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ABCA

Australian Books for
Children of Africa Ltd

**Welcome to the ABCA September
newsletter.**

**Our latest delivery from our Sydney
branch has arrived in South Africa and
we are looking forward to receiving lots
of feedback and photos.**

**This month we shine a light on ABCA
stalwart Gaby Jaffe as we continue our
"Spotlight on our Volunteers" segment.**

**Don't forget! With our record-breaking
year of shipments we have run low on
books. Our next book packing (heading
to Kenya) will now take place on 25
November (instead of 14 October).**

**Please beg, borrow and steal books, ask
your friends and neighbours. Remember
the book nook is open 24/7 for drop-offs.**



ABCA NEWS



Shipment arrives in South Africa

We are very happy that the shipment of ABCA books from Sydney has arrived in Johannesburg!!

Thanks to Robyn Young, our ABCA Sydney Manager, for organizing this shipment of books and the schools in Sydney for donating so many books to enable this shipment. We already have a list of recipients who can't wait for their ABCA books!





Gaby Jaffe, ABCA stalwart talks ABCA

My name is Gaby Jaffe - some may know me as being Ben and Elise's sister-in-law. This is perhaps a subtle clue as to how I became involved and connected to ABCA and the phenomenal work which they do.

From the conception of ABCA, Martin, (spouse of mine and sibling of Elise's), and I have been involved in some small way and have participated in the remarkable journey. We have been in awe of the tremendous success of this special charity - shipping books to Africa, who would have 'thunk it'? Well clearly, the Margows did, and their vision has become a reality.

We have watched from the sidelines, in awe, as Elise and Ben have tirelessly navigated the rough cargo seas - working through all the administration and obstacles, in order to get the charity off the ground and running smoothly.

There have been fundraisers, book packing, bbqs and get togethers, connecting and forging ahead to make a literacy difference in the lives of students in a far away land.

The absolute highlight was being privy to a presentation of books at a school in Johannesburg last year. We were present when the students gingerly held the books for the first time. The reaction of the grateful recipients was something quite memorable.

To witness all of Ben and Elise's efforts come to fruition and just being a tiny part of their huge success, makes me feel immensely proud and privileged.



A photograph of three young children sitting at a wooden table outdoors, looking at a book together. The child on the right is holding the book open. They are wearing hooded sweatshirts. The background shows a scenic view of mountains and trees under a clear sky. The text 'THANK YOU' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

THANK YOU

Three Crown Eco Academy in Kenya

Another primary school is excited at having received ABCA books!

Three Crown Eco Academy in Kenya is the recipient of 6 boxes of books. The pupils and teachers have said thank you for the support of ABCA.

ABCA thanks the Harry Cohney Charitable Foundation for its support of our Kenya operation.







Rona Foundation in Kenya

The Rona Foundation supports widows, orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya.

They were so excited to get the books they couldn't wait to start reading them. In the words of the Founder, Roseline Orwa, "It's a game changer for Rona." I believe the books will go a long way in supporting their education initiatives for the children.





Imama Community Development Centre, Eastern Cape

A box of ABCA books was distributed to Imama Community Development Centre, in Motherwell in the Eastern Cape, through the Union of Jewish Women in Port Elizabeth and Ikhala Trust.



Sonwabile Primary School in Keiskammahoek, Eastern Cape

ABCA books were delivered to Sonwabile Primary School in Keiskammahoek, a remote area in the Eastern Cape, through Ikhala Trust and the Union of Jewish Women in Port Elizabeth.

The principal and students were delighted with the books!





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**Save these dates
for our ABCA book
packing:**

Our next book packing will take place on Saturday 25 November

11.00am - 1.00pm

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**ABCA BOOK
PACKING
DATES FOR
2023**



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- 18 FEBRUARY 2023
- 1 APRIL 2023
- 1 JULY 2023 **Cancelled**
- 12 AUGUST 2023
- 14 OCTOBER 2023 **Cancelled**
- 25 NOVEMBER 2023