

Sparrow Schools

Newsletter



Sparrow Schools has Registered as an FET Training College

Sparrow Schools has finally been provisionally accredited by Umalusi Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training. This is a wonderful achievement after much work and preparation that will benefit the learners from Sparrow Combined School.

This accreditation will give learners a National Certificate in either Automotive Component Manufacturing and Assembly; Automotive Repair and Maintenance or Furniture Making.

The FET College presently offers qualifications in an NQF 2 in automotive and repair, cabinet making & carpentry, catering, and welding within the FET band, as well as a qualification in ABET levels 1-4. The Sparrow FET College will act as an exit point for the learners from the Sparrow Combined environment. This is the first FET College of its kind in South Africa - for youth with barriers to learning.



Sparrow Schools wishes Lynette Farewell

Lynette Leibach left Sparrow Schools after 4 years of hard work to pursue new ventures at the beginning of this year. We wish her well in her future and hope that we will still see her from time to time. Her efforts will be sorely missed.

Allison Gallo took over the position of Fundraising Manager and continues where Lynette left.

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Please contact sarabs@sparrowschools.co.za to find out more about our upgraded "Educate a Child" programme and sign up as soon as you can.



Tudor Hall School Volunteers at the Foundation School

In February a group of 7 girls and 2 teachers from Tudor Hall School in the UK volunteered at the Foundation School. They installed themed reading corners into 4 class-rooms including bookshelves, sponsored books and painted wall murals. Each class has it's own theme and the girls' paintings are wonderful. The children fell in love with the girls.

When asked about their experiences at Sparrow Schools, the young ladies from Tudor Hall responded enthusiastically:

"I was daunted originally, but the smiling children have been so welcoming."

"This has been a brilliant experience. I love the kids."

"The highlights have included playing with the kids. Their joy and resilience is remarkable. They are so well-mannered and they can make music out of anything."

Jackie, the art teacher, also arranged for cotton bags to be brought from the UK along with fabric crayons so that each child could design and decorate their own carry bag.

Amanda, one of the teachers, gave sports lessons and Tudor Hall kindly sponsored sports equipment to the school.

The girls were hosted by families at De La Salle Holy Cross College. They said that they were spoilt by their host families and made to feel most welcome.

Sparrow Schools thanks the Tudor Hall team and to all who supported them. You are welcome back any time!



Birth of Baby Sienna

We would like to congratulate Brigitte and Andrew on the birth of gorgeous little Sienna.

Sienna Morgan Short was born on Thursday 17 March 2011 at 08h18 weighing in at 2.95kgs.

Brigitte has been consulting at Sparrow Schools for the last year.

Back a Buddy for the Midmar Mile

Karen from Sparrow Schools fundraising team swam the Midmar Mile in February to raise funds for the schools. Although she has swum the race before, it was a few years back. She did not train too much and was hoping to swim the mile in 40 minutes.

Karen managed to raise just under R2000 for Sparrow Schools, however the back-a-buddy sponsorship is still open at www.backabuddy.co.za/champion/project/swimming-like-a-sparrow for those who would like to still like to make a contribution.

Karen finished the race in 45 minutes and will be back next year to raise more funds for Sparrow Schools and to try and make it under 40 min.



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Sparrow Schools at the Top Gear Festival Powered by BP Ultimate



Sparrow Schools were generously invited to be the beneficiaries of the Charity Auction Dinner at the Top Gear Festival Powered by BP Ultimate on Thursday 17 March 2011

Facebook Challenge for all Sparrow Schools Supporters



Sparrow Schools has embraced social media and have a blog, Facebook Page and Twitter account, as well as the website, which has been updated.

Sparrow Schools were hosted at the Gala Event and we were delighted with the funds raised through the auction of individuals being driven around the racetrack by racing drivers like Jody Scheckter.

The Facebook Page is a great way to keep up to date with all of the news and other items of interest. It has almost 500 “likes” and we are trying to reach 1000 through our Facebook Challenge.

We were also given an exhibit during the 3 days of the festival in the Motoring Pavilion, where we showcased the schools.


To win the Challenge, you must recruit the most friends on our Facebook page during March/April 2011. The winner will be announced on the blog. Simply email the list of your recruits to karen@sparrowschools.co.za by 30 April 2011. The winner will be announced by the 13 May 2011. Please note that this is a fun activity to grow our page.

Our thanks goes to BP Ultimate, Brand Events and Missing Link who provided us with an amazing DVD about Sparrow Schools and our Educate a Child programme.

In order to find out how many people you have recruited, visit the Facebook page and look on the right hand column where it says “xx friends like this”. This is the list that needs to be emailed.



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