



THREE2SIX

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Grade 5 camp

On April 5th and 6th, our Grade 5 children from the Sacred Heart College campus embarked on a fun adventure as they spent two days camping at Camp Eden, near Belfour.

During those two days, the children had various indoor and outdoor activities with the camp instructors. Among those activities were some cooperative challenges, sports and a zip line crossing a lake.

The children had an incredible time together and will not forget the wonderful moments they spent together at the camp.



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Fundraising event with the Princess Charlene of Monaco



On Saturday 13th April, our learners from the Sacred Heart College campus were invited to the Royal Race Day, a fundraising event with the presence of the Princess Charlene of Monaco.

The children enthusiastically watched the races and spent some fun time in the playground area during the event. Thank you to the event organizers and to Sacred Heart College for inviting our learners to take part in this exciting event!



Easter Egg hunt



Coming up to the Easter weekend, the Observatory Girls' Primary campus buzzed with excitement and joy for the bringing of new beginnings. On Thursday 18th of April, our Three2Six children took their baskets which they had made and decorated themselves to begin the Easter egg hunt!

Three2Six teachers hid chocolate eggs around the schoolyard in a fun and challenging hunt for the children to enjoy, the Easter tradition bringing a splash of thrilling adventure into the school term. The children were ecstatic to take part in the Easter egg hunt, and next year will be even better!

Democracy prep School's visit



On Tuesday 23rd April, the Three2Six children at the Observatory Girls' School campus were delighted to have a visit from students of the Democracy Prep School for an afternoon.

After sitting to enjoy a hot meal together, Democracy Prep spent the rest of the afternoon playing with the Three2Six children.

Children and Democracy Prep students shared reading time, raced together, and played dancing and singing games

Children immediately and excitedly engaged with the Democracy Prep students and were overjoyed to speak with them and share their games with the visitors.

The Observatory Girls' School campus always receives kindness and love from visitors and returns it with interest; we were very lucky to be able to spend this time with Democracy Prep School.

The afternoon ended too early, but our children went home smiling and excited: Three2Six eagerly waits for Democracy Prep School's next visit!



Novices Training



On 8 April 2019, our Sacred Heart College campus coordinator was invited to talk about the Three2Six Project at a training course on migration for Novices at the Cathedral Christ the King in Johannesburg.

The formation was intended to inform the Novices about the socio-economic environment they are called to operate in as well as the legal framework involved.

Lawyers for Human Rights and the City of Johannesburg were some of the other entities which presented their services to the Novices along with the Three2Six Project.

Our coordinator had the privilege to present the mission and objectives of the Project as well as describing our operating system to the Novices in order for them to understand how we deliver services to refugee and migrant children.

The presentation was a real eye opener about the need of the communities they are called to serve; and further development of the talk will be done during the visit they have planned to do in the Project in May.



Alumni day on the Sacred Heart College Campus



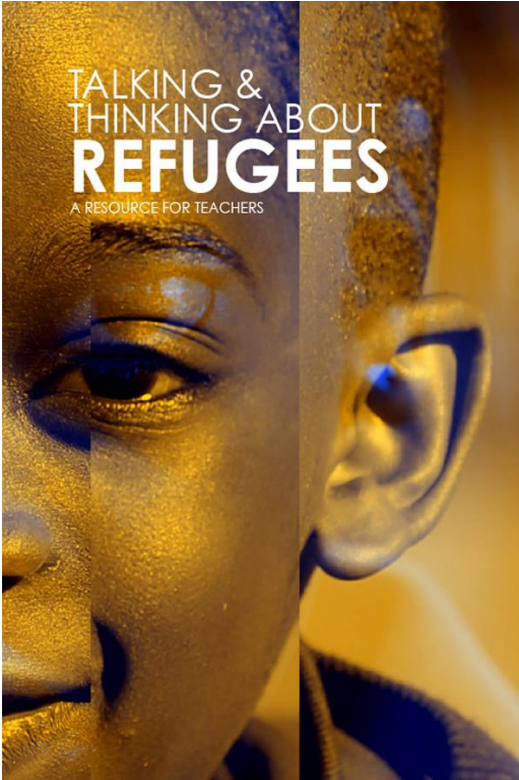
On Saturday 27th April, the Alumni Program was held. The Alumni were introduced to a Goal Setting Session by one of our South African Volunteers.

Each person was given the opportunity to write up some of their short-term goals for the year, seal it and at the very last Alumni Session in 2019 we will all get to read our goals for the year and a message we have written to our future selves.

The day also consisted of Homework Catch-up, Sports – Soccer, and then some lunch. We hope to see you next Month on the 18th May. We will have a chance to cook and make our very own delicious lunch treats.



Advocacy update



On Tuesday 2nd April, the director and programme manager of Three2Six, accompanied by the project's partner Lawyers for Human Rights, met with a representative of the Department of Higher Education and Training in Pretoria, Ms Michelle Mathey, the director of Teacher Education, University Branch.

The project's resource for teachers 'Talking and Thinking about Refugees' which aims at being used by teachers to challenge the way we think and speak about refugees was presented to the Department's representative who demonstrated a great interest in it.

Some possibilities of collaboration were then discussed among which the possibility to introduce the resource into the training of student teachers and into the in-service training of existing teachers. We also discussed introducing the manual into the curriculum of independent schools.

We hope this collaboration will go forward and bear fruit, so the project can contribute to tackling xenophobia at a national level and educating people on refugees' rights which are unknown or poorly known.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to the Department of Higher Education and Training for taking the time to meet with our project members and for its support of the project's resource.

Three2Six learners say thanks to the director



On April 11, the learners of our Sacred Heart College campus showed their appreciation of the project to the director for his birthday.

The completed paper card was put together from the works of art created by the three grade classes of the campus. The card was then given to our director as a birthday present.

Fundraising update

Auditors have finalized the audit for the 2018 financial period, which will be signed off shortly by the Three2Six Board to then be released to all funders, donors and supporters. Thank you all for your patience and continued support.

The project would like to thank all partners for the contributions committed in 2019. As indicated in the previous newsletter, the project has managed to secure funds to continue running the project activities in 2019 and mid-2020. We continue to actively fundraise for the 2020-2021 period.

It is also important to note that one of our private partners has secured funds for the project to conduct research on the Three2six Project model in collaboration with the University of the Witwatersrand in 2019-2020. We are very pleased with this partnership and are looking at interesting ways in which the project can share expertise on refugee education and learn about various ways in which to improve and deliver the outcomes effectively in collaboration with other partners.

We would like to thank the 501C3 fundraising team in America for making another donation possible. The project has received \$5000 which will assist in the day to day running of the project activities.

The project is still in need of referrals for funding for the project and will appreciate your assistance. If you know of anyone that could potentially assist us, please get in contact with partnerships@three2six.co.za.

If you are based in the UK, you can donate through our partner organisation, Gumboots Foundation.

Sincerely,

Nthabiseng Seane
Fundraiser

Three2Six staff update



Nyasha who has been acting as our finance officer for the last three months is now off to Germany! She will volunteer there for eight months with Marist CMI.

We are so grateful for all your hard work and dedication in keeping our finances in order. We will miss you. Enjoy this fantastic opportunity awaiting you and see you soon!

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