142 pupils are enrolled at African Angels.

23 African Angels graduates are attending 12 different high schools.

Our first Angel was accepted to study Law at the University of the Western Cape.

#LIGHTUPCHINTSA

BY LOU BILLET

At the end of 2019, and the beginning of 2020, we were part of an awesome collaboration between BEKA Schreder, the Chintsa East community, Great Kei Municipality, and Eskom, the national service provider, that saw 160 street lights donated and installed in the Chintsa East Township, bringing light to a community who has NEVER had street lighting. We would like to thank Pete Badenhorst of BEKA who drove this project from start to finish!

BEKA Schreder made a short film about the project. Click on the link below

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuhjlkuSnbg
In 2020 we welcomed back our entire teaching team and support staff - the first time in the school’s history there was no staff turnover. We also welcome back Dr Lori Assaf on her third visit from Texas, as she works with the teaching staff developing their professional development programme.

Over the 2019 December holidays we were lucky enough to have donations from AlgoaFM’s charity golf day, which saw us able to buy textbooks, complete some tiling in the girls’ hostel using one of our learner’s fathers, and buy a new computer for Aunty Sharon to use. Arcadia Rotary also supported our efforts to tile the girls’ hostel. With over 500m2 of floor space requiring tiling this will be an ongoing project we will continue to seek support for.

The start of 2020 was especially busy settling twenty three graduates into twelve different high schools, and helping our first Angel navigate the world of university. A busy start indeed.

Thank you to Vincent Park Shopping Centre who donated the proceeds of gift wrapping and ‘glicing’ over the holiday period to our school. A very much appreciated boost at the start of the year. The kids LOVED the boerwors rolls for lunch - such a treat.

Thank you Joseph and Mariaan and the entire team for visiting, cooking, sharing and listening to our story.

We welcome three volunteers from Sheffield Hallam University who will spend the first six weeks of term at the school.

Our first fundraising event for 2020 was held on Sunday 23 February - the 2020 Proudly South African African Angels Beach Walk, sponsored by Talisman Hire East London, raised over R4000 for the school.

Click here to see all the pictures of the day.

We are looking forward to an even better year, and are grateful of your support for African Angels as we strive to provide quality primary school education to the children of Chintsa East.

Lou Billett, African Angels Chair
“The best thing about hostel is that I’m not at home when the bad things happen.”
(Ten year old who lives in our hostel).

This term we have thirty five girls staying in our hostel, ‘keeping our girls safe’, and keeping Aunty Sharon very busy! We are grateful to the Carmel Curlewis Trust, and Lulu Sandla Trust, whose donations are used specifically to support the girls’ hostel operations.

Led by Aunty Sharon, and assisted by some of our teachers who live at the school, a real team comes together to supervise, encourage, love, and mentor thirty five girls in a safe and homely environment each week.

Girls live by grade in large dorm style bedrooms, with solar hot water, and a set routine, including a bed time and bed time story.

Homework is supervised; screen time is very (very) limited, and there is movie night once a week. The hostel gives the girls, most of whom do not have indoor plumbing or a toilet at home, time and space to learn.

We are grateful to our donors who support the hostel, and the dedicated team of teachers who love, nurture and support our girls.
Standing on the beach at the starting line waiting for buzzer to go off. The realization that many months of training and 5 warm-up triathlons have all come to this.

Ironman 70.3 2020

The day was not about the Ironman 70.3 – we were also doing it to support charity through Ironman 4 the Kids with all our funds going to African Angels Independent school in Chintsa.

8 individual athletes and 3 team took part this year. None of us knew what a hard day was waiting for us.

Running into 14 degree cold water was the first shock we got. After the first buoy, the choppy sea started making your swim more difficult in cold water. Eventually the 1.9km swim was over and then the brutal fight with the wind while cycling on the N2 began.

It did not matter if you were on your way to Berlin or on your way back - the wind found a way to be a nasty headwind.

Just as you thought you were home, the N.E.X. decided to give you one last leg draining hill. The 90km cycle felt like 180km at the end of it!

Once off the bike you realized how hard you had to cycle in the wind, as your legs felt wobbly all the way down to collect you run bag.

Once on the run you had a feeling that the wind was going to be on your side.

Hahaha! That was not to be!

It pounded you the whole way while running, then on the esplanade you were sand blasted just to add some additional misery. After 21km you saw the red carpet and were so happy it was all over - some more that others!

It was all worth it.

Doing an Ironman 70.3 and fighting the elements at the same time all in the name of charity.

All this for African Angels and the wonderful work they do for the kids and the community.
Funds were raised to the value of R59,294.50 through the registration process and R25,051.00 from the online donation “Back a Hero” portal, giving us a grand total of R84,345.50. Ironman 4 the Kids has graciously agreed to round up our donation to the school to make a total donation of R100,000.00.

A big thanks must go out to all the businesses, friends and family who donated so generously.

All 8 individual athletes finished and 2 of the 3 teams that took part this year finished.

Team Round Tabler EL was the second team to complete Ironman 70.3.

1) Terry-Andre’ Eleftheriou - 06:31:45
2) Samantha Eleftheriou - 06:56:41
3) Quinta Carr - 07:06:56
4) Yvette Louw - 07:45:04
5) Jethro Penny - 7:53:21
6) Toby Nzuza - 07:53:24
7) Ruan Jordaan - 08:07:46
8) Ryan Baisley - 08:17:08

TEAMS
9) Team Round Tablers EL - 05:39:56
10) Team id10ts - 07:25:41
11) Team Avonlea - 00:39:16
(officially, unfortunately did not finish the race)
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