

SUNI E.V.

# newsletter

## WORKSHOP ON THE OMAHEKE POSTER

In February 2016, a workshop on the production and usage of learning materials for pre-primary schools and kindergartens was held at the Ben-Hur Rural Development Centre. The Omaheke Poster has been designed in 2015 and was looked at critically by Kalahari pedagogues in Tsjaka. The event was sponsored by Goma Consulting Namibia.



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## THE OMAHEKE MEMORY AT THE LIGHT FOR THE CHILDREN CENTRE



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The Light for the Children Centre is the biggest child care facility in the Omaheke region. The Centre hosted a workshop attended by twelve pedagogues on the use of the Omaheke Memory. The participants visibly enjoyed themselves while playing the memory. "This was one of our best workshops at the Centre", said Gerard, the head of the workshop, after the training. A large number of Omaheke Memories was, together with various other learning materials, handed over to the Light for the Children Centre.

## ART FOR EDUCATION-TEAM

Appolia Dabe is a „Kunst für Bildung“ -team member. In February 2016 she worked with learners from the *Light for the Children Centre* in Gobabis and trained them to use the Omaheke Memory. „It was a lot of fun.“, she explained. „I would directly do it again.“ If you like to join „Kunst für Bildung“, contact us and support us in Germany or Namibia. ([contact@kunst-fuer-bildung.org](mailto:contact@kunst-fuer-bildung.org))



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## ART PROJECT AT GOBABIS PROJECT SCHOOL

March 2016 /// In cooperation with the Namibian artist Silverius Olibile and the German teacher Susanne Kreis an art project funded by Suni e.V. and „Kunst für Bildung“ (art for education) took place at the Gobabis project school. The Gobabis project school is located in Gobabis, the capital of the Omaheke Region. It hosts over 1000 learners, including many that were put to school very late.

The art project took place in two parts. All grade 4 classes created a poster showing a hand of each learner. The hand as a symbol of community should strengthen the feeling of “belonging somewhere” - which is very important at a school where many learners are absent sometimes for weeks, due to personal circumstances.

The second part of the project took place in the afternoons and was open to all learners of the school. Main topic was the life of children from Epako. The children painted their homes, their neighbourhoods, their culture and their future dreams were created. Purpose of the exercise was to let children use nonverbal expression. In appreciation of the learner's work, the pictures were part of an exhibition of the annual independence day celebration at their school.



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On 23rd of June Barbara Scharfbillig is giving a presentation about Namibia and Omaheke Region „Eine Deutsch Namibische Geschichte“ (A German Namibian Story). [WWW.SUNI-EV.DE](http://WWW.SUNI-EV.DE)

WHEN: 23.6.2016; 19h30

WHERE: Bürgerhaus Igel

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## NEW IN THE TEAM

Lisa Burzywoda is the new face in our „Art for Education“-team and will support Barbara Scharfbillig with this project from May on. She studied musicology and African studies in Cologne and is currently completing her Masters in the latter subject.

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## CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR KITCHEN AT GOBABIS PROJECT SCHOOL

An outdoor kitchen was built to ensure the daily food supply for the learners of the Gobabis Project School. So far, an open fireplace was used for cooking to provide the learners with porridge during the break. Therefore it was not possible to provide food for the children during bad weather periods. As the majority of learners at this school has a socially deprived background or even lives on the street, the children depend on this meal as it is the only meal a day for some of them.



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A Namibian construction company was hired to build the kitchen. This company only employs young men from Epako; therefore the money spent was invested in the immediate neighborhood. Within 14 days all construction material was bought and the kitchen built.

## ANNUAL EVALUATION AND TEACHER WORKSHOP IN GOBABIS



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In the course of this year's annual evaluation of the Suni e.V. volunteer program all partner institutions of Suni e.V. in Namibia were visited. Together with the principals and volunteer coordinators, the Suni e.V. volunteer program was reflected critically. Since the volunteer program was taken over by Julia Kolat and Susanne Kreis at the beginning of this year - after pausing for a short while due to personnel changes - it was of utmost importance to assess actual data of all schools and to present the new heads of the program.

In addition to this evaluation, a small teacher workshop was held in Gobabis. The workshop was used to introduce the current team of Suni e.V. as there have been a few personnel changes, but also to discuss problems of the volunteer program. Together we reflected on necessary qualities and qualifications of volunteers, problems that could occur with volunteers and how to solve such problems together.

Especially the first point is very important in order to consider the suggestions of our partner schools for further volunteer recruitments.

## RENOVATION OF THE HOSTEL AT MORUKUTU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together with some learners and the volunteer coordinator Mr. Mbatara all four dormitories of the hostel at Morukutu Primary School were renovated. Also, the walls were painted with murals; one (a Namibian flag) by the children themselves.

Together with the heads of the hostel the use of spare donations was decided: missing blankets, washtubs, hair trimmers and cooking bowls were bought for the use in the hostel.



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Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 25th of June at 6 pm in Hannover, Germany.