

## Recycle Swop Shop Newsletter - March 2005

2005 is off to a fabulous start and there is much to celebrate. Due to the increased attendance, it has been necessary to streamline our operation. Our new system is working extremely well conserving energy - ours!



The Recycle Swop Shop's second birthday was celebrated March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Seventeen participants were invited on an outing up the mountain for a hike and eco-talk followed by a wonderful meal donated by the Hermanus Wimpy Restaurant. Annalie and her staff made the children feel like kings and queens!



This year the Young Entrepreneur Awards were given to Odwa and Phosiza for their outstanding efforts. The R100 awards were kindly donated by the Overstrand Municipality. Our Deputy Mayor, Theo Oliver presented the cups and had a few words of encouragement for the children.

We are most excited about an added dimension to the program, the ability of children to earn school uniforms via the Swop Shop. Two Dutch charities: Stichting Kinderhulp Ontwikkelingslanden & Stichting Projecten Zuid Afrika have offered to finance the uniforms and already children are benefiting. Winile proudly models his new shirt.



Parent volunteers are learning some sewing skills and earning some pocket money at the same time. Our need for more sorting bags and the potential of more "shops" opening may be the beginning of good things to come...

Over the calendar year of 2004, we are happy to report that an incredible 14,070 kg of plastic, tins and glass was collected by the combined effort of approximately 400 children. Thank you to everyone who supports the shop through all kinds of contribution. Special thanks to Gemma of Spain and Tamar of Holland for shipping clothing all the way from Europe. Thank you all for making this project possible.  
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