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NOVALIS HOUSE

MARCH 2019

Dear Families and Friends,

As we head towards the end of the first quarter of this New Year we would like to share our news with you. 2018 proved to be a very busy and exciting year for Novalis, which also saw the successful completion of the new dining hall, the first two events to be held there being the AGM and Christmas Party.

THANK YOU

AGM

A very successful and well supported AGM was held on the 17th November 18. We wish to thank everyone for attending, for the support shown and for the generous contributions to the eats. Please visit our website for the full AGM report.

STAFF GIFTS

The Novalis staff would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our families who so kindly contributed towards their staff gifts in December. Everyone very much appreciated their gratuities received in January!



Welcome to our new workshop!!

NOVALIS WORKSHOP

The work programme has been moved to the new dining hall building, which provides an open plan work area, as well as much needed recreational spaces for tea and lunch times.

Our work programme will operate from the dining hall until the new workshop is built.

Contract Work

Last year saw a record year in turnover, with our main supporters being Plastpro Scientific and Calibre Plastics. The New Year has already seen a steady influx of work and everyone is being kept very busy.

Besides the contract work, everyone is encouraged to also participate in other activities, which include laundry duties, assisting in the kitchen with food preparations, general maintenance and cleaning, recycling, sports and regular walks in the gardens and visits to the park.

The dining room in the Main House will be used to initiate a therapeutic programme.



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WORKSHOP CLOSURE DATES FOR 2019

- Close - Friday 22nd March 2019
- Close - Monday 23rd September 2019

- Close - Friday 26th April 2019
- Re-open - Monday 6th May 2019

- Close - Friday 13th December 2019
- Re-open - Monday 6th January 2020

The Blue Hills Residence will remain open during these times.



A vegetable garden has been started using the vacant ground next to the dining hall



NOVALIS RESIDENCE

During 2018 our residence remained a happy place, despite the upheaval of having to use part of our Main House for work programmes.

This pressure was relieved in January when the work programme was moved into the new dining hall.

We now look forward to moving all the cooking, dining and recreational activities to the new building as well.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND GALLERY

Before going on holiday in December Amy Tsaperas and Christine Aurret handed out gift bags to everyone.



THE END OF YEAR PARTY

A performance was held at the Amphitheatre to show our families what had been practiced during the year, during the music sessions with Inge Arthur.



THANK YOU Midrand Lions Club for once again, providing a delicious braai for our party.



THANK YOU

Paul Thompson from Puleng Technologies who hired the ice cream van and spoiled us all with "Flaky Cones" for dessert!



Paul also handed out the beautifully branded bags and T Shirts to our Novalis beneficiaries.



THANK YOU

Marion Rodd for baking the stunning Christmas cake, which raised a record amount of **R 6 500.00** in the raffle. Thanks to everyone for supporting this fund raiser! The lucky winner this year was Glenda Rodd.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To Viv Nightingale, who is moving to Knysna this month, we say a very fond farewell. We thank her for the invaluable 14 years in the "Chair" and wish her and Derek a very happy new life in the Cape.

We say a very big **"Thank You"** to our board members who continue to serve as volunteers on the Novalis board.

Jonathan Ballett – Acting Chairman
Nomvula Nkabinde - Treasurer
Ephraim Lukoto - Secretary
Philemon Komane – Board Member

We welcome our new board members:

Elinor Kern

Clive Smedmor

Phil Hall

Thank you for joining our board and for your enthusiastic commitment to the future success of Novalis House.

VOLUNTEERS

A say very big **"Thank you"** to our volunteers for the continued support with our various projects. Contract Work, Charity Shop, Fund Raising, Repairs and Maintenance , Gardens, Music sessions, Reflexology and Prayer Groups.



MY VILLAGE

We thank our "My Village" supporters for swiping their cards when shopping at Woolworths and their partners - Bidvest Waltons, Engen Quick Shop, Altech Netstar, Flight Centre, lool.co.za., Power24.co.za.

Please keep shopping and tell your family members and friends about this very easy way to raise funds!

Funds raised –
April 2018 to January 2018 - R 6 158

FUNDERS AND DONORS.

Sincere appreciation goes to all the funders and donors who continue to support us in the work we do.

PROJECTS FOR 2019

At the AGM, our parental body was asked to please put us in touch with possible donors, or people they know who may have the expertise to assist with the various projects on our "Wish List", which will be sent out in a separate document.

CHARITY SHOP

Eric and Marilyn Taylor have taken on the task of setting up our "Charity Shop" and are achieving an amazing result! Thanks to a donation of R 3000 from Glenda Rodd, we have been able to buy the necessary hardware to set up the different departments. Besides any donations that can be sold in the shop, we need hangers and shopping bags. Watch this space for the announcement of the official opening!



To all our families, we thank you for your continued support.
We look forward to the months ahead and a time of positive growth for everyone at Novalis House!

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