



Pongolo Valley Primary School

## Our Story

March 2017– .....



### The Why, When, How and for Whom of PVP



**WHY** start an independent school in an area where there are 9 other primary schools which the children could attend?

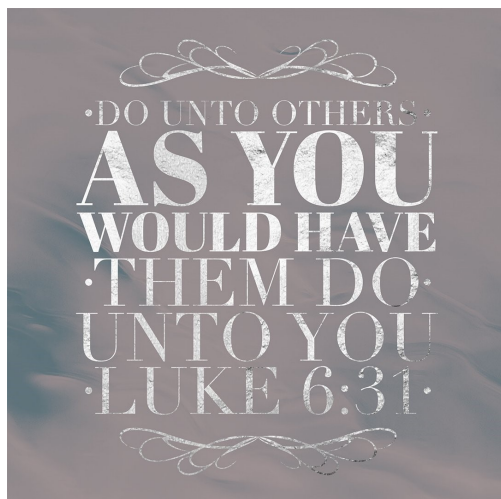
- None of these 9 schools provide English medium instruction from Grade RRR;

**WHY** English medium if mother-tongue instruction has been proven to be best?

- In a rural area, where children have none to very little exposure to English it is extremely difficult to pick up the language if you only start learning it from Grade 4. At PVP we start with English instruction from Gr RRR, translating into Zulu as we tell the story, sing the song or give instructions.

But **WHY** the urgency or need for an independent school to do this?

- Giving the opportunity to 25 learners per Grade to attend a school where they, their parents, their education, their whole well-being is taken very seriously is an opportunity not many children have had in our community. What many of us take for granted for our own children has been denied so many others.



So **WHEN** did the idea of PVP start?

- Having been involved in extra English lessons in the community for many years the desperation was growing for me and with many children and parents—the efforts were not really bringing us anywhere. The need for “full-time” English became all the more pressing.

.....and **WHEN** could it be realised?

- The very dry season in 2016, where KDK Boerdery was blessed with a bumper harvest and an even better price for their crop, allowed the dream of maybe building a well

equipped classroom near an existing school to become an even bigger dream and reality of starting Pongolo Valley Preschool.



The “How” always brings this photo into my mind—As the rising sun shines into the unfinished school building of PVPrimary School, so does God’s grace shine upon us here at PVP and wherever we are. It is by HIS grace that PVP is where it is and it is by HIS grace that we can do what we have been doing. HE has sent us the necessary people to help us and to stand at our side, sharing our journey; HE has provided where provision was needed; HE has given and continues to give us strength when we need it; HE has this project and everyone involved nestled in HIS good and gracious hands and we believe that HE will see this project through the years to come, by HIS grace!



**TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!**

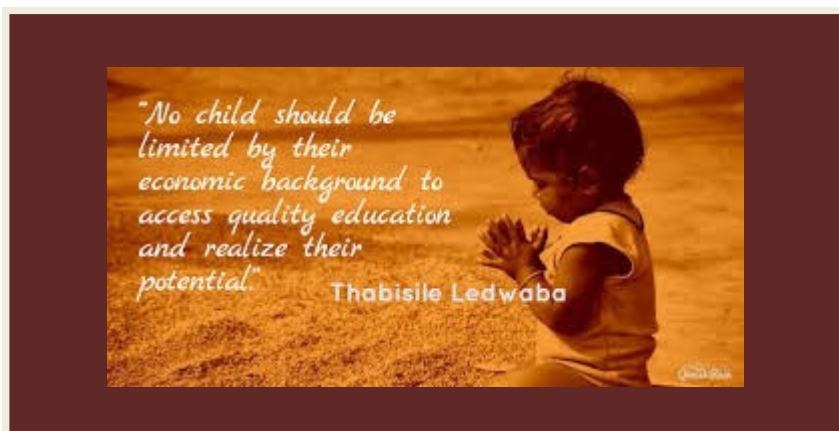
HOW has HE provided?

- HE has made it possible for KDK Boerdery to stick to their commitment to build up the school by providing the facilities, by paying the salaries of most of our staff, supporting the student teachers financially and providing the transport.
- Our children pay school fees, currently R300 per month over 10 months. Having 223 learners from Gr RRR to Gr 6, this amounts to enough money to buy stationery and food as well as pay a number of salaries .
- Donations from friends of the school have helped and are always welcome!



**For Whom is PVP school?**

Initially the idea was to build a school for the children of KDK Boerdery’s employees, but then we decided to opt for classes of 25 from the wider community here in the valley where the Phongolo river has its origin. Registration for new learners is in August, starting off with siblings and then opening for all on the last Friday of the month.



Our banking details are: Pongolo Valley Preschool  
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citizens are educated. Nelson Mandela**

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