

NEW LEARNERS

For the 64 places available in Grade 8, we received 160 applications. **We are excited about the potential of the new group!**

The admitted learners are from the following areas (starting with the area with the most learners):

Kayamandi, Cloeteville, Kuilsriver, Idasvalley, Eersterivier, Blue Downs, Mfuleni, Pniel, Kayalitsha, Blackheath, Jamestown and other areas around Stellenbosch. The recent new boy day was an exciting event for parents and learners!

DEAR CALLING SUPPORTER

After a year like no other, we are acutely aware of how fragile we are and how much we have to be grateful for. Despite the challenges of this year, Calling Academy is still thriving, and we are very excited about the continued growth and future possibilities.



Learners at the new boy day in their primary school uniforms. Everyone always wore masks and only removed it seconds before the photo.



EXTENSION OF FACILITIES

We are so grateful for the contributions that were made towards the building fund. Even though the major building project has been postponed, this enabled us to add:

- One new classroom (left, furthest from the camera).
- One storage container – the old storeroom was converted to a bathroom.
- A converted container which will serve as library and counselling space. This will allow us to repurpose a multi-functional classroom to a full classroom.
- Stairs in the quad (see photo above) to create an assembly space.
- Parking space and improved access road – the lack thereof was a real headache!

God-willing, the major building project will take place in 2021 but we still have a very long way to go, especially in terms of raising the funds. Significant preparation is required for such a project and thankfully we've been able to complete some of that this year.



Sean Weber



Coady Naidoo



Karen van Boom



Kyra Scheepers



Anwell Cupido



Janke Grundling



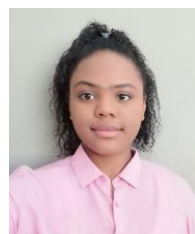
Mpolokeng Titipana



Carmen Steyn



Johannes Esterhuizen



Kaitlyn Pieters



NEW BOARD MEMBER: Luvuyo Rani is an excellent addition to our board of directors! The experience of someone who has scaled a business from the boot of his car to more than 40 centres across South Africa comes at a good time...

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

We would rather have excellent teachers teaching in mediocre facilities than mediocre teachers in excellent facilities. We are grateful that we were able to appoint two excellent teachers in **Karen van Boom** (Afrikaans) and **Sean Weber** (Science, Maths and CAT). **Coady Naidoo** has been appointed by Amplified Youth Movement as youth coach at school whereas **Kyra Scheepers** (a chartered accountant) will head up the financial management of Calling from January on site. She will replace **Cora Pelligrini** who worked remotely and who was an important part of the team from the first year – thank you, Cora! We also wish to thank **Sue Farrell** for the outstanding work she did as counsellor as she heads into a new season. Her support for boys going through challenges in their lives has made such a difference in times when they needed it most.

CALLING TEACHERS' ACADEMY

One of the fruits of the lockdown, when there was time to think about doing things differently, is the Calling Teachers' Academy – a very exciting new development! It is an internship programme with an additional development track by which six talented young teachers will be placed on an **impactful trajectory**. This will be achieved through training by the *Oxford Centre for Tutorial Teaching*, the *Stellenbosch University Business School*, *The World Needs a Father* and *Aspire Training Solutions*. Furthermore, they will be exposed to dynamic organisations such as *Triga Ventures*, *Training4Changes*, *Hall of Tyrannus* and *4Challenge*. We look forward to the energy that the interns will add to Calling!



Almost all our company visits for the year were cancelled, but eight of our boys had an inspirational visit to the beautiful offices of Lona Group in Cape Town.

Making every effort to confirm our calling.

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LEGO AND ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Through the *South African Institute for Mechanical Engineering*, Calling was awarded a significant sponsorship to host an annual competition for the next three years. The competition will centre on Lego and Robotics and will be hosted in 2021 for other high schools in the area. The big plus is that the equipment (programming tablets and the accompanying Lego sets) will remain the property of Calling Academy. Sean Weber was the Robotics coach at a pre-eminent school and cannot wait to get started!



FURTHER GROWTH OF CALLING

As Calling gathers momentum, and the model by which we are tackling one of SA's most pressing challenges becomes known, opportunities further afield are arising. We are closely monitoring opportunities in two other locations where there are dynamic entrepreneurs who sense that God is leading them into a similar direction. Trying to scale too quickly could be harmful, but we cannot help but be excited to as the big picture starts to unfold...

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are happy to report that, despite the extreme challenges of 2020, all financial obligations could be met. This is thanks to the belief and support of people like you, the subsidy from the government and school fee payments.

Heading into 2021, we need all the support we can get. Thank you to everyone who makes use of the **Learner Partnership** system which is essential to the financial well-being of the school. At only R9800 for 2021, you can support one of our 245 learners and ensure his access to excellent education at a very low fee of R6456 for the parents. Please let us know if you wish to know more.



Another very easy way for you to support us is to use the MySchool card. This costs you nothing but is a huge help to us! If you already have a MySchool card, you can add Calling as a beneficiary at <https://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/update>. If not, go to <https://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/apply> or contact us if you need assistance.

CONCLUSION AND THANKS

We give all the glory to the Lord for how far the school has come and how the vision has developed – our expectations have been exceeded!

Thank you also to all of you who have jumped in to make the dream a reality. We cannot exist without supporters like you.

May you have a restful time over Christmas as you gear up for 2021 where you, like us, will make every effort to confirm your calling.



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

Werner Cloete
and the rest of the Calling team