



# AMAZING CHRONICLES

Newsletter for the students, parents and staff of Amazing Kids Private School

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## Editor's Desk

Greetings to all readers.....

We are celebrating women in the month of August.

I cannot help but feel that a month will not suffice to give recognition for such a prominent figure in society.

All the presidents, doctors, lawyers and man and women of stature have come from great woman who sacrificed themselves for the greater good of society.

And in this vain great woman will continue to raise even greater woman and men to help built a better future.

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that fears the Lord, she shall be praised". Proverbs.31:30

The Editor

## WOMAN IN BUSINESS HONoured!



Founder, Executive Director and Principal of Amazing Kids Private School & Academy, is celebrated as one of the most influential people on the African continent.

CEO Global in Johannesburg acknowledge women and men in business across the continent for their contribution in business or government. They have various categories and our very own principal, Emma Kakona, has been nominated in the category "Education" for her contribution to Namibia.

Emma joins a large pool of Namibians who have been recognized by this platform in previous years. For 2017 Emma has been nominated alongside four other Namibians. This year some 4000 nominations were received from across the continent.

Exceptional commitment to developing the future leaders of tomorrow is one of the key factors judges consider, in which Emma was recognized.

According to the Chief Executive at CEO Global, the award has been running for the past 17 years and separately recognizes women and men in business.

Congratulations to our principal for this prestigious award!

And  
Action!

# DRAMA QUEENS.....



*At Amazing Kids we strive to develop every faculty of the human being, and cultivating acting skills forms part of this development. Through drama and acting our learners can escape into another world from their sometimes painful realities. During acting they can learn how to control their emotions, master the art of staying focused and let go of tension. Acting is a discipline that helps you discover more about yourself and how you react to certain stimuli.*



The Amazing Kids Drama club is shown here with their teacher Ms. Pretorius and Sandra Hennock, actress and writer of "Third World" on TV, who spoke to the learners about abstinence and how she overcame the odds of difficult upbringing to build a successful career for herself and make a mark on Namibia's creativity scene.

The Drama Club has also performed an act called "Feeding the 5000", based on the biblical act of Jesus feeding the masses. In the second term they had a workshop with the Acapella group "Brothers is Christ" in preparation for the drama called "Tough Stuff".

The different drama acts and exposure to other drama groups proves to be educational and inspiring to our drama club.

## NATURAL SCIENCE IN PRACTICE

*Under the watchful eye of their teacher, the Grade 4 learners had first-hand experience on how to dissect a fish. Even though they were repelled by the horrible smell and the dirt on their hands they enjoyed the experience intensely.*

Education was once again taken to another level when Grade 4 learners investigated the different parts and functions of the fish.

They also discovered the ways of movement, warning signals, habitat and diet of the fish. They found the parts of the gills to be the most interesting.

In doing research on their own they discovered more information on the threats of

the fish and found that man is their worst enemy.

They discussed means on how to preserve fish species for the future generation.

Through this experience children gathered valuable information on different animal species and how important it is for us to be custodians of the plants, animals and natural resources of our planet.



# INTERNET DANGERS

The World Wide Web is the greatest invention since the printing press. Nothing else has so radically shaped culture, media, commerce, entertainment and communication. But with these benefits come great dangers all parents should know about.

## DANGERS OF THE INTERNET FOR KIDS

### CYBERBULLYING

*The mean way kids treat each other online*

Bullying is a phenomenon that happens everywhere even in the digital world. Rumours start easy and spread much faster on social media. Profiles and emails are hacked

- 20% of teens say their peers are “mostly unkind” to each other on social networks
- 24% of teens and young adults say someone has written something about them online that wasn't true.
- 9% say someone has threatened to use electronic communication (Facebook, email, text messages, etc.) to tell others private things about them as a form of blackmail.

### PREDATORS

*Those seeking to ensnare our children*

The Internet is a perfect forum to meet new people, but some with malicious intent can use it to “befriend” your child. Internet predators are expert manipulators, able to foster a relationship of dependence with a teenager.

Most prey on a teen's desire to be liked, their desire for romance, or their sexual curiosity. Often a predator “grooms” a child through flattery, sympathy, and by investing their time in their online relationship. These can then turn into offline relationships or in extreme cases, opportunities for kidnapping or abduction.



- 76% of predators are 26 or older
- 47% of offenders are 20 years older than their victims.
- 83% of victims who met their offender face-to-face willingly went somewhere with them.

### PORNOGRAPHY

*Warping the minds of youth*

Repeatedly viewing pornography, especially from a young age, can radically shape one's sexual attitudes and beliefs.

Frequent exposure to sexually explicit material is closely linked to more permissive attitudes about sex, such as having multiple sex partners, “one night stands”, cynicism about the need for affection between sexual partners, casual sexual relations with friends, and even mimicking behaviours seen in pornography.

- More than 1 in 8 web searches are for erotic content.
- 79% of youth's unwanted exposures to Internet porn takes place in the home.
- Before the age of 18, 83% of boys and 57% of girls have seen group sex online.

### SEXTING

*The unsafe 'safe sex'*

Sexting is sending or receiving nude or partially nude photos or videos through the Internet or cellphones. When teens engage in this risky behaviour, many things can go wrong. These images are easy to forward on to others. At times, these images can be considered “child pornography”, and some teens have already been given felony charges.

- Nearly 1 in 5 teens who receive a sext share it with someone else.

## Let's Talk

- 20% of teens have sent or posted a nude or semi-nude image of themselves.
- Of those who have sent sexts, 76% of girls and 57% of guys sent it to get someone else to like them.

### GAMING

*More risk of exposure to sexual media and interactions*

While online and console games can be a lot of fun, educational and interactive, there are also hidden dangers. Much of the content of some games include sexual content, violence and crude language. Also, Internet-connected games enable kids to interact with strangers, some of which can be bad influences or have harmful intentions.

- 82% of children are current gamers
- One-third of teen gamers report playing games with people they first met online.

### SOCIAL NETWORKS

*Redefining privacy*

Social networks like Facebook are very popular online activities. Parents should be aware of the image their teens are projecting as well as the influences they are absorbing online.

- Over half of parents of 12 year olds say their child has a Facebook account, and three quarters helped their child create the account.
- 40% of teens have seen pictures on social networks of their peers getting drunk, passed out, or using drugs, and half of these first saw these pictures when they were 13 or younger.
- More than 11% of teens are “hyper-networkers”, spending more than 3 hours per school day on social network sites.

Source: Internet – Luke Gilkerson

# SPELL-A-THON & READ-A-THON

*High School  
Spelling and  
Reading  
Competition!*

*Overall  
winners!*

*"Knowledge and wisdom are  
obtained from literature" Karl  
Max*

*"Developing a reading culture  
takes time and requires the  
commitment of students".  
When students are engaged  
readers, literacy and learning  
outcomes, social and emotional  
well-being will vehemently  
improve.*

*Therefore it is important that  
the teachers instil in the  
children the importance of  
reading and also strive to  
cultivate a love for reading.*

*The aim is to get children to  
read because of their love and  
passion for reading and not  
only when they are instructed  
to do so.*

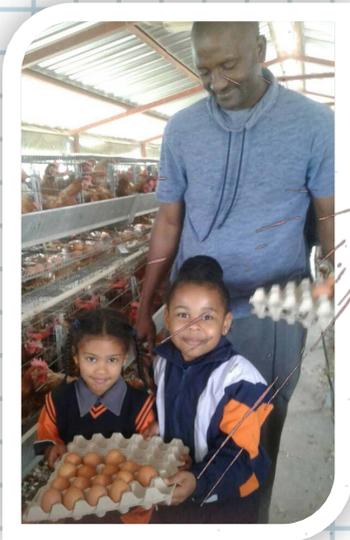


# Neudamm Agricultural College

Grade 1 –  
Day Visit!

Neudamm Campus and Farm is 30 kilometres east of Windhoek on the B1 road to Hosea Kutako International Airport and the town of Gobabis. The recorded history of Neudamm Farm dates back to 1897.

Neudamm Campus and Farm is the leading agriculture training campus, with excellent facilities for training of students, communal and commercial farmers as well as agricultural communities. The facilities are further used to advance research in agriculture. The Campus is renowned for providing agriculture training to most leading farmers and well known Agriculturalists in the economy of Namibia.



## INTERESTING FACTS!

- \*Cows are milked two times per day and produces on average 25 litres of milk per cow.
- \*There are 1000 layer chickens that produce around 900 eggs per day.
- \*By-products that get produced from the milk are Omaere, butter, cream and yoghurt.
- \*Animals found at Neudamm are 100 Friesian cattle, 400 sheep, 30 horses, 500 beef cattle, 250 goats, 1000 layer chickens and 17 pigs.
- \*Different kinds of vegetables are also produced annually.

## Agriculture:

The science or practice of farming and cultivating of the soil for the growing of crops and the rearing of animals for food, wool & other products

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of August the Grade 1 learners went on an educational excursion to the Neudamm Agricultural College.

The tour guide on the Farm explained to the learners what the students are being taught at the College and about the daily operations on the Farm.

The learners were exposed to the process of milking of cows' right through to where the milk is being processed.

At the processing station separation takes place and that is where the learners had the opportunity to taste the different products that results from processing milk.

After the milking process the children were exposed to the Chicken Coup where they were taken to harvest some eggs. At last they visited the Pigsty and were amazed to see how big a pig can really be.

There were many other things to explore but time did not allow.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this well-deserved educational outing. It was all made possible through the cooperation of teachers and parents.

Gratitude goes out to the staff at Neudamm College who received us very warmly and spend quality time with us making sure that the children learned as much as they could in such a short space of time.

# From the Sports Desk.....

## OUR OWN HENDRINA APOLLUS OFF TO TUNISIA



On the 28<sup>th</sup> of August our very own Hendrina Apollus will be representing Namibia at the ITF Championships in Tunisia.

Pictured on the left with Hendrina is Sport Coordinator of Amazing Kids, Mr. Kangala and on the right is Finance Administrator, Moladia Willemse handing over a cheque to the amount of N\$ 7000.00 to help Hendrina cover the expenses of her trip to Tunisia.

## HENDRINA IN ACTION OVER THE YEARS



*Hendrina Apollus, a Grade 7 learner at Amazing Kids started playing tennis at the age of nine at the Pro-Tennis Academy.*

*Hendrina has improved tremendously ever since. Over the years she has received, bronze, silver and gold medals in the various National and International competitions she participated in.*

*Now Hendrina is on her way to Tunisia once again to represent our Country in the ITF Championships, where she will compete against children all over Africa in the U/14 category.*

*Well done Hendrina! The whole of Namibia and Amazing Kids is very proud of you.*

## BRITNEY CLOETE - SOCCER IN MASERU



*Our very own Britney Cloete, a Grade 10 learner is playing for the U/17 Namibian Girls Soccer team.*

*They too represented Namibia in the Cossasa Games during the School Holiday where they won a silver medal.*

*Congratulations to Britney and the team!*

# Uncle Andrew's Soul Food

## LIBRARY RECEIVES BOOK DONATION

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of July Amazing Kids Private School's Library became the proud recipients of a variety of books donated by Mr. Emmanuel Tambo from ILSA College.

On the left is pictured, Mr. Tambo (donor), Ms. Emma Kakona (director) and Ms. Thuli Jôba (Librarian)

Amazing Kids will be forever grateful towards Mr. Tambo for investing in the development of our learners, the future leaders of Namibia.



Namibian Paralympic Swimmer, Mr Angula "AKA Spiderman" busy motivating the learners of Amazing Kids.

Angula shared a glimpse of his life story and the challenges he had to face, and through that he encouraged the learners, to believe that they can do anything through the strength of Christ within them. He urged them not to allow their challenges to overcome them, but to keep on pushing until they succeed.

The children were amazed at his positive spirit and cheerfulness despite his condition.



Greetings in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our young children and youth should be controlled by firm principles (rather than by impulse or the lusts of the world) that they may rightly improve the powers which God has given them.

But youth follow impulse so much and so blindly, without reference to principle, that they are constantly in danger. Since they cannot always have the guidance and protection of parents and guardians, they need to be trained to self-reliance and self-control.

This is the great task of the parents firstly at home and then the teachers secondly at school. They must be taught to think and act from conscientious principle. CE34.1

God bless



## Motivation Corner



# Upcoming Events

- 05 September..... OVC and Bursary Meeting at 17:45
- 07 September..... Final Grade 12 Subject Meeting at 17:45
- 07 September..... Grade 6–11 One-on-one Parent Meetings
- 11–15 September..... Grade 1–5 One-on-one Parent Meetings
- 11–15 September..... Grade 11 Gobabeb Trip
- 11–15 September..... Grade 1–7 Conquesta
- 12 September..... Grade 6 2018 Academic Meeting – Parents and learners
- 13 September..... Extra mural & remedial resumes
- 14–15 September..... Grade 12 Community Service
- 15–17 September..... Local Sport Tour
- 15 September..... Bible dress-up day
- 15 September..... Grade 12 last day at school
- 18 September..... Campus 2 General Parents Meeting at 17:45
- 19 September..... Finance Meeting with parents Grade 00–Grade 11 at 17:45
- 21 September..... Grade 7–11 Annual Awards Ceremony
- 25–27 September..... Junior Primary Annual Awards Ceremony
- 26–29 September..... Grade 10&11 Rossing Foundation Visit
- 26–28 September..... Upper Primary Annual Awards Ceremony



**Q: What can you tell me about the Dead Sea?**  
**A: I didn't even know it was sick!**

**Q: Who built the ark?**  
**A: I have Noah idea!**

**Q: Why did the girl wear glasses in math class?**  
**A: Because it improves di-vision!**

**Q: How do bees get to school?**  
**A: By school buzz!**



## Chuckles