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**Welcome to the ABCA October
newsletter.**

**ABCA has been selected to participate in
Local Matters at Grill'd Elsternwick this
November! Please show your support by
purchasing a burger and putting the
token received into our jar (more details
below).**

**This month we update you on deliveries
in South Africa and we shine a light on
ABCA newbie volunteer Adie Schafner
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 take place on 25
November. Please beg, borrow and steal
books, ask your friends and neighbours.
Remember the book nook is open 24/7
for drop-offs.**



ABCA NEWS



Grill'd Local Matters – You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Elsternwick in November

We have been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Elsternwick this November!

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

We would love your support so we can receive the \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Elsternwick (332 Glen Huntly Rd, Elsternwick) during NOVEMBER for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar.

Grill'd Elsternwick has also kindly agreed to act as an ABCA book drop-off location for the month.

EVERY PURCHASE RECEIVES A TOKEN – IT'S A SIMPLE AND DELICIOUS WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



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Adie Schafner, ABCA newbie talks ABCA

Hello, I'm Adie. Born in South Africa, my heart always yearned to contribute to a cause bigger than myself. Yet, life's demands made it challenging to find the time for charitable endeavors. For me, joining a charity wasn't just about giving back, it was about connecting on a deeper level with the core purpose and mission at hand. My quest led me to a serendipitous moment in November 2022.

On a sunny day, as I walked along my regular route, a familiar face from Shelford - a school I was considering for my daughter - beckoned me. Inside a shed, she and her students were immersed in a task that would soon captivate me: packing books for underprivileged children in Africa. ABCA, as I would come to know, was everything I had been searching for: a charity with a purpose and a mission I deeply resonated with, without demanding too much of my already scarce time. At the bi-monthly book packing sessions through our collective effort I know that we are bringing smiles to the faces of countless underprivileged children in Africa. The warmth and camaraderie shared amongst the volunteers creates a passionate synergy.

Today, my passion for ABCA's mission has ignited the same flame in my children, who now proudly volunteer alongside me. The universe indeed works in mysterious ways, and for me, it guided me to a cause where I can make a real difference.



A photograph of three young children sitting at a wooden table outdoors, looking at a book together. The child on the left is wearing a dark grey hoodie and a light blue shirt. The child in the middle is wearing a bright orange hoodie and has an orange flower in her hair. The child on the right is wearing a dark blue hoodie with pink text that says "GIRLS" and "FE". They are all looking at a book that is open on the table. The background shows a wooden structure and a view of mountains and trees under a clear sky.

THANK YOU

City Kidz, Johannesburg

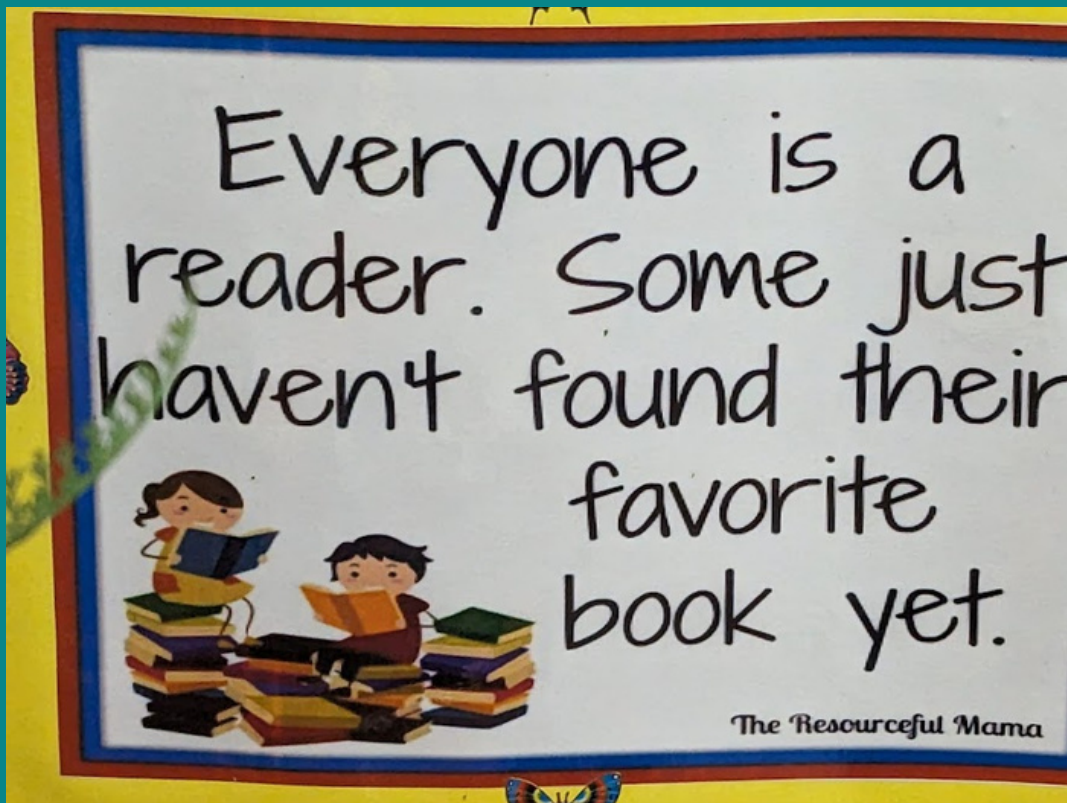
ABCA books were delivered to CityKidz Primary School, which is situated in an industrial area in the Johannesburg inner-city.

ABCA donated books to the school many years ago, and they contacted us again this year to ask for more books. The school has grown over the last few years – they have students attending from the inner-city, Hillbrow and Soweto.

The school does not have a library, but each classroom has its own reading corner with many books. The school held a competition for the class with the best reading corner, and are also in the process of running a Spelling Bee competition. The students are encouraged to read as much as possible. Every week, each student takes a book home to read, and the parents are encouraged to read at home together with their children. The school were very appreciative and excited to receive ABCA books, and sent us many photos of the students looking at the books!

Click this link to watch a thank you message from the students.
<https://youtu.be/diq44x8Aazo>





Inkwenkwezi, Soweto

We delivered ABCA books to Inkwenkwezi Primary School in Soweto. Most of the students at the school come from the squatter camps nearby – they don't pay school fees and receive a meal at school each day (usually their only food for the day).

The teachers were very excited and sincerely appreciated all the books as they know the value of reading, especially for these students who don't have anything where they live. We received a warm welcome from a few students from each grade who had specially prepared a presentation for us. The younger students read their books, and the older ones recited the introductions to the South African Constitution and the African Union Constitution. The students had picked flowers to welcome us to the school.

Mr Lekgalake, the principal, is very passionate about his school and improving the lives of his learners. Monde Mtenjana, who contacted ABCA for the books, took us on a tour of the school. It is well maintained but needs upgrading, which they don't have the funds for and are looking for sponsors to help them. A classroom with shelves was meant to be the library, but was instead being used as a storeroom for textbooks. The school want to convert this room into a proper library for the students to enjoy the books!

Click here to watch video

https://youtu.be/WNRB-N_hClk







St Peter Claver Primary School, Soweto

St Peter Claver Primary School in Soweto had a library with very old and outdated books. ABCA were happy to supply books for the refurbished school library, especially as there were only twenty books that could be salvaged from the old library!

Eleanor Hough, a retired school principal who set up the library for the school, said: “The books are amazing! I really want the good people in Australia to know that their efforts are really appreciated and that the books will be used properly.”

A few Grade 7 girls helped with the library and were beyond excited. The book the girls were so intrigued by, was about Aussie animals!



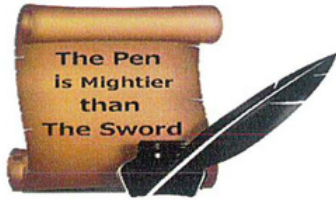


Bosmont Primary School, South Africa

Bosmont Primary School did not have a library, and recently converted a storeroom at the school into a library. They needed books for the shelves, but as there were no funds, the school were relying on donations of books to fill the shelves.

The school were very excited to receive much-needed books from ABCA on the day of the opening of the new library! The teachers were looking forward to using the books to encourage the students to read.





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On behalf of Bosmont Primary School , parents , learners, staff and SGB we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian Books for Children of Africa for their assistance in the launch of our school Library.

The donation of reading books will go a long way in enriching the lives of the learners who might otherwise not have access to libraries / reading material .

Thus fostering a lifelong love for reading as well as improving their reading skills.

We wish you everything of the best . May God continue to bless all the volunteers and donors of Australian Books for Children of Africa for all their hard work and all future endeavours .

Yours in education


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Thank you for your
generous donation to our
school. The books are
fantastic wonderful. We love
them very much with love
from Lesedi Thapi!!





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