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# ABCFA

Australian Books for  
Children of Africa Ltd

Welcome to our April 2024 newsletter.

Enjoy reading more feedback from our various book distributions in Kenya and South Africa.


Thanks to Lauren, Rosemary, Andrea and all our African distributors who achieve so much on our behalf.

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.


If you are in Melbourne please join us in book sorting and packing for Kenya this week.

Book sorting this  
Thursday  
2 May  
from 8.00pm



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*Book packing this  
Saturday  
4 May  
from 11.00am*

An illustration on a brown background. On the left, a wooden bookshelf holds several books and a yellow vase. In the center, a girl with glasses and a green shirt sits on the floor reading a book. To her right, a boy with dark hair and a red shirt sits on the floor reading a book.

# Book packing and sorting dates for 2024

**Book sorting: Thursdays**  
**8.00pm-9.30pm**



**ABCA**

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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



**Robyn, our Sydney Manager, was thrilled to receive a fantastic book delivery from Jane Ellis. Jane Ellis is a stalwart supporter of ABCA and has been coordinating Sydney ABCA book collections for many years.**



**THANK YOU**



## Brilliant Kids Education Centre Kenya

ABCA books were distributed to Brilliant Kids Education Centre, a school in Mukuru Kwa Jenga slum area in Nairobi.

The Principal, Eric Kyamata, was very grateful for the chance to create a library for the children.





# Kenya book distribution by Purity Muthoka

Purity Muthoko arranged for ABCA books to be distributed to Raini Primary School in Limuru and Little Lions School in Kibera.

Little Lions School is in Kibera, a slum area in Nairobi. Both children and teachers were really excited to receive the books as they have not had a library before.

Purity is very passionate about helping children in poor communities, and works with a number of schools in slum areas using donations from well wishers.

Purity was also able to send some ABCA boxes to two other schools - Harvesters School and Mama Theresa Children's Home - both of which did not allow any photos to be taken.



**Little Lions School in Kibera, Nairobi**



# Raini Primary School in Limuru



## Kiamburaini Primary School - Kenya

Kiamburaini Primary School in Nyeri County, Kenya received 8 boxes of books under Africa Kids Book Club, which is run by Monica Nyambura. She sent a thank you note:

*“We were able to take the book donations last week to Kiamburaini Primary School in Naro Moru, Nyeri County.*

*The teachers and pupils were so happy to receive the books since they didn't have any story books in their library.*

*A special thank you to Australian Books for Children of Africa for the support and partnership.”*







# Shine Literacy Centre - Port Elizabeth

ABCA books were donated to the Shine Literacy Centre which works from Walmer Primary School in Port Elizabeth. The school is situated in the Walmer Township, one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the Eastern Cape with many problems including illiteracy, unemployment, crime, child neglect and alcohol abuse. Most of the children live in very difficult conditions.

The Shine Literacy Centre focuses on teaching kids to read and improve their ability to read for meaning. Most of the kids at the school speak Xhosa and struggle to read and understand English. They then progress to the higher grades without being able to read. Shine have created a culture of reading in schools and homes by training individuals, educators, communities and organisations to tackle the educational crisis together.

Shine distributed ABCA books to the Walmer Primary foundation library (which they run), the senior library, and the pre-primary and grade one classrooms. Shine believes that every child deserves an equal chance to succeed. They said this about the ABCA books they received:

*“Reading and pictures stimulate the imagination. These beautiful books are an excellent addition to our Shine Literacy Centre and make a mammoth difference to the children. You have blessed and inspired very many learners and their teachers! Thank you!”*

Thank you to the Union of Jewish Women in Port Elizabeth for distributing the ABCA books to Shine.









# Ekuphumleni Kids Play Centre - Port Elizabeth

Shine Literacy Centre and the Union of Jewish Women distributed ABCA books to Ekuphumleni Kids Play Centre which is situated in Airport Valley, the poorest part of Walmer Township in Port Elizabeth.



## Street-Wise branch - KwaZulu-Natal

Street-Wise is an organisation that takes care of children who have been abandoned and neglected on the streets, and provides them with shelter, food, clothes, schooling and a loving environment. The Street-Wise branch in Pinetown (KwaZulu-Natal) received funds from a bequest to renovate their premises which now includes a library. The ABCA books that were donated to Street-Wise will be the first books in the library!

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Westville for distributing ABCA books to Street-Wise.

