



**So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall.**

Roald Dahl

The highlight of this last quarter of the year was the Phendulani Quiz. Teams of Grade 7 learners from 8 participating schools came together on 16 October to answer questions relating to the books they had been given to read. What a fun morning it was for everyone – educators and learners. Learners from the winning teams won prizes of books to take home.

By making reading more interesting and more fun we hope to help the learners improve their reading and writing skills.



Our volunteers continue to read at a number of our rural schools. They go out once a week and read aloud to classes from Grade 3 to Grade 7. Research shows that reading aloud to children offers many benefits, including strengthening their language skills by building vocabulary and improving comprehension and supporting cognitive development. It enhances critical thinking, boosts imagination and creativity and increases attention span and regular reading encourages the learners to concentrate for longer periods.

As we come to the end of our 14<sup>th</sup> year, we would like to thank everyone who has helped us with our books, whether reading, serving on the board, donating new or pre-loved books and monetary donations. You all play an important role in helping us to help the learners in our rural schools. We are very grateful for your continued support.

**What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.**

Nelson Mandela



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