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Key highlights of the Fair include:

- Official Fair opening at 1115 with the Maypole Dancing performed by some of the KG & PG mums.
- There will be 2 showings of Hansel and Gretel at 12 noon and 1430, at a special reduced price of R15 per person.
- Activities on offer will be candle making R15, clay candle holder decorating R10.
- Head garland decorating with flowers R10.
- Face painting R10 face and R5 a cheek / hand.
- Pony Rides R15.
- Games on offer will be Fishy Fishy stall, Bow & Arrow stall and stilts obstacle course all R5 with wonderful prizes.
- Atmospheric music: Harpist and High School musicians playing flute & violin for us.
- Class 1 will be running their second hand bookstall again, for parents to browse as their children play.
- Tea Garden (in the Playgroup area) for tea, coffee, cake & juices with free drawing, play-dough, sandpit and jungle gym.
- Various wholesome lunches: for the kids pancakes, popcorn and fruit kebabs R5 each.
- and for the adults, chicken drumsticks & potato salad, curry & rice, Dahl and rice, quiche & salad all R30/plate.
- Boerewors rolls R15 each and samoosas R5 each.
- AND Vincent Myburgh of The Jungle Theatre Company as our "walkabout entertainer".
We are holding a raffle to raise money for the U/16 boys soccer tour.
The tickets will cost R20 and there are fantastic prizes
1st prize is One night’s self catering accommodation for up to 8 guests supplied by - “Gone to the Beach Luxury Villa”, Scarborough
2nd prize is Dinner for two at the vineyard hotel and spa, Claremont
3rd prize is for a therapeutic massage for 45min with Ivana Moncekova, Constantia
Tickets will go on sale from 9th May - 6th June.
Raffle draw will be held on the 7th June.
Winners will be released in the Grapevine on the 10th June.
Please support this raffle
Thank you, James Twine, Sports Coordinator

Cosmas’s son was involved in a serious accident and he has been away since last week Monday. His son is in hospital undergoing physiotherapy to encourage his son to start walking. We wish Cosmas and his family strength, courage, blessings and prayers to weather this crisis.

Condolences to BONGIWE SOXUZA who’s father passed away on Wednesday morning unexpectedly. We extend our prayers and sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time.

Organic and biodynamic
every Friday from 11-3 pm
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Love from Tania Bownes

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BONGIWE SOXUZA

Bongiwe Soxuza has one of those engaging smiles and warm hearted approaches to people that endeared her to the DreamWorker team from the beginning. We really, really wanted to help this unemployed mother of 4 find work.

When a part time cleaning position became available at Constantia Waldorf for an initial trial period of 3 months, Bongi just jumped at the opportunity! She was tasked to help take care of the Kindergarten and Class1/Class 2 areas.

Debbie Braunlich is delighted that Bongi has joined the team. “She has the softest of laughs – like the ripple of a stream – and she laughs often as she works away quietly. She is always open and willing to listen to advice, really tries her best to please and has a wonderful eye for attention to detail. We love the fact that she is so grateful for this post at our school and we are so pleased to be able to offer her a full time contract at Waldorf from April. Welcome on board Bongi!”

Bongi is more than delighted herself. She beamed when asked about her job “…The people here are so lovely and kind. Everyone. I feel happy here and I am really looking forward to my full time work. I love the fact that I am independent and they trust me to do my job. I am free. This is the first time I have worked in a school and I love it. The kids, the beautiful school grounds. There is so much love around me every day.”

She adds a final touch “My dream is that my own children could be educated at this school one day. My two youngest of 6 and 8 years. Oh. That would be something!” And, as always, she ends with her soft, rippling laugh!

WINNIE CHIMA

Winnie Chima arrived in South Africa from Malawi as a new bride, with her husband, Jonathan, just over a year ago. She was in the right place at the right time because Bev in the tuckshop was needing some urgent assistance with meal preparation for the aftercare children and Glenda Muhl put through a call to DreamWorker.

Glenda explains how Winnie arrived, with rather poor English, but an honesty and gentleness that shone through at her first interview. “In her first few weeks we realized how quickly she responds to training, despite everything being new to her. Just a year later she confidently prepares food for our aftercare groups and is now able to communicate and express herself beautifully in English. Most importantly, she is loved by the children and always makes time to be with them and interact at aftercare. She has made so many friends here – staff, parents and many, many children!”

Winnie cannot express enough gratitude for her work and especially to Bev who runs the tuckshop. “I have learned so much from her about cooking. One day when I go home to Malawi I will even be able to open my own restaurant thanks to her!” she beams. “I love doing so many different things - being in charge of stock for aftercare, cleaning, helping in the tuckshop and then of course supervising the children. That is my favourite! I feel part of the Waldorf family. Everyone is so friendly and loving here. I love being surrounded by children all day. And I am so excited that in a few months my lifelong dream to have a child of my own will come true!”

(PS As Winnie will be having her baby in about 5 months time, if there are any parents willing to donate baby clothes or baby goods, they will be most gratefully received! Please hand them in for Winnie at the tuckshop or aftercare).

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Staff News

Left: WINNIE CHIMA,  
Right: BONGIWE SOXUZA
LIBRARY NEWS

Many many thanks to Maryke Nakan, Tiffany Mulvey and Kirsten Day-Brown for your help in the library this term. Your input is much appreciated! To volunteer in the library, email Tania waldorfmediacentre@telkomsa.net. Tasks include book repairs, book accession, book sorting and phone calls. Please support our wonderful second hand library book store. Only R5 a book!! Proceeds from sales are added to the library budget.

A reminder that the library is closed on a Monday as I use the space for counseling. Please do not knock on the door or call through the window. Urgent returns can be left with Marlene.

Tania

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Dear Glenda and Marlene

Thank you so much Constantia Waldorf School for donating all the left over lost property to our Community Programme.

We are setting up a Swop shop in Nyanga Township, which forms part of our Community Building Initiative – INSPIRING PERSONAL VALUE BASED LEADERSHIP.

In return for recycled material each person will be able to choose an item from the Swop shop, which comprises of anything from a pencil to a pram. A wonderful way to encourage a greener, healthier, loving SA for all.

We are so grateful for this donation and ask any parents or children in the school who’d like to donate any unwanted, used, almost new goods to The SmilingOne Foundation to call us for further details.

Thank you for your kind support! Thank you for caring!

Warm Regards and Blessings

Meeghan Norwitz J
Responsibility Coach and Facilitator
Tel No 021 787 9504
Cell No 082 938 1175
www.smilingone.com

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Letter of Appeal

Dear students, dear parents, dear teachers,

Zenzeleni Waldorf School in Khayelitsha needs your help!

- Do you have any toys? - especially for outside- like skipping ropes, stilts, balls, hula hoops... lying around unused?
- Are there any educational materials, like books, atlas’, atlas globes, wall maps, musical instruments, discarded material for physics experiments etc getting dusty in your garages / storerooms?
- Classroom aids and stationery material like board rulers, pairs of compasses or even (wax)-crayons and pens which you don’t need anymore?
- Also any tools for gardening – like spades, rakes, hosepipes and wheelbarrows- as well as materials for building and craft are very welcome.

Please could you drop it off at your school office and we will come to collect it for Zenzeleni!

If you have any questions give us a call: 021- 361 0613
Thanks a million for your help,
Volunteers
Zenzeleni School

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The Craft Shop
Constantia Waldorf School
Q2 Ark, M.A. Uiland

Open Tuesday to Saturday
9am to 1 pm - during school terms
Please phone for School holiday opening hours
Teachers Conference 2011

Visitors from far and wide attended the 2011 South African Waldorf School's National Teacher Conference hosted by our School

Each year, during the Easter holidays, Waldorf teachers from all over Southern Africa gather to exchange teaching experiences and research, share new ideas, discuss the latest developments in Waldorf Education and to deepen their understanding of the children in their care.

As the host school for the conference this year our College of Teachers focused on two priorities:
Firstly, that the theme of the conference would inspire teachers of all age groups - from the Mama-teachers who care for babies in our Educare Centres, the Waldorf Playgroup and Kindergarten teachers, the growing number of Waldorf Primary School teachers and the specialist High School teachers who are preparing 14-20 year old students as they head out into the world.

Secondly our wish was to make the conference financially accessible so that as many teachers as possible could attend from each and every Waldorf initiative in the country.

The theme of our conference emerged out of a talk given by Felicitas Vogt entitled “Through the Eye of the Needle”. This talk encapsulates much of what our teachers need to address in these times. (A copy can be sourced on the internet). We were also delighted when Christof Wiechert (the previous leader of the worldwide Waldorf Pedagogical Section) was able to be our guest speaker. He has an incredible ability to communicate with teachers around the world and he was very pleased to bring his ideas and experience on child observation—new ways to look at the children in the world today.

We had not counted on the tremendous response to our conference invitations. As the news spread from school to school, the applications flooded in and we kept extending the numbers for catering, accommodation and seating. Our drama hall was packed to capacity for the lectures and our sports hall was converted into a dining area filled with long rows of tables and exhibitions of students’ work.

Each of the 280 teachers brought their individual qualities to the conference and stories of their unique school situations were exchanged. The list of delegates included teachers from Kufunde Village in Zimbabwe, Windhoek Waldorf School, Sisonke School in Port St. Johns (Eastern Cape), Acacia Tree (Eastern Cape), Nairobi (Kenya), Village Waldorf School (Pretoria), Inkanyezi Waldorf School (Alexandria Township), Lesedi Waldorf School (Northern Province), Max Stibbe Waldorf School (Pretoria), Mc Gregor Waldorf School, Dassenberg Waldorf School, Hermanus Waldorf School, Zenzeleni Waldorf School, Stellenbosch Waldorf School, Roseway Waldorf School (KZN), Michael Oak Waldorf School, Michael Mount Waldorf School, Khanyisa Waldorf School, Imhoff Waldorf School, Gaia Waldorf School. The Educare Teachers came from Khayalitsha, Gugulethu, Masi-phumelele, Langa, Crossroads and one teacher arrived unexpectedly from the hills of Mount Frere in KwaZulu Natal.

Over five days and four evenings, 280 teachers sang together, ate together, shared workshops together, socialized, learned new ways of teaching, laughed and applauded together. Accommodation was arranged at a beautiful location in Noordhoek and 50 teachers from outlying areas in South Africa experienced living together. Our transport team carried teachers to and from the airport, bus stations and Noordhoek outdoor centre and a few teachers saw the sea for the very first time!

Fifty of our own teachers attended the conference and helped to ensure that everyone was comfortable. Our deep appreciation to all of our teachers, admin staff, cleaning staff, ground staff and Estate Management team who put months of effort into making our school so welcoming for our visitors. We were also very proud of the energetic group of 8 students from Class 13 and Class 12 who served teas and meals, washed dishes and set tables. A special thanks also goes out to each of our teachers who facilitated workshops.

Our caterer was Alison Fenton and with her family members and team of helpers she ensured that all tastes were met. The menu planning included traditional food and vegetarian meals and Alison used her skills to provide healthy food at a cost which ensured that we could keep the conference fee at an affordable level. Taureg tents, once again, supported our school by providing three of their tents at reduced rates. These tents helped to provide cover for the tea garden and washing up area and to create a special atmosphere for serving the meals.

We are pleased to say that the feedback from the teachers who attended the conference has been overwhelming. We have pages of grateful comments expressing thanks for all that was experienced and learned.

The National Teachers Conference Organising Team
Constantia Waldorf School College of Teachers
Two Part-time Posts
Anthroposophical Society in the Western Cape
In an unexpected coincidence both Briar and Linda are making life changes and have resigned from their positions as Coordinator and Office Secretary/Librarian – so we are advertising these posts.

Coordinator
- Co-ordinate and support the activities of the ASWC
- Public Relations and Networking
- Identify and Develop opportunities for Anthroposophical Growth
- Co-ordinate Care of the ASWC Facilities
- The ideal applicant will be a Society member or willing to become one, and will have the following qualities and capacities:
  - Organisational and administrative skills
  - Energy and procedural skills
  - Initiative taker with ability to follow through
  - Social skills and be accessible
  - Meeting skills

Starting date 1 August 2011
Available for training during July 2011 latest

Secretary/Librarian
Tuesdays to Fridays 8.00 – 13.00
Social, administrative and organizational skills, computer competency and ability to multi-task are essential.

Starting date 1 October 2011
Please submit letters of application with CV and references to:
The ASWC Council
Email: info@aswc.org.za; Fax: 021 761 9600;
By hand: Sophia House, 18 Firfield Rd, Plumstead

Applications to be received by 17 May 2011
Although the Secretary/Librarian position will only commence in October we would like to appoint applicants to both positions at the same time to ensure that the positions complement each other.

The Rainbow Puppet Theatre presents Hansel and Gretel on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of May. Shows are every Saturday at 10am and 11.15am. Admission is R20 at the door for adults and children (recommended age 4+). Parking is ample and free. Refreshments are on Sale. The picturesque and secure surroundings of the puppet theatre are ideal for children’s birthday parties. We have mobile Puppet Theatres for Birthday Parties and private functions.

Please contact Alison on 783-2063 or email therainbow.puppettheatre@gmail.com for more information. The Rainbow Puppet Theatre is situated at the Constantia Waldorf School, Spaanschemat River Road, Constantia.

STOP PRESS! ANNOUNCEMENT!
The Sophia Family Centre has just published SELECTED ESSAYS - Volume FOUR
Copies can be purchased from THE CRAFT SHOP Constantia Waldorf School or myself at the cost of R25 per copy
Thank you to Basil Gibaud Trust for the sponsorship.

Many Thanks
Yvonne H
### Dates For Your Diary

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### Lost Property
Lost Property will be on show next week Friday. Please make sure to come and check for your children's belongings.

### Flowers for the Foyer
- 16 May: The Bassler Family
  - Leon Bassler - Class 11
- 23 May: The Beardwood Family
  - Matthew Beardwood - Class 8
- 30 May: The White Family
  - Joshua Bell - Class 11
- 6 June: The Berens Family
  - Georgina Berens - Class 13
- 13 June: The Bergman Family
  - Luke Bergman - Class 7
- 20 June: The Berry Family
  - Lara Berry - Class 4

### Post Available at the Constantia Waldorf School for Aftercare Kindergarten Teacher
We are looking for a qualified Kindergarten Waldorf Teacher who has had experience working with children of three to seven years of age. This is a part-time position and working hours are from 11:45 AM to 4:00 PM.

Kindly fax or e-mail your C.V to Constantia Waldorf School Kindergarten by 27th May 2011.

Fax: 021 794 1105

E-mail: waldorf@iafrica.com

### Classifieds
**Lift club Offered - Muizenberg / Marina Da Gama:** I have a child in Grade 6 and am looking for other families to share lifts in the mornings and afternoons. Please contact Sally on 072 832 6995 or e-mail sally@cynaminart.com.

Link your Love to DreamWorker's “Working for School Fees” campaign! As part of our ongoing commitment to helping the unemployed, DreamWorker is raising funds to help people who cannot pay their school fees at Voorspoed Primary School in Hanover Park. A R100 voucher will get an unemployed parent working at the school. They take home R50 and R50 goes towards school fees. We appeal to the Waldorf family to “Link your Love” by buying a day of work for an unemployed person. Also, if you need domestics, gardeners, drivers, admin assistants etc please call our office on 021 696 4048 or speak to Waldorf parent Tania Bownes on 083 3266352. Full donation details on our website www.dreamworker.org.za.

There comes a moment when each person finds themselves on the brink of transformation, a decision to embark on an extraordinary adventure of self-discovery. Join our group for the next 8 weeks using The Responsible Individual to guide you on your adventure consciously choosing the life you want. Date: Wednesday 11 May, 9 – 11 am - Investment: Book R299 + R100 per session.

Call: Meeghan, Responsibility Coach, 082 938 1175, (021) 787 9504

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