

# HANTAM COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRUST

## – 1ST QUARTER NEWS LETTER

The Hantam Community Education Trust has come through the first term of 2022, rejoicing in the fact that we have had all our students at school full time, our interventions introduced to catch up on work lost are showing results and we are feeling optimistic going forward. We do not doubt that the long term effects on education brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic will be felt for many years to come; we have to continue

to monitor the progress and work hard to fill the gaps. The importance of responsible and creative teachers has never been more crucial, we have to look after their mental and physical health as much as has been asked and expected of them.

The Karoo has had more rain than we have seen in decades, the farms and surrounding areas look like paradise, unfortunately

the same cannot be said for the state of the roads. Our Isuzu pick-ups have had to prove their metal, as have our intrepid drivers. The safety of staff and children is paramount and we thank the farmers that have stood in the gap fixing the worst of our roads. Transport has always been a challenge and continues to be, the sky rocketing price of fuel is a concern and we can only hope that this will stabilise.



### **IT IS WITH RELIEF WE REPORT THAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE PART IN ATHLETICS AGAIN**

– teachers, children and parents missed these gatherings. Our students have really missed the excitement of competing and being able to travel and meet other students. Our children did well and quite a few made it through to the Regional Championships that were held in Prieska. For some of the children it was the first time they had stayed out overnight and found it very exciting to be in a hostel, eating together in a dining hall with other competitors.





***Much to the excitement of all concerned we even managed to have a Valentine's Celebration again!***

The Handyman course introduced in 2021 has taken off and we already have requests for the June intake. The young men from the 2021 group are all employed; they have been well received in their respective work places. The Housekeeping

and Culinary Arts courses remain a firm favourite and we do not struggle to find candidates. The Hantam Hospitality School is building up a reputation of training young people to take their place in the workplace with confidence



and the necessary skills required. The Hospitality industry was hard hit by the pandemic; many lost their jobs but as the restrictions were lifted most were taken back into full employment. Unemployment in South Africa is at an all-time high, it is important for everyone to help our youth in giving them the skills required to find employment or for those with the ability start their own enterprises.

***Our Special Needs youngsters hold a special place in our hearts and delighted us with their "Vehicle Display"- their "draadkarre" are beautiful.***

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