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NOVALIS HOUSE

FEBRUARY 2014

Dear Parents, Guardians, Family Members and Friends,

As Novalis settles into the New Year, we welcome everyone back from the December break, and trust that the festive season was a happy and peaceful one for all. We wish you all a very Happy and Successful 2014!

**We extend a special welcome to our five new day workers:**

Enver Taylor, Jonty Roos, Nyasha Ndlovu, James Sifrin and Blair Chirwa.

**Thank you!**

On behalf of the staff at Blue Hills and the Linden Workshop we would like to say a very sincere "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to the staff gifts that were received at the end of last year. Everyone sincerely appreciated the incredible generosity of our families!

**PLEASE DIARISE: CLOSURE TIMES - WORKSHOP**

**The Linden Workshop closing times for this year are as follows:**

Closing:	Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
	Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2014
Closing:	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 1pm
Re-opening:	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

"The Blue Hills Residence will remain open during the workshop closure times".

**NELSON MANDELA - 18 July 1918 to 5 Dec 13**



Although we were all deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved "Madiba" we remembered him at Novalis with respect and deep affection, and expressed our immense gratitude for all that he has taught us, for the legacy he leaves behind, and wonderful example of how to love one another.

## **Fund Raising**

### **Christmas Cake Raffle**

We say a special thank you to Marian Rodd, who once again baked the beautiful Christmas Cake that was raffled at the end of last year, raising an incredible amount of - **R 5 480.00**.

We thank you all for your very generous support for this fund raiser!

The winning ticket belonged to Ken, Mary and Lauren Taylor from the workshop.

### **MySchool My Village**

We thank our My Village supporters, who raised a total of R 3 252.83 between April 2013 to December 2013 by swiping their cards when shopping at Woolworths.



Please support this easy way of raising funds for Novalis - Remember every swipe counts!!!  
Forms are available online.

### **Jackets**

There are still some "all weather" jackets with the Novalis Logo in a Medium Size available, at R 100 each. These funds raised, are purpose bound for outings for our beneficiaries.

## **STAFF TRAINING**

### **Swimming Training - Thank You to Gert van Zyl from Goof Swimming School !!**

Our staff members from the Blue Hills Residence have been receiving swimming training.

These training sessions are being provided by Goof Swimming School as their community outreach project.



### **Driver's Licences:**

Congratulations to Michael, our groundsman and Ntando our cook at Blue Hills, who have succeeded in getting their driver's licences.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BLUE HILLS RESIDENCE - 6 DEC 13**

It was a day of fun and music, with the weather playing a role in providing a perfect day!

A big "Thank You" to all involved in making the party a great success!

Special thanks to the Joan Watton, Johan van Staden, Cliff Hocking and Rad Handfield-Jones from the Midrand Lions Club, for spending the day with us, making the braai and providing the food and drinks for the party!

The beautiful picture frames that were handed out to everyone as gifts were hand made by Shirley and Belinda Van Staden and their friend Wendy. Our residents and day workers so enjoyed receiving these lovely gifts!



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### **Donors**

We thank all our donors and sponsors and volunteers for their generous financial contributions, as well as their time and efforts in supporting our work at Novalis House.

### **Board of Directors**

We thank all our board members for their on-going commitment to our work at Novalis and for giving their valuable guidance, time and support. It is immensely appreciated!

We hope that together we will continue to grow in the year ahead and hope that it will be a special, healthy and happy year for all of us at Novalis House.

**Management and Staff - NOVALIS HOUSE INCORPORATED**