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ABCFA

Australian Books for
Children of Africa Ltd

Welcome to our March 2024 newsletter.

Our shipment to Gauteng, South Africa is on its way and as always we are looking forward to seeing where the books end up.

Enjoy feedback and photos from various distributions late last year.

A reminder that we will be belatedly celebrating our 20 year anniversary this year. If any of you have any ideas or want to participate in the planning please let us know.



Book packing and sorting dates for 2024

Book sorting: Thursdays
8.00pm-9.30pm



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15 February

2 May

4 July

29 August

7 November

Book Packing: Saturdays

11.00am-1.00pm

17 February

4 May

6 July

31 August

9 November



ABCA NEWS



Union of Jewish Women in Port Elizabeth article in the South Africa Jewish Report Newspaper

UJW donates Australian books to PE schools

The Union of Jewish Women's (UJW) Port Elizabeth branch recently received 50 cartons of books from Australian Books for Children of Africa (ABCA) in Australia.



The almost-new books, in superb condition, were given to the least resourced primary and high schools in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), as well as to various charities. UJW Port Elizabeth has been getting these books from ABCA for around the last decade.

**Walmer Junior Primary School
students with their new books**

THANK YOU



Durban South Primary School - KwaZulu-Natal

Rotary Club of Westville distributed eight boxes of ABCA books to Durban South Primary School. The school library was set up a few years ago by the LEARN Project, and included books supplied by ABCA. The school contacted ABCA through our website asking for more books for their library.

Tony Clulow of the Rotary Club of Westville said: 'The library was immaculate and I felt it was a place where a child would be very happy to lose herself in a book. They are talking about employing a librarian rather than have the library operated by the teachers.'





Emily Junior School, Murewa district, Zimbabwe

Emily Junior School is located in Murewa District in Zimbabwe. Most people in this community live under the poverty line. The community is made up of peasant farmers, and their only source of income is farming and fishing. Sadly, most people in the community don't believe in education. There are thousands of vulnerable kids who don't go to school because the parents cannot afford to pay the school fees, and the school is too far away. There is a shortage of schools in the area and Emily Junior is the only school located in the community. The kids walk long distances to get to school, and a lot of young kids get sick and drop out.

ABCA distributed books to Emily Junior School through Pastor Alex Dewa, and we are happy to be part of the effort to help the school and the students.





Missionvale Care Centre - Port Elizabeth

Missionvale is a shantytown crippled by poverty, disease, drought and hunger. It is situated on the outskirts of Nelson Mandela Bay. The Missionvale Care Centre empowers local people through educational services, skills development and health care. ABCA are happy to have supplied books to the centre.

Thank you to the Union of Jewish Women in Port Elizabeth for arranging the distribution of the books together with Mr Zukufu, a retired principal in the area.



Photos from the Union of Jewish Women in Port Elizabeth



Cowan High School

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**Walmer Junior
Primary School**



**Newell High
School**



**Enkuselweni
Special School**



**Coega Door
of Hope**

David Livingstone High School- Port Elizabeth

Transcript of the feedback received from Mary Cherry, a teacher at Livingstone High School in Port Elizabeth:

“We are really, really, really grateful and appreciate the books you've sent to us. We are a high school with technical occupational learners. The grade 8s and 9s, even up to grade 11s, enjoy the junior books so much because they skipped that phase. I don't think they had an opportunity in their lives to read books during the time when they were ten, eleven or twelve years old.

Our school is situated in the northern area of Port Elizabeth, which has the highest crime rate. When the learners get out of school they have to go home immediately – there's no going to the library. And some of the neighbourhoods don't even have libraries because they have been vandalised by criminals. We don't have a library at school at the moment, but our learners really enjoy coming to school now and having the opportunity to read some books.

We are in mobile classrooms on our rugby field because the Department of Education have been renovating our school for the past six years. The job was supposed to have been completed in two years, but we are still sitting on the rugby field in the mobile classrooms.”

Thank you to the Union of Jewish Women in Port Elizabeth for distributing books to Livingstone High School and thank you to Lauren for transcribing the message.

