponsors, partners, volunteers, and contracted staff. Together, we have strengthened our schools and empowered our learners with invaluable resources and opportunities.

The Annual Bitou Spelling Stars 2023 Challenges and Award Ceremony stands out as a highlight, where we came together to celebrate the pursuit of excellence in education. It was a joyous occasion that brought all stakeholders and beneficiaries together under one roof.

I extend a heartfelt thank you to our funders and sponsors whose continued generosity fuels the success of our projects. Your belief in our mission drives us forward. A special acknowledgment goes to our dedicated contracted staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly alongside learners and teachers in the Bitou schools, nurturing growth and learning every step of the way.

Recognition is extended to our invaluable partners: Wordworks, whose early literacy projects and resources are instrumental in our efforts; Biblionef, for their generous donation of books to Formosa Primary School; and the Bitou Municipal librarians, whose collaboration on the Bitou Spelling Stars challenges enriched the experience for everyone involved.

To Michael Spies, Sue van der Gaast of Village Deli and Diner, Perino Pama, Ferreira & Partners, and all others who have supported us with their time, resources, and expertise, your contributions have made a profound impact on our ability to fulfil our vision of educational excellence in Bitou.

Let us continue to build on the foundation of 2023 as we move forward with optimism and determination. Together, we can achieve even greater milestones for the benefit of our learners and the entire Bitou community.

With sincere appreciation,

Sooneela Naina





A WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON VISION

A COMMUNITY IN WHICH ALL LEARNERS ARE EQUALLY EMPOWERED THROUGH LEARNING.

Dear Readers,

Nelson Mandela says, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Having always been passionate about the joys of watching children going to school every morning, embarking on a journey of a thousand miles which begins with a single step.

The Bitou 10 Foundation was inspired to offer an ideal teaching and learning environment conducive for the attainment of realisable educational goals. I cherish having contributed to the moments of joy, pride, hardship, and accomplishments of our learners in the Bitou area.

We have made sure that we always align ourselves with the Vision of the Western Cape Education, "Quality Education for every child in every classroom, in every school in the province."

The Bitou 10 Foundation has been managed to focus and be involved in intervention programme such as to assist schools in using technology for teaching as one of the latest trends in ensuring that schools are on par with the latest technology. Although further assistance is still needed, especially if one can provide funding or some resources that will enhance the trend as we have started. The foundation also focuses on assisting learners with barriers to learning and development, we have done that through partnering with NGO such as Sabrina Love Foundation. As a foundation we are to take interest as to work harder in ensuring that learners who are experiencing barriers in learning are receiving the support that they need. One would love to see some of our funders venturing to that space by assisting us in pursuing that. We have managed to bring other members to the Board of Directors from other fields other than education and managed to get them involved. I believe that we have made a massive contribution as a board by implementing and evaluating various programmes.

The foundation has also managed to at least ensure that we have financial stability as the organisation, although we still need more funding as we envisage more programs. Given our financial position for the past two years, we have a very healthy financial system in place.

Mr Faleni

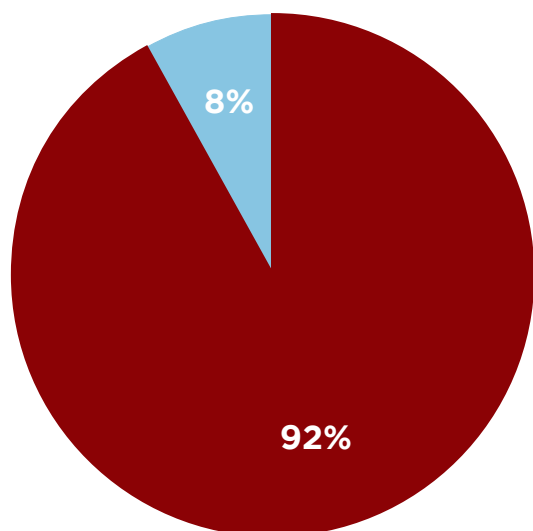


FINANCIAL REPORT – YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	2023	2022
Grants & Donations	4 537 113	569 220
Other Income & Interest	389 158	278 382
	4 926 271	847 602
EXPENDITURE		
Project Overhead Costs	440 448	411 658
ECD Site Support Project	30 000	21 877
Reading & English Project	397 478	399 931
TIME Project	105 100	85 806
Bitou Spelling Stars	25 634	-
Mathematics Resource Project	20 620	58 318
'Dare to be You' Project	66 041	19 940
Technology for Teaching Project	62 300	63 304
Mandela Day Initiative	195	732
	1 147 816	1 061 566

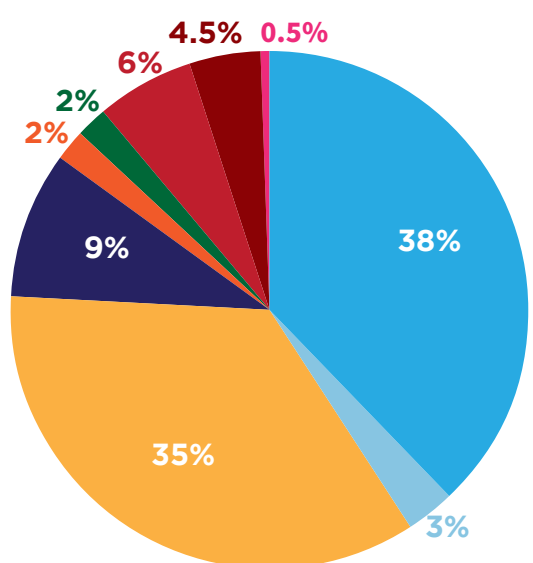
INCOME	2023	Percentage of Total Income 2023
Grants & Donations	4 537 113	92
Other Income & Interest	389 158	8
	4 926 271	
		Percentage of Total Expenditure 2023
EXPENDITURE		
Project Overhead Costs	440 448	38
ECD Site Support Project	30 000	3
Reading & English Project	397 478	35
TIME Project	105 100	9
Bitou Spelling Stars	25 634	2
Mathematics Resource Project	20 620	2
'Dare to be You' Project	66 041	6
Technology for Teaching Project	62 300	4.5
Mandela Day Initiative	195	0.5
	1 147 816	





▶ INCOME 2023

Grants and Donations - 92%
Other Income and Interest - 8%



▶ EXPENDITURE 2023

Project Overhead Costs - 38%
ECD Site Support Project - 3%
Reading and English Project - 35%
TIME Project - 9%
Bitou Spelling Stars - 2%
Mathematics Resource Project - 2%
'Dare To Be You' Project - 6%
Technology for Teaching Project - 4.5%
Mandela Day Initiative - 0.5%

**“THE SMALLEST ACT
 OF KINDNESS IS WORTH
 MORE THAN THE
 GRANDEST INTENTION”**

OSCAR WILDE

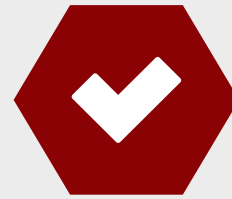


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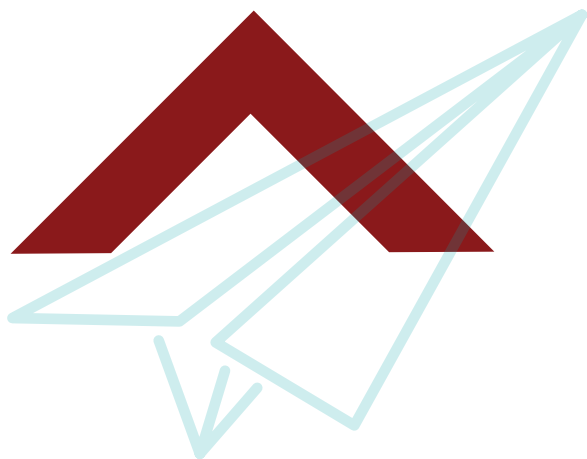
PARTNERS

- Wordworks (Cape Town)
- Bitou Municipal Libraries (Bitou Municipality)
- Biblionef

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

-Mahatma Gandhi





WHAT WE DO

VISION

A community in which all learners are equally empowered through learning.

MISSION

To provide resources to enrich teaching & learning, to inspire learning and to enhance opportunities for all learners in the Bitou community.

OUR VALUES

- RESPECT - Treating all people with dignity and respect
- RESPONSIVENESS - Responding to the needs of our beneficiaries
- LIFELONG LEARNING - Striving for excellence through continual learning
- INNOVATION - Embracing continuous improvement through creativity and change
- INTEGRITY - Creating an ethical environment by being honest and honouring social, financial, and environmental responsibilities

“Education is the foundation of all we do in life. It shapes who we are and what we aspire to be.”

- Julie Payette





PROJECT OVERVIEW AND IMPACT

READING AND ENGLISH PROJECT



Project Overview

English literacy on-site sessions for Grade 1, 2 and 3 learners at Kwanokuthula Primary School, and at-home literacy packs for Grade 3 learners, at Phakamisani Primary School.

This intervention is based on and inspired by the Shine Centre, Cape Town. The project aims to support learners to effectively access the curriculum in Grade 4, when the LOLT (language of learning and teaching) shifts from isiXhosa to English.

Project Impact

101 learners benefitted from on-site intervention

440 learners received English literacy packs

TIME PROJECT (TOGETHER IN MY EDUCATION)



Project Overview

Afrikaans literacy and mathematics after-school intervention for Grade R and Grade 1 learners at Formosa Primary School, and Wittedrift Primary School, to enhance early literacy and mathematics skills. Two parent sessions were conducted at each school to capacitate parents to support their children at home.

The TIME Project replaced the Ready Steady Read Write Project, in 2020. In partnership with Wordworks, Cape Town, Afrikaans resource packs were purchased for Grade R and Grade 1 learners attending the after-school sessions. The resource booklets were sent home at the end of each quarter for learners to share with their parents.

Project Impact

100 learners received literacy and mathematics resource packs

100 learners benefitted from after-school sessions

BITOU SPELLING STARS



Project Overview

Eight WCED (Western Cape Education Department) primary schools and three WCED high schools, from Grade 1 to Grade 9, competed in the annual spelling challenge in three languages, English, Afrikaans, and isiXhosa, to further enhance reading and writing skills.

In partnership with the Bitou Municipal Libraries, the spelling challenges were held for participating learners during August. The winning learners and schools attended an Awards Ceremony, where they were presented with certificates, medals, and trophies.

Project Impact

173 learners benefitted



TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHING PROJECT



Project Overview

E-learning language, mathematics, and physical science software (CAMI) access at Kwanokuthula Primary School and Plettenberg Bay Secondary School, to support and enhance learners' academic performance.

Participating schools received support with the annual OPTIMI (CAMI software) license fee and a monthly allocation towards the remuneration of the computer lab facilitator who assisted the teachers and learners during lessons in the computer lab.

Project Impact

1 500 learners reached

MATHEMATICS RESOURCE PROJECT



Project Overview

Each Grade 3 class teacher, at seven Bitou primary schools, received a quarterly, grade-appropriate, CAPS aligned mathematics resource pack to be used during groupwork in the mathematics lessons to enhance the learners understanding of taught mathematics concepts.

In collaboration with the WCED, Circuit 4 District Office, Janette Jooste, Foundation Phase Curriculum Advisor, assisted in the editing of the resource packs and conducted teacher training workshops for the Grade 3 teachers.

Project Impact

708 learners and 19 teachers benefitted

'DARE TO BE YOU' PROJECT



Project Overview

Grade 9 learners at Murray High School and Plettenberg Bay Secondary School attended Life Skills workshops. Quarterly sessions were held with the participating school principals to further support the learners' personal growth and development.

This intervention strategy was designed by a local psychologist, aimed at guiding learners on how to live a life of purpose. The Grade 9 learners were guided in making healthy life choices, in their personal and academic lives.

Project Impact

687 learners benefitted



SCHOOL LIBRARY PROJECT
Mandela Day Initiative



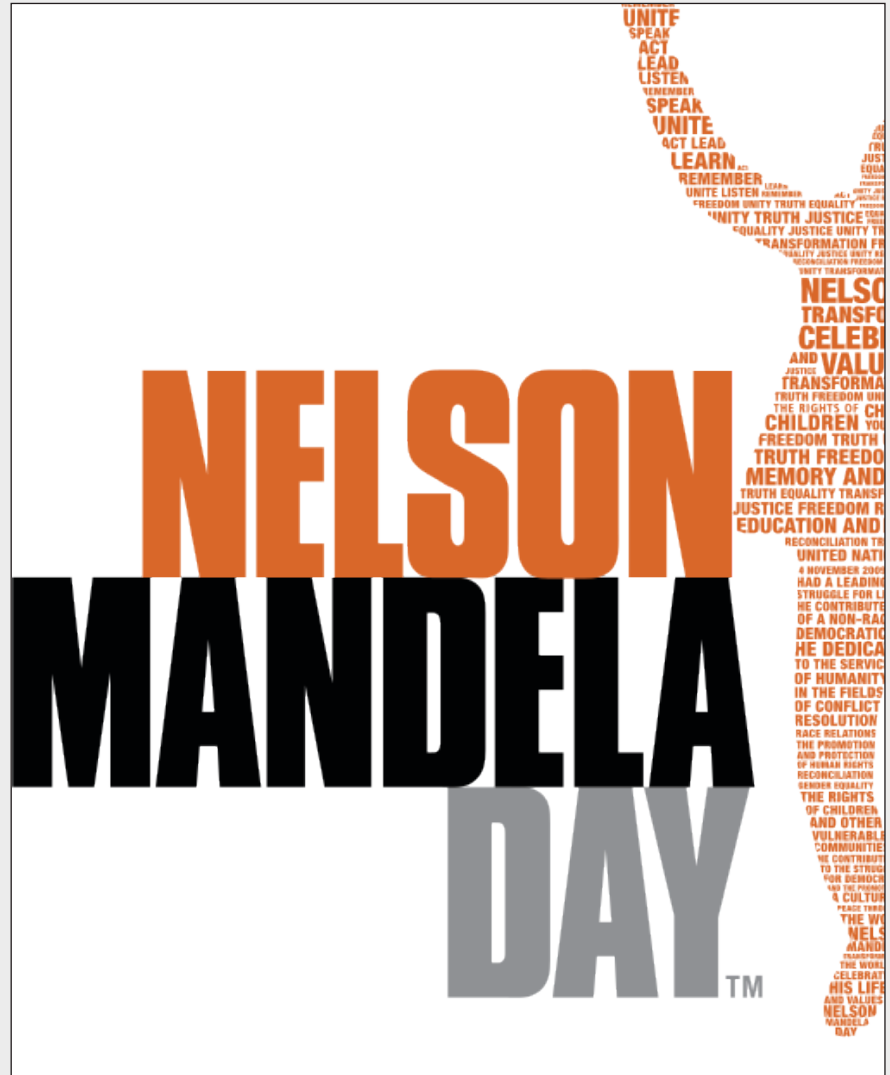
Project Overview

As a Mandela Day initiative, the Formosa Primary School library was refurbished, to create an environment to promote reading.

In partnership with Biblionef, the school received a book donation, which was used by the Foundation Phase teachers, at the participating school, to promote and instill a love for reading.

Project Impact

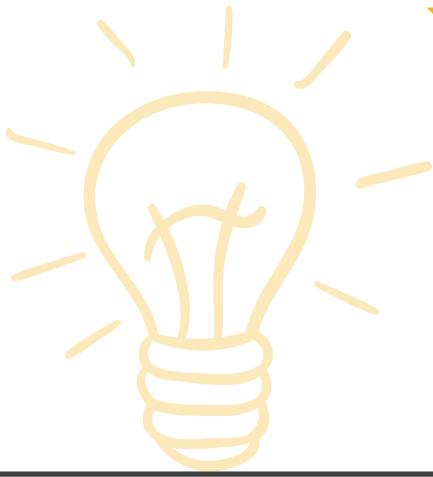
150 books donated



“The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you’ll go.”

- Dr. Seuss





2023 HIGHLIGHTS

‘Wining with a Purpose’

On 13 April, we held a wine and network event with our directors. This event was based on networking and building strong relationships with our local businesses.

A big thank you to Kay and Monty Vineyards, Lodestone wines and The Global Village Deli & Diner, for making this event a success.



Bitou Spelling Stars

The Annual Bitou Spelling Stars event was a resounding success, featuring participation from all 11 Western Cape Education Department (WCED) schools in Bitou. The awards ceremony, held at Formosa Primary School, was gracefully presided over by Mr. Michael Spies, a retired WCED IMG Manager. Mrs. S. De Villiers, WCED Circuit 4 Manager, served as the esteemed guest speaker, applauding the accomplishments of the ‘Spelling Stars’ and encouraging them to persist and share their talents.

Special thanks to sponsors Ruby’s Kisses and Tsitsikamma Spring Water, as well as generous donors Mr. Adrian Speight, Mrs. Dianne Kloka-Speight, Mr. Johan Maree, and SASFIN Securities, whose support made this event possible.

The Bitou librarians played a crucial role by diligently compiling spelling word lists and distributing them to WCED schools in Bitou during the second term. They also served as judges during the challenges, contributing significantly to the event’s success.

OUR WINNING SCHOOLS IN EACH LANGUAGE CATEGORY:

English (HL) Category - SASFIN Trophy English Home Language Grade 2 - 7:

Plettenberg Bay Primary School



English (FAL) Category - Speight Trophy English First Additional Language Grade 8 - 9:

Murray High School



Afrikaans (HL) Category - Speight Trophy Afrikaans Home Language Grade 1 - 7:

The Crags Primary School



Afrikaans (HL) Category - J. Maree Trophy Afrikaans Home Language Grade 8 - 9:

Wittedrift High School



IsiXhosa (HL) Category - SASFIN Trophy IsiXhosa Home Language Grade 1 - 7:

Kwanokuthula Primary School



CELEBRATING SUCCESS WITH: TIME (Together In My Education), Wordworks, for Grade R & 1 Learners!

Our afternoon sessions at Wittedrift Primary School and Formosa Primary School have been transforming the world of education into a thrilling adventure! Thanks to the phenomenal TIME resources from our literacy partners, Wordworks, each session became an extraordinary journey of learning and exploration.

As we joyfully concluded our project at Formosa Primary School and Wittedrift Primary School, we were thrilled to share the incredible achievements of our TIME Grade R and Grade 1 learners! The dedication and enthusiasm of our learners in the after-school sessions throughout the year have been at the heart of this success. They not only earned certificates of participation but also enjoyed scrumptious cupcakes and refreshing fruit juice to mark this special occasion.

A heartfelt thank you to Anthea Wiesie and Gail Andrews, our contracted TIME tutors, for their unwavering support and encouragement. The appreciation during the ceremony reflected the hard work and commitment our learners demonstrated in all activities.

We're proud to share positive feedback from teachers, highlighting remarkable improvement in literacy and mathematics skills among our learners. Moreover, the growth in self-confidence and enhanced self-concept truly speaks to the transformative impact of the TIME Project.

Together, we've created a positive ripple effect that will resonate for years to come. **A special thank you to our donor, Alain Leger - Technidev (Pty) Ltd. and Gail Ractliffe, teachers, and learners, for making this journey unforgettable!**



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