

PEBBLES PROJECT

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT



EARLY LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Our Early Care and Education Programme (ECEP) continued to prioritise sensory play, recognising its vital role in supporting young children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional development.

Throughout the reporting period, children participated in a wide range of hands-on sensory activities that encouraged exploration, creativity, problem-solving and learning through play.

To further enhance the quality of early childhood education across our centres, Early Childhood Development Practitioners from all regions received specialised training in sensorial development. This equipped them with practical strategies and techniques to create engaging learning environments and foster each child's development.

As part of our ongoing commitment to professional development, 14 Practitioners also enrolled in the Caversham N4 Early Childhood Development online programme,

further strengthening their knowledge and skills to deliver high-quality early learning experiences for the children in their care.

The popular Pallet Project also continued to grow, transforming recycled and everyday materials into interactive sensory walls. Filled with items that spin, click, rattle, slide and make different sounds. Each pallet provides children with unique sensory experiences while encouraging exploration, fine motor development and imaginative play, all through the power of learning by doing.



1,3 MILLION



children aged 3 to 5 years in South Africa are not enrolled in an early learning programme, which means that many miss out on the rich sensory experiences that are essential for healthy development.
(Source: South African Department of Basic Education ECD Census).

DID YOU KNOW?



BUILDING SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

Our Youth Development Programme (YDP) continues to equip young adults with the practical skills and confidence needed to pursue meaningful employment.

Following a competitive selection process, 68 interviews were conducted in January, with 30 motivated young adults chosen to participate in the General Maintenance Programme delivered through Tjeka Training Matters. Throughout the programme, participants receive hands on training in a range of trades,

including carpentry, bricklaying, painting, tiling, electrical work and plumbing, preparing them for opportunities within the construction and maintenance sectors.

Alongside their technical training, the young adults also receive ongoing personal development support to strengthen essential life and workplace skills.

Facilitators have commended the group for their positive attitude, commitment and discipline, creating a strong foundation for success as they work towards building brighter futures.

A HEARTFELT FAREWELL TO THE GRIER FAMILY

After more than two decades of unwavering support, we bid a heartfelt farewell to the Grier family as they retire from Villiera Wines. Since welcoming Pebbles Project onto the farm in 2005, their generosity, vision and belief in our mission have helped shape our organisation and expand our impact across the Western Cape.

We are profoundly grateful for the lasting legacy they leave behind and wish Simon, Jeff, Cathy and Julian every happiness in this new chapter.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Pebbles Project journey.



2026 ANNUAL REPORT

We are proud to share our [2026 Annual Report](#), highlighting the milestones achieved, challenges overcome and the collective impact made possible through the support of our donors and partners.

The report also unveils Pebbles Project's new Theory of Change, demonstrating how our integrated programmes create sustainable, long-term change for children and families in farming communities.



LONDON MARATHON

Applications are now open to join **#TeamPebbles** for the historic 2027 TCS London Marathon, taking place over two days on 24 and 25 April 2027.

As one of the world's most iconic marathons, this is an incredible opportunity to run through the streets of London while making a lasting difference in the lives of children from farming communities in the Western Cape.

Every runner's entry fee and fundraising efforts will directly support the Pebbles Academy, providing quality education to children from around 40 farms in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.

Charity entries are limited, with applications closing on 12 August 2026, so don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable event while helping children learn, grow and thrive.

[Click here](#) to apply and secure your spot!

RIDE FOR PURPOSE AT WINES2WHALES!

Pebbles Project is proud to be an Official Charity Partner of the 2026 Wines2Whales MTB Event.

We have two Standard Tent Package entries (four rider spots) available for cyclists who want to experience this iconic mountain bike stage race while raising funds for children and young adults in the farming communities of the Western Cape.

Interested in securing your team's entry?

Contact mignon@pebblesproject.co.za for more information.



Photo taken by Aimee Chadwick

PEBBLES INTERNAL PHOTO COLLECTIVE TOP SHOTS

Earlier this year, Pebbles launched an internal photography campaign, inviting staff to capture meaningful moments that showcase our programmes and services in action.

Our Pebbles Trustees were tasked with selecting their favourite images from the latest submissions. The quality of the photographs made choosing just three incredibly difficult, so this quarter we're delighted to share four outstanding images that beautifully reflect the impact of our work across our programmes.



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