BIZWENI BUZZ

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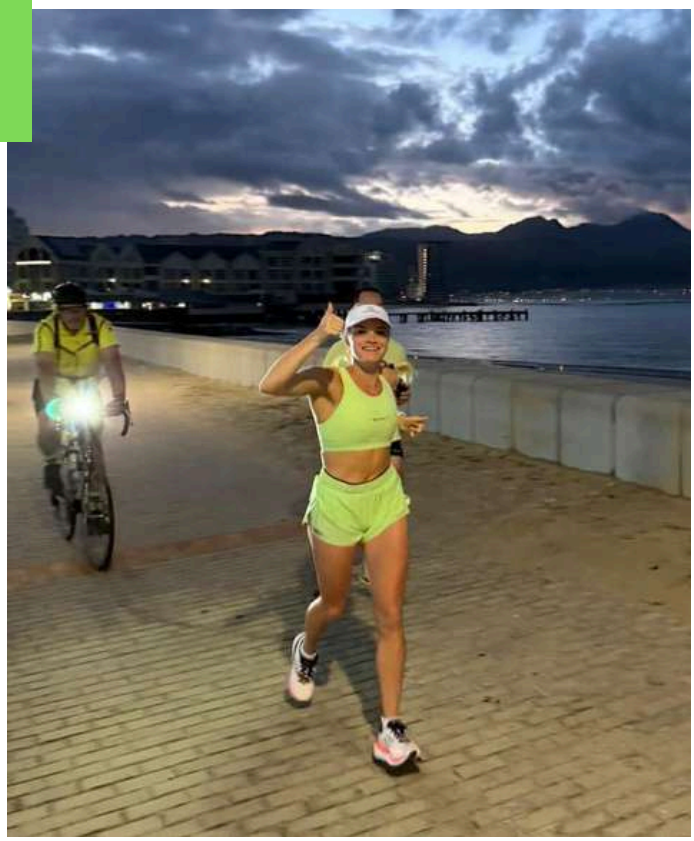
BIZWENI CENTRE
— FOR CHILDREN —
WITH DISABILITIES

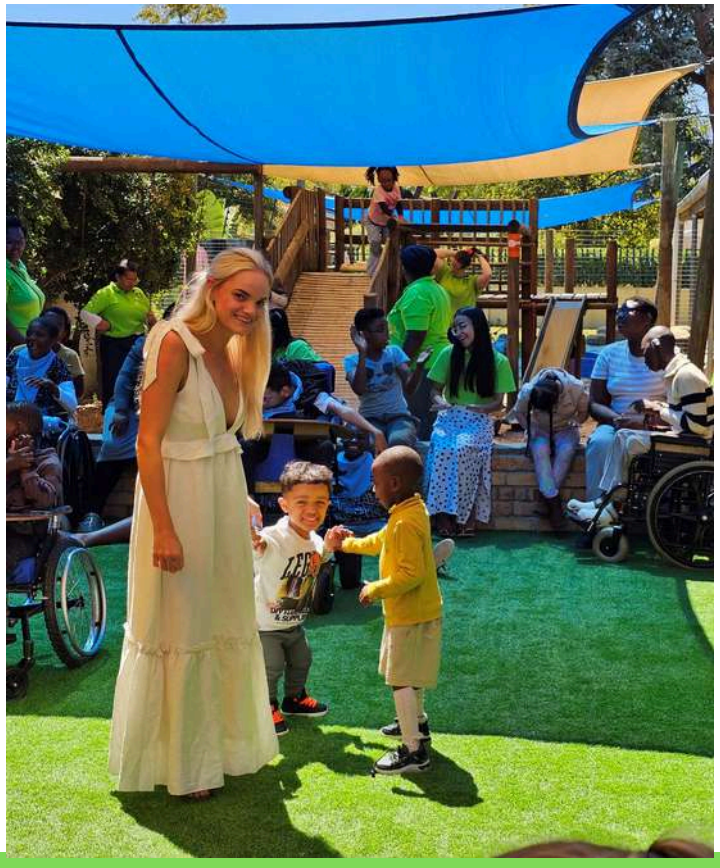
Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.
-Walter Elliot

JADE'S 100KM RUN



When Jade first visited the Centre, she dreamed up something extraordinary: running 100km in a single day. Working on yachts meant most of her training was on a treadmill, but on the 2nd of March, she arrived in style, dressed in her Bizweni green Burnt running kit.

At 6:20am, as the sun rose, Jade set off on her first 10km loop. Before long, she had already conquered 50km and still looked fresh and determined. An emotional moment came when Class 4 stopped by to cheer her on. Seeing the children brought tears to her eyes and renewed her determination.



As the hours passed, knee pain set in, but Jade dug deep, pushing through every lap until she triumphantly crossed the finish line with a total of 100.1km completed.

The icing on the cake? She didn't just meet her fundraising goal - she smashed it, raising over R100,000!

What an amazing feat from an amazing lady. Jade's resilience and heart have left an unforgettable mark on the Centre.

The day after the run was Jade's birthday, and we were delighted that she chose to celebrate with us. The good vibes were flowing!

GIVING BACK

12th Feb, Class 4 went on a heartwarming visit to the Silverjarre Retirement Home. While there, they had a lovely time singing and dancing with the residents.
It's easy to forget how important human connection is for our health and happiness. Some of the residents hadn't had visitors for months, some even years.
Sometimes all it takes is a smile and some small talk to make someone's day. We were grateful that we got this opportunity to sprinkle a little of Bizweni magic around.

LET IT GROW

On the 5th of March, Class 4 went on a fun scavenger hunt at the Cape Garden Centre. Each teenager had a checklist of items to search for and then proudly tick off.

Thanks to a recent generous donation from Adila Klomp, we were able to buy fresh punnets of vegetables and compost.

Our teenagers presented the friendly staff with their handmade soaps to show that we appreciate their help.
A big thank you to Adila for jumping at the chance to get our garden growing.

SHOWING SUPPORT

School holidays can be fun, but can also bring added pressure. When our Centre closes for the Easter break, the breakfasts and lunches we normally provide must be prepared at home. Those extra meals quickly add up, stretching grocery budgets that are already under strain.
To help ease this burden, we send a food parcel home with each family. It's a simple gesture, but one that makes a real difference. For us, caring for our children means caring for the whole family, and this is just one of the ways we show that support in a practical, holistic way.

VALENTINE'S LOVE

Once again, Mrs Smuts and her trusted team of Grade 7 prefects worked hard on Valentine's Day, putting together lucky packets for their annual fundraiser. The lucky packets flew like hot cakes, and it wasn't long before they had raised over R10,000! How amazing is that!? This is the fourth year that Beaumont Primary has gone out of its way to support the Centre, and we are beyond grateful for their continued kindness, energy, and enthusiasm. Back at the Centre, each class created love-themed art and ate yummy ice cream cones.
Thank you Beaumont for showing us so much love!

LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOP

Thirty-five parents joined our Life Skills Parent Workshop to explore practical ways of supporting their children at home. We demonstrated everyday skills such as making a bed, setting the table, and planting seedlings, and shared visual aids that parents can use to reinforce these routines at home. In class, we rely on visual aids because they allow time for language processing, help learners prepare for transitions, make instructions clearer by showing rather than telling, reduce anxiety, and build independence. We appreciated the parents' questions and valuable feedback throughout the workshop.

MEDIA MAGIC

Every now and then, something truly remarkable happens. Our friends at Cheymaxim, a local digital marketing company, didn't hesitate when we asked if they would help us create a new video showcasing what we do.

From the moment Chris, Nathan, and their team arrived on our property, they carried themselves with the utmost professionalism. They captured the essence of "a day in the life at Bizweni Centre" with effortless skill and deep respect. We are sincerely grateful to Cheymaxim for sharing their vision and expertise with us. You can find the video on the homepage of our website.

WAYS TO GIVE

Imagine being able to raise funds for your favourite cause simply by eating and chatting with your friends. Thanks to our friends at Indigo Spur in Waterstone Village, it's that easy!
On the 17th of February, friends of the Centre, families, and regular diners came together to show their support. The Centre received 10% of the takings between 5 and 9 pm, which amounted to an amazing R3000! A huge thank you to the Spur staff and management for being so helpful, friendly, and generous. We can't wait for our next Spur night in April.

AMAZING APPLES

We are grateful to be continuing our longstanding relationship with Applewood Prep in Grabouw. Their Grade 6 learners come every Friday they can, to spend quality time at the Centre with the children. What starts as helping hands quickly turns into laughter, funny moments and friendships.

Whether they're playing on the jungle gym, squishing shaving foam in sensory play, or simply hanging out, it's a beautiful reminder that they're just kids being kids, enjoying each other's company, and learning from one another.

I'M LOVIN' IT

Just before the end of term, we were excited to take two teenagers from Class 4 to McDonald's Heritage Park to job shadow. This important initiative was started by Job-Abled. Job-Abled is a platform that empowers young people with disabilities by connecting them to meaningful employment and turning inclusion into action.
Through this experience, our teenagers were able to be involved in a real working environment, observe daily operations, and begin building their confidence. They were warmly welcomed by the staff, who took the time to guide them through different tasks. Experiences like these are a vital step towards creating opportunities and breaking down barriers. Thank you Job-Abled and McDonald's!

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We couldn't do what we do without you.

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