



HERMANUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phase One

Sports Development Project

A sporting chance

For a small town, we're a big school! In 2010, we enrolled more than 900 children and will field 12 hockey, 12 rugby and numerous cricket teams. But with only one rugby field for these teams, we barely cope.

Our vision at Hermanus Primary School is to develop the potential of all our learners – not only those who excel, but also and equally, those who have something of value just waiting to be developed.

With the right encouragement and a growing sense of self worth, all our children carry the promise of confident, positive learners. Our dream is to give every child the opportunity to consistently enjoy the challenges, successes and delights of sport. The strong values that flow from good sporting experiences will bolster our children as they move into adulthood and become contributing members of their communities in turn.

We are desperate for more sports fields. Let's give our children a sporting chance.

An ambitious plan

This dream gave birth to a Three Phase Plan that will see not only the Primary School, but the whole of the Hermanus community, enjoying access to top-class sporting facilities.



Phase One achieves the vital development of fields for the Primary School on the site of the Hermanus Old Boys Rugby Club. With no small effort, the School has secured a ten-year, renewable lease from the municipality on this property. It offers the opportunity to develop, initially, three hockey fields, three rugby fields and two cricket pitches. In the long run, we're looking at building four cricket practice nets and the supporting catering, ablution and storage facilities.

Progress to date

No time was wasted in getting to work. With the pavillion and grounds in bad disrepair, nothing short of complete redevelopment was required. The land was cleared and huge volumes of soil were moved to optimise field space. These areas were filled and levelled to accommodate hockey fields, rugby fields and cricket pitches. Drainage, soil preparation, planting and subsequent care was taken seriously – and by January 2010, our new sports fields were a growing reality.

Thanks to the generous support of many parents and the tireless work of a dogged few, our costs compare favourably to those of similar facilities developed in the district. Indeed, with our costs thus far at R525 000, we come in at well over a million rand less.



Before



After

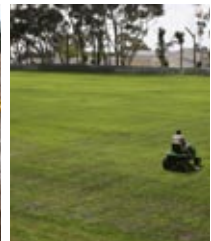
Still to go...

The long-term plan is to enlarge one side of the field so that tents can be pitched and used for catering facilities on sports days. Grounds have already been allocated by the municipality for this and we have their permission to develop the area.

At the same time, we are short of tennis and netball courts at school. We therefore need to convert two netball courts into multi-purpose courts that can be used for both tennis and netball. The cost of these changes is R240 000.

Agri-drains... and a very green field

Agri-drains were put in to dry the marshy areas. To save on labour costs, we installed an automatic irrigation system of 91 pop-up sprinklers. We now have a very healthy green field.



Short-term, we need to build two cricket pitches and buy three sets of rugby and hockey posts. We also need a bomag (heavy roller) for the new pitches. Lawn maintenance such as watering, spraying and fertilizing remains an ongoing task. It's clear we need help with this ambitious plan.

The rands and cents of what we need	
Two cricket pitches	R80 000
Goal posts	R30 000
Bomag	R40 000
Enlargement of field	R50 000
Cricket nets	R160 000
Cloakrooms	R900 000
Tennis and netball courts	R240 000
Contingency and labour	R40 000
Total	R1 540 000

Your help and our community

Your help will ensure we meet our twin goals of developing these facilities while encouraging healthy bodies and minds.



We know that great facilities are meaningless if they're not matched by good, sufficient coaching. So our vision includes training courses for educators and interested parents. We'll also bring in specialist coaches and offer coaching clinics for children from all levels.

Overberg, Somerset West, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Cape Town schools will be invited to compete in tournaments and sports days at our new facility. This will broaden our learners' experience and cut down on travelling time and costs for parents and teachers.

The sports fields will be open to the wider Hermanus community, adding to the quality of life in our town. We look forward to seeing young and old, walking and playing in the safe environment of our fields.

Why are there not enough sports facilities?

Since 1995, our learner number has grown from 490 to 910. In this time we've built 10 classrooms, a school hall, a computer room and library at a cost of over R6 million. Incredibly, and with no help from government, our parent body has raised this money. Understandably, we have fallen behind in meeting the demand for sports facilities.

Many man hours

Numerous parents offered their services free of charge. They sponsored machinery and equipment and offered free time to supervise the project. Without their help, we would not have been able to develop this land to the extent we already have...

How you can help

Four ways to support the Hermanus Primary School Sports Development Project

Option 1

Advertising space on a single board (1.5m x 1.3m) attached to the boundary walls of the new fields for 5 years.

R 5 000

Option 2

Advertising space on a double board (adjacent to each other) attached to the boundary walls of the new fields for 5 years.

R 10 000

Option 3

Advertising space on a single board on the boundary walls of the new fields per year.

R 2 500

Option 4

Make any financial contribution and it will be recognised on a Hermanus Primary 'Wall of Fame'.

To support our Project,
contact the sports committee
member as below:

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