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Cedrico Rhode, Manager of the Simondium Agrimark reported that they, in conjunction with Rhodes Fruit Farms, donated Christmas presents and refreshments to the children of the Simondium Rural Development Forum’s Creche.

The crèche was established by the Forum due to the urgent need for the parents of the children from the informal settlement and surrounding farms, to work on the farms.

Armand Krause, Manager, reported that the Walvis Bay Pakmark wanted to make a difference to a local institution who really needed assistance. Promiseland was selected because they generate no income and are totally reliant on donations and sponsorships.

This institution gives pre school education to 65 less privileged children on a daily basis. They provide breakfast to these children, and they also serve lunch to 150 street children. In addition to this they also give sandwiches to more than 1,000 children during their school break.

According to Armand they provided hanging space for the children’s bags, and they installed toilet roll holders in the bathrooms. In addition they repaired the broken windows.

In this initiative, which is a fundraiser for the Fleur de Lis Home for the Aged and for the Groendal community in Franschhoek, 20 entrants from Groendal planted vegetables or flowers in pots which were filled from soil and compost donated by the Agrimark.

This culminated in an event which was recently held, where a panel of judges decided on the winners. The Agrimark was also represented on this panel.

As part of this initiative, members of the Franschhoek public opened their gardens to the public for a small fee, of which the proceeds were also directed to the beneficiaries of the project.

The Concordia Primary School in Montagu undertook an educational trip to Cape Town where the children visited The World of Birds in Hout Bay as well as Robben Island. According to the school management the tour was a huge success.

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