

# UWD Newsletter

## Oh what a night!



### SPECIAL EVENTS/ FUNDRAISERS COMING UP:

- Outeniqua Christmas Market  
10-24 December 2020
- Car Boot Sale –  
27 February 2021
- Golf Day – 11  
March 2021
- Wine Auction –  
21 May 2021

We had our yearly Christmas Night Market on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November at the Blanco Dutch Reformed Church.

all the hard work, contributions and support to make this a very successful fundraiser.

It was a very festive event with a Christmas tree (obviously!), fairy lights galore and all the unique and beautiful goods made by our learners and adults. Due to Covid restrictions we lost a lot of precious time, but despite this, the staff, learners and adults put in a lot of effort and we managed to produce enough goods to sell.

A substantial profit of around R60 000 was made, which is brilliant!

We would like to thank all the staff, parents and friends of our Up with Downs family for



Above: The market in full swing.  
Below left: Buttering 200 rolls is hard work but the Blue class managed.  
Below: What is a Christmas market without a Christmas tree? Just a market I tell you!



# Cycling Up and Down in 2020

Despite the uncertainty brought on by Covid, our annual Cycle Tour took place with 30 brave cyclists taking on the 100km tour on the 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. Participants were once again chaperoned for the first 5 kilometers by our own avid cyclist, Henri Holtzhausen.

After the plantations of Witfontein, the cyclists had to face the grueling Montagu Pass and the treacherous heat of the Klein Karoo. Luckily we had ample water points manned by Garden Route Water, Heather Park Spar, The Lions and Seal Security.

This year's route saw the addition of a controversial technical section (newly developed single track) – controversial because it was loved by some and hated by others.

Louvain once again offered luxurious accommodation and delicious food, and the Saturday's formalities were brought to a close by a lucky draw with great prizes from our sponsors.

On Sunday the riders enjoyed scenic farm lands as well as pancakes and coffee at the historic Toll House before heading back to George. This was once again a great weekend and a wonderful fundraiser.

Thank you to our cyclists, sponsors, parents and staff for making this possible.



Top left: The (in?) famous Montagu Pass. Top right: Jane and John Wessels enjoying a well deserved rest. Left: Adriaan Scheeres leading team Pragma to the finish line. Bottom: With this spread one can see why Garden Route Water was voted the best water point.





# Visiting Redberry Farm

What a way to end of the year with a fun and exciting outing to the Redberry Farm!

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, all the school learners were able to pick their very own delicious strawberries and go on a train ride around the farm. Many smiles and giggles were to be seen.

Thank you to the Redberry Farm for spoiling us so.



## Thanks to volunteer Chris

The training centre was privileged to gain an awesome volunteer and life long friend, Christopher Oatley.

Thank you for all your patience, compassion and hard work with the boys doing woodwork.

We wish you well with your future and all the best. Hope to see you soon!



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# Santa Claus came to UWD!

It's that time again, where children like to make wishes and meet the big man in red.

On Monday morning, the fourteenth of December, our learners sat outside, waiting in anticipation for Santa to arrive.

Armed with bells that they shook louder and louder, they shouted for Santa. Santa arrived with a big red sack full of presents for each and everyone one of our special learners.

He sat on his throne made out of balloons, calling each learner to receive their gift. When all the gifts were handed out, it was



## Trip to Three Chameleons



The green team was very fortunate to visit the wonderful putt-putt course on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. They were treated with putt-putt, pizzas and an educational

demonstration from the ER24 paramedics (pictured from the front is Jaco, JJ, Sam and Kate). What a wonderful outing!

time to say goodbye to Santa, until next year.

Then it was picnic time, enjoying our snacks with our friends, and we can all agree, it was a fun filled morning. Rumour has it that Santa then visited the adults where the festivities continued.

Above: The school learners, staff and Santa.  
Below: Santa and Santa's Helper AKA Hannes.





# Proudly South African Trip

Even with all the Covid restrictions, we managed to take a fun filled trip to some of our spots in the vicinity that make us feel most proud to be South African.

Our first stop was the Toll House, which is filled with amazing memorabilia. We had some pancakes and juice while being surrounded by magnificent views of the Outeniqua

Mountains. The clouds opened at the right moment so that some of the paths the trekkers made use of way back, became visible.

We took a scenic drive past the farmlands all the way to our second stop at Herold's Bay where we had a lovely picnic. We collected some shells while walking on the beach and admired the

crashing waves of our beautiful shoreline.

Our last stop was at no other place than our awesome Redberry Farm to feed the rabbits and guinea pigs. On our way back to school we all felt so much more proud of living on this stretch of coastline in SA and also ready for a nap/doedoe/skuinslê.



Above left: Teacher Cady, Hannes and Bia enjoying a walk in the sun along Herold's Bay beach.  
Above right: Luke and Cheyline enjoying a cup of juice and pancakes at the historic Toll House.