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Term 3 Highlights

Planting a garden
Fish Hoek Beach visit
Heritage Day



Gardening Galore

Term 3 kicked off with much excitement with the planting of a vegetable garden with Jo Hunter-Adams of the Health Economists Unit at UCT. From learning how to prepare the soil, sowing the seeds, tending the plants to harvesting and eating the produce, the garden is providing different forms of engagement for the children, who are all eagerly participating.

Why Garden

The benefits of gardening are endless. Here are our top ten:

Fresh air is good for the soul

It engages all of the senses, one of the best ways for children to learn

It encourages healthy eating

Fine motor skills are enhanced and developed

The concept of science is introduced through botany, biology and chemistry

It teaches responsibility

Children learn how and why they need to take care of the environment in a practical way

In a world of instant gratification, gardening teaches the importance of patience

Measuring and counting in the garden makes math fun

Young gardeners learn to plan and problem solve



Heritage Day Celebrated



**Our rich and varied cultural heritage has a profound power to help build our nation –
Nelson Mandela**

Sun, sand and sea

A load of fun was had when the preschool took a trip to Fish Hoek beach to build sandcastles, swim in the sea and eat ice cream.



Making Dreams Come True

Grade 1 and 2 classes launched in 2018

Come 2018 Bhongolethu will introduce its first Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes taking its educational plan for Masi to the next level.

This comes after the decision to join forces with Work For Love bringing together the strengths of both organisations to build a bigger and better educational institution,

Allowing for growth the move takes us one step closer to our dream of having a full primary school in Masi.

Operating under the name Bhongolethu, we are consolidating our funding, infrastructure, staff and children.

The new Bhongolethu will be using three premises for the children in 2018: the current Bhongolethu and Siyakhula sites for the preschool children and the Lekkerwater Road Sites for Grade R, 1&2.

Through this merger children will have access to more programmes to benefit their individual development including an age literacy and numeracy programme, music programme, swimming programme, veggie gardening and physifun movement group.

The school will also offer a well-developed parent enrichment programme which will include the sewing school, parenting and gardening workshops, teacher training and business mentoring.

