



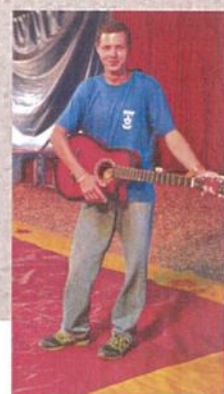
# ALMA NEWS

**ALMA SCHOOL  
NPO 001-427**

**News Letter Nr. 4  
6 March 2014**



## The Circus



The Junior, Intermediate and School to Work Phases went on a outing to the Brian Boswell's Circus!!

Early on 20 February, the excitement started when the children had to quickly get into the buses. The buses had to make two return trips to make sure that all the children arrived at the circus on time!



All the children eagerly found their seats and were amazed by the performances, especially those of the clowns, circus dogs, ponies and acrobats. Then the Ring Master called Luzanie (Therapist) and Tinus to the front to take part in the show. Luzanie had to perform a dance move and Tinus played the guitar! They were great sports and we enjoyed watching them while they entertained us!



**Thank you to the Brian Boswell's Circus for inviting us!**

**We had lots of fun!!**



Dance Group: 1st place—Dudu & Sihle  
& 2nd place Shosholoza group (Kea, Kgothatso, Simeon,

### Our Alma Idols Winners!

1st place : Sihle Zitha

2nd place : Thabang Mahlangu

3rd place : Musa Madonsela



Thabang Mabena, Sylvester)

# What a Festival!!!

A BIG BIG thank you to each and everyone who attended our Alma Festival on Saturday, 1 March!! Everybody who attended will surely agree that the Festival was a huge success and a FANTASTIC morning filled with lots of fun and entertainment.

This year our children's entertainment area were even bigger than the previous years. The children especially enjoyed the pony rides and feeding the farm animals that were here.

The food stalls were packed with delicious snacks and by the end of the day most of the stalls were sold out. Nobody could resist the smells that were hanging in the air and the delicious looking cakes and puddings!

Thank you to David Fourie and our very own IDOLS who entertained us — you guys are the best!!

And then our sponsors!!

Without our wonderful and generous sponsors, the Festival would not have happened. We appreciate every item and financial donation that we received.

And most important—Alma School's parents!!!

Thank you to everyone of our learners parents/guardians/family members who supported the Festival. The response from our parents were amazing!



# The Therapy Box

## Visual Perception—Part 2

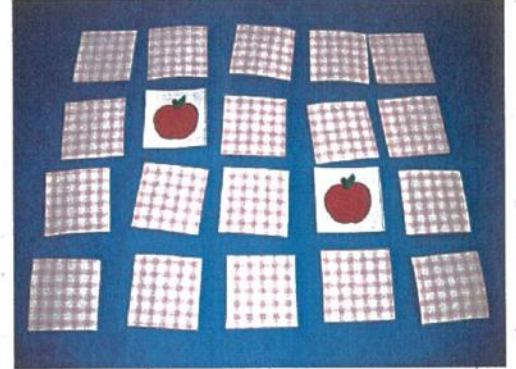
### 3. Memory

#### Activities and games:

Match and memory

#### A child with visual memory problems may have difficulty with:

- Copying from a board or book accurately.
- Remembering an item, picture, symbol once they don't see it anymore.
- Remembering the orientation of numbers or letters.
- Concentration and attention to tasks.



#### Activities to help:

##### **Kim's Game**

Display several familiar items on a tray. Let your child look at it and remember them. Cover the tray. Ask your child to recall the objects on the tray.... Or... remove an object and ask what has been taken away. Start with a few (3) objects and slowly increase the numbers up to ten.

##### **Remember the ads**

When your child watches TV, at the end of an advertisement break, ask him to recall (remember) what advertisements he just saw.

##### **Pairs**

Display matching pairs of picture card upside down. Take turns to turn over two cards. If they don't match, turn them back. If they do, remove the pair and have another go. Make the game harder by increasing the number of cards or scattering the cards rather than placing them in a grid.

##### **Other:**

- Draw a picture of something that happened during the day.
- Show your child a picture or card and ask them to remember what is on it. Remove it from view and ask for a detailed description of it or ask specific questions about the picture.

#### ***Ideas to compensate for a visual memory difficulty***

- Encourage your child to verbalize what he has seen. He will be using different aspects of his memory to help himself. For example remembering routes around school may be easier if he has a verbal description in his head e.g. turn left at the hall, walk on until the first blue door and turn right.

### BIRTHDAYS

- Teacher Elna de Vos — 7 March (Group 14)
- Gerhard Brits — 7 March (Internal Worker)
- Johannes Mahlangu—12 March (Maintenance)
- Teacher Elizabeth Ramadikela - 14 March (Group 3)

### VENUE FOR HIRE

The following areas are available for function hire:

The school hall and kitchen

Picnic area and kitchen

Lapa (Tea Garden) and kitchen

Junior Play area for children's parties

Please contact the office for further information and bookings.



ALMA TEA GARDEN AND SHOP  
FRIDAYS FROM 09H30 TOT 11H30



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TEA GARDEN AT THE SCHOOL. TASTY TREATS ARE PREPARED AND SERVED BY OUR LEARNERS.

*WE PREFER THAT YOU BOOK BEFOREHAND*

### We herewith confirm the school fees for 2014 again:

- ◆ Annual **school fees** for each learner shall be an amount of R 5 500.00 which shall be payable in 11 equal instalments of **R500.00** monthly commencing in January 2014 terminating in November 2014.
- ◆ **Transport fees** (where applicable) for each learner shall be an amount of R 11,760.00 (full) / R 8,820.00 (single) which shall be payable in 12 equal instalments of **R980.00** (full) / R735.00 (single) monthly commencing in January 2014 terminating in December 2014.

### SAFETY BELTS IN THE BUSES

Some of the safety belts in the Alma school buses needs to be replaced. Should we buy directly from Mercedes, a safety belt will cost +/- R1 600.00 each and we need to replace 27 safety belts.

Should any person/company be able to donate money toward this specific project or be able to sponsor one of these safety belts, please contact Mr Bondesio. Alternatively we would like to know of any other alternative company where we can purchase SABS approved safety belts for the school buses. Please contact the office in this regard.

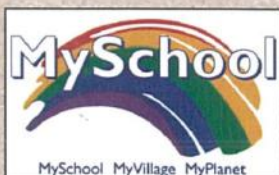
Please remember to use your card!

Each transaction is to Alma School's advantage!

If you do not have a My School or Makro card that is connected to Alma School, please contact the office for application forms.

### BANKING DETAILS:

**Alma School**  
**Standard Bank**  
**Gezina (01-48-45-00)**  
**Account number: 41 105 057 5**  
**NB! Ref: Your child's NAME & SURNAME**



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