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#### 2021

Pongolo Valley School

Preschool: 69 learners

Primary School: 99 learners

Teaching Staff: 19



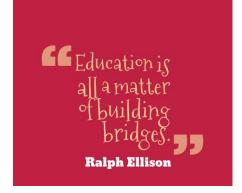
#### WHY?

Why start an independent school in an area where there are 8 other schools that children could visit?

None of these schools provide English medium instruction from Grade RRR.

Why English medium if mothertongue instruction has been proven to be the 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 in Grade RRR, translating into isiZulu as we tell the story, sing the song or give the instruction.



## WHEN?

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

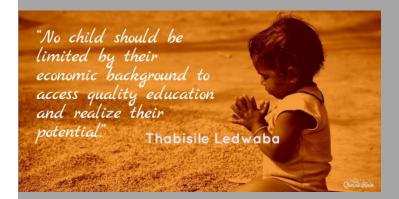
In the very dry season of 2016 KDK Boerdery was blessed with a bumper crop at a very good price. This allowed the dream of possibly building a well-equipped class-room at an existing school into the much bigger reality of building a preschool and looking forward to building a primary school as well.



## HOW?



The "How" always brings this photo into my mind – As the rising sun shines into the unfinished school building of Primary 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 are doing. HE has sent 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!





# For whom is Pongolo Valley School?

Initially the idea was to build a school for the children of KDK Boerdery's employees, but then we did decide to opt for classes of 25 from the wider community here in the valley where the Phongolo River has its origin. Now, 4 years later, we have decided to lower the number of children registered per Grade to 20.

Registrations for new learners opens in August for the siblings and then for the whole community on the last Friday of the month. The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Malcom S. Forbes





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