

Recycle Swop Shop Report - December 2004

Please forgive us for our silence over the past few months. As some of you may know, Marilyn was away for 3 months to Canada due to family illness and tragedy. But, the Swop Shop was certainly not silent nor idle, during that time. Bulelwa and Ruth, along with parental volunteers kept the Shop open the whole time.



During September, children enjoyed an outing with Southern Right Charters on a whale watching trip. The day was a beautiful one, but the sea was a little rocky and so were a few tummies. We saw a whale and as soon as we reached dry land again, all was well and everyone enjoyed lunch. Big thanks to Gail and her Crew for a lovely time as well as cool drinks and chips.



October through December, record numbers attended each week. Often over 100 were served resulting in our stocks to deplete completely, by the end of November. The Hermanus Times came to our rescue. Thanks to their article, several kind people came forward with assistance and supplies.

The Christmas Party 2004 (Sorry, no photos. Marilyn and her digital camera did not attend.), hosted 160 children who enjoyed playing games as well as eating cake and fresh fruit. Children who attended regularly through the year received gifts donated and shipped to us by Nancy McRae of Seattle, USA. Thank you Nancy, you made our party really special this year. Please come visit us!



We are happy to announce a sister Recycle Swop Shop has opened in Hout Bay, near Cape Town in December 2004. We wish them well with every success and heaps of fun!

Thanks to kindness of people all over the world & Hermanus itself, the Recycle Swop Shop continues into 2005. We are excited about all the new possibilities. Happy New Year to you all!

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