

Friends of Three2Six Newsletter





# Inside

2017 end of year update from Sacred Heart College campus

Our Sacred Heart College team provides an overview of the 2017 Term 3 highlights.

#### **Summer Holiday Program 2017**

We share some of the experiences of our 2017 Summer Holiday Program which took place in December.



# 2017 SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

# Our biggest and best yet!

From 4 – 15 December 2017 the Three2Six Project welcomed 250 children and over 100 volunteers to the annual Summer Holiday Program. This has become one of the highlights of the Three2Six Project, offering our children an experience of some of the themes and subjects that our compressed bridging curriculum doesn't allow for during the normal term. This year we continued our emphasis on providing a specific science focus alongside a specific creative focus.

The science component was our best yet, ably led by volunteers from our new holiday program partner, the Australian Catholic University (ACU). The 12 volunteers were all third year teaching students and the impact of their presence on our entire program was immense! We look forward to many years of welcoming an ACU group in the future.





"The children were incredible! They were always so excited and happy to see the volunteers, and to be at school. They were incredibly grateful for everything they got. It was a very humbling"

The creative focus this year was a music program, providing exposure to a range of instruments to our youngest learners and the opportunity to learn and perform a specific piece for our older learners. Professional marimba, drum, recorder, dance and choir teachers were employed and the concert given on the last day was enthusiastic and inspiring!

These two focus areas once again ran alongside a jam-packed program of sports, IT, crafts, cooking, gardening and reading sessions. Our excursions this year enabled the children to experience the Johannesburg Observatory and an old favourite, the Johannesburg Zoo. Special thanks also to Sacred Heart Alumni Alfred and Lynette Chung for sponsoring all our children to go to the movies! Such a treat!









### Grade 6 Farewell

The Grade 6 learners had their farewell on Thursday, the 23<sup>th</sup> of November. We went to the Zoo Lake in the afternoon with the Grade 6 learners, all the teachers, the Learners parents and the whole Three2Six team.

There we had a braai and everybody held speeches and Kathy from our Three2Six Library gave Library certificates to the learners and every learner got a book to keep, what was a highlight for the kids. Even if we got surprised by a lot of rain and thunderstorm, it didn't stop the farewell and in the end everybody was happy.

# **Campus Update**

# Sacred Heart College

### Nazareth House:

On Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of October our Grade 6 learners went to the Nazareth house in Yeoville in the afternoon. There they recited poems, they danced and they sang for the old people at the house. The children had a lot of fun doing this and the old people where very happy to have the children there to visit them. All of the Grade 6 learners were very impressed from their visit at the Nazareth house and even days after the trip you could hear them talking about it.

### **Gardening:**

With perfect sunny weather we started the gardening with Grade 6 on Saturday, the 14th of October. The Grade 6 learners came to school at half past nine in the morning to clean the school garden. We removed stones and weeds together so that we can use the garden for planting vegetables in the future. There is still a lot of work to do, but the kids worked very hard and with much enthusiasm so that the half of the garden is already cleaned.

After the hard work the kids had time to play basketball and football until the bus came at half past one to collect them. All in all it was a very successful day and the learners where very happy that they could help us.

### Shree Radhey Shyam Temple:

Recently, we went to the Shree Radhey Shyam Temple in Marlboro on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October with the Grade 6 learners. There they met the priest, who told them a lot about the Temple and the Hindu religion. The children were listening very carefully and were so interested that they asked the priest many questions afterwards. At least the teacher even needed to stop them because the kids had too many questions. It was a very successful day and the children learned a lot.