



Caversham Education Institute

Starts 2015 On A High Note

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Caversham Has Come A Long Way!!

Caversham Education Institute looks at early childhood development teacher training with new eyes. In 1993 (Jill Sachs, the founder) saw the need for a practical yet professional qualification for teachers that would enhance the educational experience of young children and bring recognition and dignity to their teachers. In 1994 the first ECD teachers completed the two year Scope certificate and from this small, humble beginning over the years close to one thousand early childhood teachers have received training that is now accredited as the National Higher Certificate and Diploma in Early Childhood Development.

Caversham's goal is to produce teachers who not only possess the necessary knowledge and skills but who are also confident and proud to teach young children. We are passionate about

honouring the individual and see the important role that the teacher of young children plays in laying the foundation for life. We believe that she or he can be pivotal in helping our children become well adjusted,



Caversham Education Institute Team

responsible adults, our future leaders. We believe the research that shows that the quality of education received when

very young impacts on the quality of life in adulthood.

Here is a brief history of how far we have come:

- * 1991 with HIGH SCOPE Train the Trainers Programme.
- * 1993 began training early years teachers.
- * 1994 the first teacher completed the SCOPE Course!
- * 2001 Caversham Centre/ Education Trust acquired the SCOPE, Course.
- * 2006 Caversham Education Institute was fully accredited as a Service Provider.
- * 2008 National Higher Certificate fully accredited.
- * 2011 National Diploma fully accredited.
- * 2011 Reaccredited with the ETDP SETA.
- * 2014 Cape Town & Port Shepstone branch openings.

What You Can Expect From Our Newsletter

The Caversham Newsletter aims to bring all the relevant news about our Institution, our students, lectures and Childhood Development updates. However, in this first issue, we decided to take a look back and reflect on some of the highlights in 2014.

We had an amazing year which saw our branches grow from 4 to 6 with the addition of the Cape Town & Port Shepstone Branch.

In case you have been living under a rock, our other branches are situated in Durban, Ballito, Zululand and Pietermaritz-

burg. We're also going to publish some of the testimonials that we often receive from our students. It is our duty to inspire others and by featuring these heartfelt testimonials, we'll also be giving our students an opportunity to inspire others as well.



Thulani Dlamini, our proud diploma graduate from Pietermaritzburg

Our First Male Diploma Graduate

Thulani grew up in Edendale raised by his aunt who adopted him and she sent him to school. He first went to Bisley and then Northdale Primary. When his aunt passed away in 1999 he went to live with his parents but they couldn't afford the fees so he went to a rural government school. After finishing his matric, his brother took him to Durban to do his learners licence and a temp job. When the contract ended he was referred to Mr Miller in Pelham by his father who offered him a job to paint the house. He worked for him for 6 weeks. Mr Miller had a little boy, Byron who loved him and worked

so well together in the garden. Mr Miller's wife referred Thulani to Mr Weaver, the principal at Cordwalles who interviewed him and asked about his past and his dream. Thulani told him about his driver's licence and that he has saved money and was applying to the Police force. Mr Weaver needed someone to assist with the pre-primary school. He gave him a temp job to look after the garden and cleaning which he accepted and worked closely with Antoinette. After a year of working, Mr Weaver asked if he would like to study further. The Cordwalles school offered to pay for his studies at Caver-

sham and so he started his studies and he is now a proud Diploma Graduate.

Thulani is currently teaching Grade R at Cordwalles School. He was pleasantly accepted by the boys in his class and also noticed that in most cases their heroes are males so they could easily relate to him. The boys in Grade 1 – 3 were excited to hear that Thulani will be teaching them a bit Zulu and cricket this year as they have missed him from their Grade R days.

We wish you all the best with your ECD Teaching career!

"Believe in yourself and go for dream and do it. I have learnt so much and had so much fun with all the little boys and I can give my love to the children." - Thulani Dlamini

Cape Town Branch Opening

For a number of years, it was a dream to have a branch in Cape Town but the questions were, how & where. Then Hanlie Bonafede was introduced and all that changed. She organised an information day early February 2014 and our first Cape Town branch opened in Brackenfell. All the students that enrolled last year are currently doing their second year and

are very excited about completing their Higher Certificate. In the words of our Cape Town student Karin Steyn. "My first year is now behind me and it was truly a fantastic experience. I was very scared and nervous when I started but the inspiration, the knowing that I can become more, and the wonderful class spirit made it

an unbelievable experience. Attending classes is just a pleasure and it is so rewarding to see how much the children have learnt."

We'd like also to welcome the 2015 students and look forward to motivating, inspiring & improving the lives of pre-school teachers & principals.

Port Shepstone Branch Opening



Caversham Education Institute, in association with the Rotary Club of Port Shepstone, successfully launched on Saturday 25th October 2014, with 45 interested persons attended. The presentation was made by Jill Sachs,

the Founder and Director of the Institute, at the Port Shepstone Junior Primary School. The meeting ended with a well-designed video of the training provided by the Institute.

It is with great excitement that we now report that the first class for the Higher

Certificate was held on the 14th of February 2015. The establishment of the Caversham Institute in Port Shepstone was made possible thanks to the generous funding of the Durban Thekwini Educational Trust. Also to be thanked are the Port Shepstone Junior Primary School and its Principal and staff for providing the venue and facilities for the Course.

Kerry Peyper, Kareshma Bayey, Jill Sachs, Patrcik Shultz & Del Pendock

Caversham Inspires Yet Another Teacher



Larissa Gunas at her Grade R class.

Our Ballito branch opened in 2012 under the enthusiastic leadership of Cheryl Koenig. Please read the words of one of our diploma graduates .

"Up until my matric year in 2010, I knew exactly what career

path to choose. My heart was set on getting into the nursing field. Then one Saturday in the year 2011, in the best way possible my whole life changed. I accompanied my mum to a workshop at the Caversham Education Institute . After that workshop, I did research and was astonished about the good work and reputation of this Institute. In 2012, I registered with Caversham Education Institute. I was one of the first

students attending lectures at the Ballito branch. In the middle of my third year , studying towards my diploma and with the help off my amazing lecturer (Cheryll Koenig) ,I got a position at Crawford Pre-Primary North Coast as an assistant teacher to Grade R. Studying through Caversham helped shape and secure my future. I now know the possibilities for me both personally and professionally are endless and I am grateful to and appreciate everything that the staff of Caversham Education Institute has done for me."

"My "container" is full and that I can be an inspiration to the people I meet and strive to be the best Caversham trained teacher I can be" - Kirsty Ervine

Lovely Words From Kirsty Ervine (2014 Caversham Student)

Kirsty studied at our second oldest branch in KwaMbonambi in Zululand

"Being awarded the opportunity to complete my full three years of wonderful Caversham course in ECD has been such an enormous blessing in my life and it is a blessing that I will always remain grateful for. When Mrs Susan Bonney (Zululand lecturer) told me that I could continue studying for my 3rd year, I was de-

lighted and decided to give more of myself, to work harder to achieve top marks in all my assignments and to go the extra mile to avoid having too many re-do's. With the Lord's help and inspiration, I have managed to achieve this goal and I am thrilled that I have now completed all the work involved in my final year at Caversham.

Through this course I gained an amazing amount of knowledge and valuable experience which has

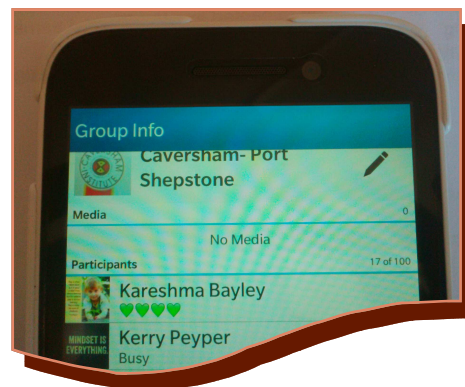
equipped me and given me a greater self-confidence in so many aspects of my life. I am also extremely grateful for the excellent lectures that I have had over the past three years, who have helped to inspire and encourage me to become a great teacher. I now feel that my "container" is full and that I can be an inspiration to the people I meet and strive to be the best Caversham trained teacher I can be"

WhatsApp Group for Caversham

The lecturers in the Port Shepstone Branch have created a WhatsApp group in order to communicate with their students. As you may know, lectures are held every 2nd Saturday of the month which might be a long time before they all meet again, This platform allows them to share ideas, remind themselves about the next lecture dates and also bridge the gap between students and lec-

tures. We at Caversham Head Office felt that we should share this wonderful idea with other branches .

We also support the rules and regulations that they have agreed on in order to have a dignified group chat and also enjoy their private time with their families after working hours.



Port Shepstone WhatsApp Group


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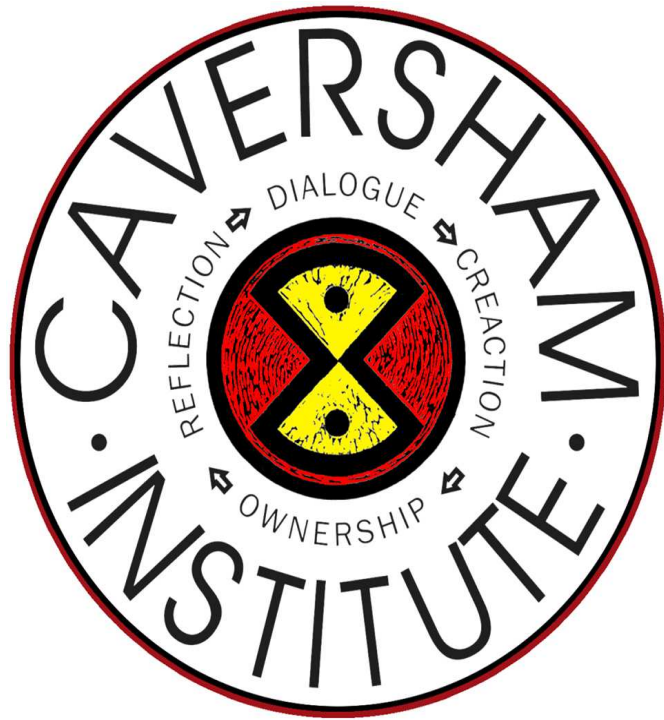
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2015 First Lectures Went Very Well.

Caversham Education Institute team would like to send a BIG WELCOME to all our registered first year students in various branches and a BIG WELCOME BACK to all our returning students. We look forward to another successful year with you.

We have already hosted our first lectures for 2015, from the feedback we have received from our students, it seems like everyone enjoyed their first lecture. The enthusiasm from our students has been very encouraging for our lecturers and we look forward to having you for the whole year.

A special THANK YOU goes to all our lecturers and mentees for making our students feel welcome and cared for.



Above: Durban Students

On the right: Port Shepstone Students



On the left: Ballito Students