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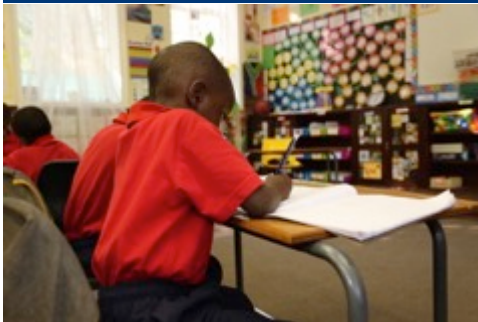
Refugee Children's Education Project

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ROUNDTABLE ON MIGRANT AND REFUGEE EDUCATION



On Friday 23rd March the Three2Six Project and Sacred Heart College co-hosted a Roundtable on Migrant Education with the South African Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office. It was a wonderful event with more than 100 participants from government, civil society, diplomatic, education and migrant communities.

We were proud to host as our keynote speaker Professor Ann Skelton, who is the Director of the Centre for Child Law at the University of Pretoria, a member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and the UNESCO Chair for Education Law in Africa. (continued page 3)

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“Education is a gateway right... it is in itself a fundamental right but without it so many other rights are not attainable”.

Prof Ann Skelton





10th Anniversary
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Calling all international Friends of Three2Six

On the 7th April the Three2Six Project reached a milestone, celebrating its 10th Anniversary (photos and reports coming in our next newsletter!). Over the last 10 years nearly 600 children have transitioned from Three2Six into mainstream schools, with 300 more currently accessing an education thanks to the project. However, more than 500 children are on the waiting list in Johannesburg with thousands more across the country denied access to an education.

Our past volunteers and international friends often ask how they can help Three2Six continue its inspiring work. **We are asking that you help celebrate our 10th Anniversary by signing up to donate \$10 or E10 per month for 12 months – and ask a few friends, colleagues or family members to join you.** For the cost of a few coffees a month you can help us advocate for thousands of refugee children to access mainstream education and provide bridging education for hundreds right here at Three2Six.

Join us in the fight to help some of the most marginalized and disadvantaged children access education, reach their potential and pursue their dreams.

Sign up at: <http://www.three2six.co.za/make-a-donation/>

Email partnerships@three2six.co.za with any **questions**.





Prof Skelton and our Three2Six Director, Colin Northmore, were joined on the Roundtable panel by Mr Emmanuel Musa, who shared the important perspective of a parent and gave participants a window into the challenges faced first hand by migrants in accessing education for their children. Fr Peter-John Pearson moderated the event and ensured that dozens of participants had the opportunity to take the floor and raise their own questions or share their experiences.

The full video of the Roundtable is available on the Three2Six facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Three2SixProject/videos/1763027230407517/>

A 5 minute highlights edit of the video is available on youtube <https://www.facebook.com/Three2SixProject/videos/1763027230407517/>

“The way that we treat foreign children in this country is no less despicable than the way the Apartheid government used to treat the African citizens of our country”.
Colin Northmore



Campus Update

Sacred Heart College

Registration time at our campus

After the school started on the 15th January the Three2Six project at Sacred Heart College was busy with the registration for this year. We are happy to have a complete new Grade 1 with 25 little, motivated children and apart from that we filled our open spots in all other Grades so that every class has 25 children in the end. The consultation days were always very busy since the school started because we have a great demand on spots in this project at Sacred Heart College.

Academic mass with our main school

On the 25th January our children joined the main school for an amazing term one Academic mass and for the children the school journey can officially start again. For this mass the kids practised a wonderful song. Daniela Alofs, one of our German volunteers, accompanied the kids with a powerful clarinet sound.

Activity days with annual visitors

In February our children got visitors from the democracy prep public school in New York, United States. Every year the school offers their grade 12 to come to South Africa for one week and they have the opportunity to explore a different country, with all the diversity. They spend two afternoons with playing games, reading and doing sport in all the grades.

Harvest time at the three2six garden

In February we started to pick the first vegetables at our three2six garden. One of our children's mother takes responsibility for the vegetables in our garden and puts all her energy in the garden. We share the vegetables with the three2six families who find it difficult to afford a full meal every day.



Campus Update

Observatory Girls Primary



After a well-rested break following the very exciting end to 2017, with excursions to the Children's Theatre, the Obs Play Day, Graduation Ceremony and December Holiday Program, the Observatory Girls Campus was ready for 2018. Term 1 was an amazing start to the year for the learners with many great activities and lessons! With our previous Grade 1s and half of our Grade R moving onto their mainstream schools and leaving the Three2Six project, we welcome a new group of eager Grade R and 1 learners into the project, as well as welcoming back our previous learners from 2017! We also wish all the best to the learners who left our campus and their families, and best of luck with their studies and future endeavours! They'll forever be in the heart of Three2Six!



There are a number of amazing moments to reflect upon this term, but for us, the annual Easter Egg Hunt is the best highlight! The Easter Bunny paid a visit to the Obs Campus late one night and hid some delightfully delicious easter eggs for the children to find. The Grade R play area was the choice hiding spot for the Bunny's chocolatey eggs! All 52 learners took to playground with their beautifully handmade baskets, looking high and low in all corners of the jungle gym, garden, drain pipes, and even a bakkie to make sure that none of the Bunny's delectable treats were left behind!

After an exciting first term, we are looking forward to Term 2 and all that it is planned!



Campus Update

Holy Family College

Teachers: It is a blessing to have dedicated teachers who take their work at heart. Because being a teacher is a calling.

Volunteers: We are excited to welcome Murpry, a new volunteer at the project who will be with us for two months before she travels to Germany to volunteer as part of the Marist International Collaboration with CMI. Murpry is a Sacred Heart College alumna and has been a committed Three2Six volunteer during events and holiday programs since 2014. She came and join us since the end of February. She is in transit to Germany.

We would like to welcome our new volunteer Kellie from Australia and she will be with us volunteering at Three2Six project until the end of Term.

Registration: Parents are still coming for the application for this year and we have a long waiting list already. The Grade 3 learners and parents are starting the search for the new school as they will have to leave the project as we do not have the grade 4 at Holy Family College. But we are happy that this means they will integrate into a mainstream school.

Events:

- on the 14th of February learners were excited to wear their own clothes for Valentine's Day.
- Learners were invited to do opening of the conference in Rosebank in early February with Zenex and the International Education Funders Group
- We also had the visit of the Australian brother, Brother Tony Clarke. Thank you for thinking of us and coming to see us before you settle in Cape Town.
- We had the member of International Judo Federation from Japan but currently with Embassy of Japan in of Cultural Attache Information and JET Program Scholarship who visited our Judo class.



An invitation for our American friends

Sacred Heart College will be hosting a fundraising Cocktail Evening in New York on 26th of April at 6:00 PM. The event will be aimed at Fundraising for Three2six and all our capital projects within the School. We are looking at connecting with new partners to move the project forward. The Event will be held at the home of Margaret and Arthur Minson. Address is as follows: 50 E 79th St, New York.

We would like to request that you connect us to your associates/family or friends who will be in New York around that time to attend the event. Any information would be highly appreciated.

Please send all RSVP and correspondence to Christine Downes who is our liaison in New York Organizing the event christine.downes7@gmail.com.

Farewell to some of our volunteers

We are sad to farewell five of our international volunteers, many for the second or third time! They have all shown an incredible passion for our children and we wish them all the best in their next chapter and hope they will visit again soon.

Ben has been back with us for another prolonged period after his first visit with the Saint Marcellin Champagnat Award program in 2015 and his second as a private volunteer for one year. Ben's photography and design wizardry have been once again greatly appreciated.

Stav is back for a second time after his first visit with the Saint Marcellin Champagnat Award for our holiday program in 2016. In 2017 he helped to plan and prepare for our biggest yet holiday program and has also been a huge asset in helping with our sports programs.

Vinny is back for the third time, after two previous holiday programs this time he stayed for six months and has contributed a huge amount at our Obs Girls campus, particularly helping establish our library there.

Kellie has come back for a second time after spending a year with us previously. Her grace and organizational skills made the 10th Anniversary a wonderful success.

Dhruvi leaves us after a year helping to build solid monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems, leaving us much better organized and able to share the Three2Six story.

