Veldblommetjies Crèche, Rocklands







Veldblommetjies Crèche in Rocklands has been open for a year. The little school on Vleiplaas started in early 2021 and caters for the youngest children in the Agter-Pakhuis valley, many of whom hail from economically stressed homes. Construction was made possible by donations to the Rocklands Association for Development, which funded the project. It was built by local hands. Two crèche teachers are receiving ongoing training by Waldorf educators, who continue to give generous, hands-on support to the Veldblommetjies team, on a week-by-week basis. Together, the team has created a happy learning environment for young children in the valley.

The aim in 2022 is to increase the crèche's hours and days of operation. Currently lessons take place two mornings a week, and we have just extended the morning lessons by 1.5 hours per day, bringing the daily lessons to 3.5 hours, so as to be able to include Pre-Grade R school readiness education. The next goal is to open three days a week.

The crèche is funding itself by using the nominal school fees paid by parents, as well as ongoing financial support from RAD and its donors, to cover operational costs, including equipment and materials, food for the children and teachers' salaries. We are, however, falling short and we are hoping that you – Rocklands residents, visitors and other friends of the area – will be able to help us to sustain and grow this initiative by considering a monthly pledge to the crèche (suggested amount R100-R200), ideally paid by debit order to:
Rocklands Association for Development, NPO # 203-993
FNB Clanwilliam, Branch Code: 200206, Account #: 627 773 713 96

We would also like to use this opportunity to call on members of the Agter Pakhuis community who would like to make use of the crêche services, to contact the educators at 081 094 2004. Please note that we cannot provide transport for learners. Please direct other queries to RAD at 078 498 7103.



