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DEAR CALLING EDUCATION SUPPORTER

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We are in a very exciting phase of Calling Education's growth – I am sure you will enjoy being brought up to date with all that has been happening!



### RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS AND GROWTH OF SCHOOL

We are grateful that Calling Academy has been operating at full capacity since early in the year. Independent schools could open two weeks earlier than state schools so the disruption to our learners' learning was minimised.

The school now has an enrolment of **241** (roughly 60 learners per grade from Grade 8 to Grade 11). We are excited for our first matrics in 2022 when there will be more than 300 learners in the school. Thank you to everyone who made this remarkable growth possible!

*LEFT: The article that appeared in Eikestadnuus when learners returned to school early in February.*



**ABOVE:** Daniel and Kathrin Mannweiler (both former world triathlon champions) inspired our boys with their sport background and heart for effective fatherhood.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Exposing learners to inspirational people is an important way of bolstering the learners' aspirations. Apart from staff members, we've had several inspirational visits, including **Daniel and Kathrin Mannweiler**, **Bradley Johannsen** (the Character Company), **Adriaan van der Walt** (MAN-cademy), **Mario Rosseau** (whose story of completing matric while in prison gripped the learners), **Greg Modungwa** (Unashamedly Ethical) **Gerrit Scheepers** (involved with Boys' and Girls' Town). We also invited **Dewald van Deventer** who is a statistical mathematician at a major bank, to speak to the Grade 10 Maths class about his career in Mathematics.

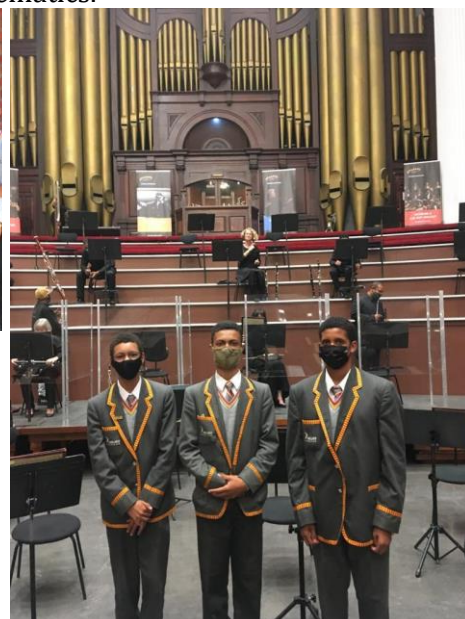
### OTHER VISITS

In keeping with exposure being a high value at Calling, interesting excursions took place recently.



**ABOVE:** All the learners taking Art as a subject visited the Stellenbosch Academy for Design and Photography (a tertiary institution).

**RIGHT:** Our Accounting teacher (Jannie Kirsten) took three boys to a live recording of the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra in the Cape Town City Hall. Only a handful of privileged people could attend this event. One learner reported that he "melted in his chair" upon hearing the first notes!



## BIG NEWS! BUILDING PROJECT!

After two years of planning, the building project has finally begun! A big thank you to the **fantastic professional team** that brought us this far! The project will see the addition of office space, a staff room, a classroom, a Science laboratory and a strong room – all much-needed additions as we prepare for full capacity in 2022.

We are still in need of **very significant financial support** for the project. If you can assist us, we will be incredibly grateful (see details at end). Thank you so much to all who has given to bring us to where we are today!



**ABOVE:** *Gustav Roberts (Salt Architects), Rikus Serdyn (Steenser Contraction), Erika Basson (Valiente Consulting), Willy Maliwa (WCED Circuit Manager), Werner Cloete (Principal) and Andries Viljoen (Avcon Structural Engineers). The men are all sporting their Calling Academy ties!*



**LEFT:** *Two Grade 11's at an image of the envisioned building.*

## STAFF MATTERS

**Samora Menze** (right), a teacher with Calling since 2019, accepted an exciting role in teacher development very close to his home. While he will be sorely missed, we are grateful for the Lord's provision of excellent replacements. **Ben Greyling** (below) returned from South Korea at exactly the right time and joined the school at the start of term two with **Carli Kellermann** (below). **Karen van Boom** (above) and **Sean Weber** (above) joined us at the start of the year as new teachers in



Afrikaans and Science respectively. Kyra Barnard, our **new on-site financial manager**, recently received the good news that she passed her final board exams – less than 50% of candidates managed this feat. Having a **chartered accountant** on the team is a big boost to our dreams of growing an organisation with a wider impact.

## A SECOND CALLING ACADEMY?

As many of you will know, we have dreamed of starting a second school for a while now. There have been a few possibilities but none of them could have been properly pursued. However, we became aware of a **fascinating opportunity in Kroonstad** where there is a significant need for a similar school and possibly available facilities. Presentations have been made to the Free State Education Department and an information evening will be held mid-June in Kroonstad. While it remains a possibility only at this stage, we are excited! Please watch this space and support us in prayer as a lot of wisdom is required.



## HIKING CLUB

A group of learners were given the opportunity to join a hiking club where Christian mentorship is provided. This club is run by a friend of the school, Regardt Botes. So far, these learners have climbed **Leeukop** (left), **Botmaskop** and hiked in **Jonkershoek**.

## SPORT

Before new Covid-regulations shut down most school sports, our soccer teams made us very proud! **Excellent wins** were recorded over Paul Roos (right) and



Bridgehouse and our teams looked poised to do very well in the league, but we will have to wait until 2022...

## MANAGING DIRECTOR JOB SHADOW

Two of our Grade 10 learners had the privilege of each spending a one-on-one job shadowing day with **Spencer Johnson**, managing director of Lona Group – a great opportunity to experience top level business!



## WECODE24 PARTNERSHIP

A lovely partnership with WeCode24 is developing. WeCode24 provides coding and design-thinking workshops for learners from low-income communities: a perfect match for us! The interest in the workshops has been excellent!

## FINANCES

You will probably see that **we need a lot of support** this year! Apart from the building project, essential changes to the access road have been mandated by the provincial road authority. If you can assist us to get over the line with the infrastructure developments, we will be very grateful! To donate to the building project, please use BP and your name and surname as reference. Even a few hundred rand is a big help!

### Bank details

Calling Education NPC  
FNB Branch code: 200610  
Account number: 74585043405  
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## AUDIT 2020

Our Annual Financial Statements for 2020 were recently audited and were found to be free of material misstatement leading to **an unqualified opinion**. This is good news for us and for funders who entrust Calling with their donations!



## PRAYER POINTS

With all the construction and our dependence on supporters, we are reminded of the words of Psalm 127:1, *“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.”* Thank you to those who support us in prayer!

- **Building project:** Finances, safety, timely completion.
- **Possible second Calling Academy:** Wisdom, relationships, appointments.
- **Learners:** Academic focus for the upcoming exams and dealing with personal trauma.
- **Staff:** Sustained energy, strong learner relationships, new appointments for 2022.



## CONCLUSION

We remain amazed at the school's dramatic growth. We are reminded of this now that it is “application season” – a time where the massive demand for the school is clearly visible. Thank you all so much for bringing us to this point; and taking Calling further!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Cloete'.

Werner Cloete and the Calling team