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THE CHARACTER COMPANY

RAISING BOYS TO BE GOOD MEN

The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm, it is dangerous because of those who look at it and do nothing!

Albert Einstein

IMPORTANT DATES

16 APRIL
Paintball - to be confirmed

20 APRIL
Self Defence Training - Moms

30 APRIL
Golden Harvest Work Day

7 MAY
Super Mom's Tea

24 JULY
702 Walk the Talk

13 NOVEMBER
94.7 Cycle Challenge

21 NOVEMBER
Sisters with Blisters

WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

05 - 07 APRIL	No TCC activities this week
12 - 14 APRIL	Cycling at PwC
19 - 21 APRIL	Games in the Park
26 - 28 APRIL	Rock Climbing - Wonderwall

DATES TO DIARISE

KIDS CAMP

20 - 22 MAY | TCC/TLC Camp

10 - 13 JULY | Acorns to Oak Trees Camp 1

14 - 17 JULY | Acorns to Oak Trees Camp 2

02 - 08 OCTOBER | Drakensberg Hiking Trip

09 - 11 SEPTEMBER | Family Camp

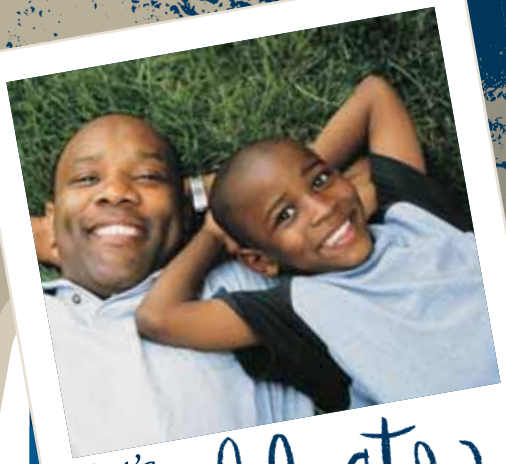
30 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER
Balele Year End Camp for Juniors

4 - 8 DECEMBER
Balele Year End Camp for Seniors

parkrun

GET UP, GET OUT & GET RUNNING...

Parkrun is a great family outing! Join us at the Golden Harvest Park, we run very Saturday at 08h00. Register, or for more information visit: www.parkrun.co.za.



Let's Celebrate Fathers this June!

and the important roles fathers play in our lives! Visit our facebook page and enter our *'Post it to Win it'* competition OR participate in our *'Give a boy a dad'* campaign.

Don't turn your back on the impact of absent fathers on our families and society

At The Character Company, we value
Kindess | Honesty | Courage | Respec | Self-Discipline

Fun in the Sun
Family Picnic, at Golden Harvest Park. 5th March, 2016.
5 MARCH

Rock Climbing
King's Kloof, with the MCSA - 19th March. *A highlight for all!*
19 MARCH

Krav Maga
Self Defense Training, thanks to Elite Defense Academy
12 MARCH

How you can help

Once-off Donations

The Character Company
FNB Cresta (251655)
Current Account No.: 624 114 069 54

Monthly Donations

For the price of a small bag of groceries (R200 or more) you can invest in raising young boys to be better men - contact Jaco at ch@racter.co.za or 084 777 7114 for more information.

Fatherhood Ambassadors

Become a Fatherhood Ambassador and help us to raise awareness of the impact of absent father on our families and society.

MENtors

Become a MENtor that can help with out afternoon programmes, weekend activities, camps and other trips.

Networking

Introduce us to people and/or organisations that you know would like to invest in raising boys to become better men.

Follow us on Facebook!

Enter our Father's Day competition!
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April Talk Topic

Our theme for April was 'conflict resolution'. Even though men are really good at communication, we do feel it is important for our boys to grow up to be men that communicate even better.

We started by explaining that communication is about sending and receiving messages and then discussed the various ways in which we can communicate - sign language, body language, spoken and written word, etc.

We then practiced our communication skills at WonderWall, where each boy had to climb whilst blindfolded, as his climbing buddy guided him.

We also covered 'listening' to the messages we get when we are driving and the importance of being good drivers as we practice our values on the road.

'Prop-Vol' Month of March

We wrapped up our 'prop-vol' month of March with our Adventure Camp at Kungwini in Bronkhorsbaai. Four days of great fun and amazing adventures. Uncle Michael, Willie and Jaco were joined by Uncle Bill from ICAN who presented his Anti-bullying programme to the 15 boys on camp.

Each boy earned a certificate for completing the 'course' that taught them a number of valuable tools in dealing with bullies.

Early morning runs, appreciating the sunrise, long hikes, kleilat and great food lovingly prepared by Aunty Loraine were just some of the awesome moments we enjoyed at camp.

Whose the 'bos' now?!

A tea-rrific donation...

Just before we leaft for camp we were blessed with a huge "stack" of Bos Iced Tea for our programme. A huge thank you to Bos for the generous gift, which enabled us to pass it onto other charities in our network.

Each boy was presented with an opportunity to hand out Bos Iced Tea to his class/grade/school - all he had to do was to do a short presentation about The Character Company values. Watch this space for updates on these presenatations...