

A young boy with dark skin and hair is smiling widely, showing his teeth. He is wearing a bright green graduation cap with a black band and a gold tassel hanging to the right. He is also wearing a yellow stole over a green garment. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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**SOMEONE IS SITTING IN  
THE SHADE TODAY  
BECAUSE SOMEONE  
PLANTED A TREE A LONG  
TIME AGO"- WARREN  
BUFFETT**

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# GOODBYE 2022

As the year is drawing to a close we like to reflect on this crazy busy year.

We employed 31 new staff members and out of that, 19 were new positions created.

A couple of highlights for the year that we are so proud of are the opening and launching of our new Skills Centre in Stellenbosch, Cape Wine 2022 and the connections made, launching our Thrift Store at CoCreate Hub in Stellenbosch. Pebbles also turned 18 years old. What a milestone.

168 ECD learners will be graduating from the Pebbles ECD centres at the end of 2022 and will be joining the Pebbles After-School Clubs in January 2023. All these learners also received Pebbles School Packs complete with age-appropriate stationery and a water bottle. Thank you to all our supporters who sponsored school packs, Vinimark and Casidra.

# HEMEL-EN-AARDE NEWS

It has been a busy few months at the Hemel-en-Aarde Education Project. In October we hosted an Open Day which was attended by parents, staff, farm representatives and donors. The project also hosted a camp for Generation School Imhoff. 4 teachers and 20 students were in attendance. The camp provided learners with intentional time away for service, outreach and community strengthening. Röhlig-Grindrod Logistics visited the facility giving a few of the outdoor areas some TLC. The group built and painted sandpits, swings, mud kitchens and additional seating areas. The children are so happy with their new spaces. Lastly, thanks to Haygrove Heaven, every child at the facility received a Santa Shoebox for Christmas.



# LEGACY AWARDS

On the 30th of November, Pebbles hosted a Legacy Awards Ceremony. We currently have 4 Legacy and Character Awards that are handed out annually. The Jo Clifton Award is for the most improved ECD learner, the Eugene Isaacs Award is for leadership in the After-School Clubs, the Hans Hessler Award is for the top academic performer and finally the Andrew Fredericks Award is awarded to a learner who shows integrity, leadership, confidence and kindness to their peers.

The ceremony was attended Pebbles staff, trustees, beneficiaries and their parents.

This annual ceremony gives us an opportunity to celebrate learners who have stood out during the year. Their teachers and parents were so proud.

We would like to thank the legacy donors and families for being involved and handing out the awards as well as to Joostenberg Deli for the refreshments and venue and Villiera Wines for the wine and bubbles.





## THRIFT STORE SUCCESS

In October we launched our first-ever clothing Thrift Store at the Cocreate Hub in Stellenbosch. The purpose of Cocreate Hub is to offer retail spaces for local entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations. All clothing items range between R50 – R200. The Cocreate Hub is located at 7 Victoria Street Stellenbosch and is open Monday – Friday from 08:00 - 16:30.

Please contact [liesl@pebblesproject.co.za](mailto:liesl@pebblesproject.co.za) for more information or if you would like to donate clothing to our shop.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

**School closed for the year: 14th December**

**Pebbles Office Closure: 15th December**

**Pebbles Office reopening: 9th January 2023**

**UK Donor trip and LLHM 2023: 28th March- 5th April 2023**



## LES LEECO'S SOCIAL WORK DREAM

18-year old Les-Leeco has been attending a Pebbles Project After-School Club for 11 years. He dreams of impacting children on his farm as well as children from other farming communities by becoming an Auxiliary Social Worker. He is currently in Grade 12 and has been accepted to study towards a Certificate in Social Auxiliary Work at Hugenote Kollege in 2023. The duration of the certificate course is 1 year. The goal is to have Les-Leeco work alongside the Social Work team at Pebbles as an Auxiliary Social Worker (Social Work Assistant) after he has completed his certificate. Hugenote Kollege is a private institution and is not eligible for NSFAS (Government) funding. Les-Leeco has put in a lot of work to get good grades in order to get accepted at Hugenote Kollege.

We kindly ask to please help him take the next step in pursuing his dream.

We have a fundraising target of R65, 000 to cover Les-Leeco's total cost of tuition (which includes tuition fees for the entire certificate course, accommodation, and spending money).

Please visit our Backabuddy campaign to support Les-Leeco: <https://bit.ly/3VHSNF4>

## TWO OCEANS HALF MARATHON 2023

Pebbles has Two Oceans Half Marathon charity entries for the 2023 race which is taking place on the 16th of April 2023. The race is currently at capacity and entries can now only be obtained through charities.

An entry is R1500 and this includes your entry fee and a donation to Pebbles.

Email [rachel@pebblesproject.co.za](mailto:rachel@pebblesproject.co.za) to secure your spot and run one of the most beautiful races in the world!



## WINE 2 WHALES SUCCESS

For the past several years Pebbles has received charity entries for the Wine2Whales Mountain Bike Race. This year was no different. We somehow managed to convince Peter, treasurer on our board, to take part for the second year in a row. Peter is pictured above with Mike who is a long-time supporter from the UK. Pebbles is an official charity partner of **Wines2Whales** and all proceeds raised from our charity entries went to the Hemel-en-Aarde Education Project.

R50 000 was raised thanks to all our energetic riders!