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Van Neel Optometrist, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Stellenbosch has started their 2019 outreach initiative program at the Cloeteville Primary in Stellenbosch. The program includes eye screening and examination for learners who were identified as having trouble with their eyesight.

We were welcomed by Mrs. Jacobs, the receptionist, at Cloeteville Primary as she showed us to the classroom where we would be doing the eye tests. Our team was made up of Zelda Ellis from the Rotary Club, together with two of the club members and current students; Emily O’Ryan (BA Hons): Political Science and Gené Lötter (Bcom): General, Myrtle Van Neel: the Optometrist at Van Neel Optometrist, students Yvonne Van Staden ( Bsc Hons): Sport Science and Jamey Cupido (BA): Industrial Psychology.



Our day started just shortly after 9 a.m, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019. While we were unpacking and setting up the different stations, each of the team members were assigned to a station.

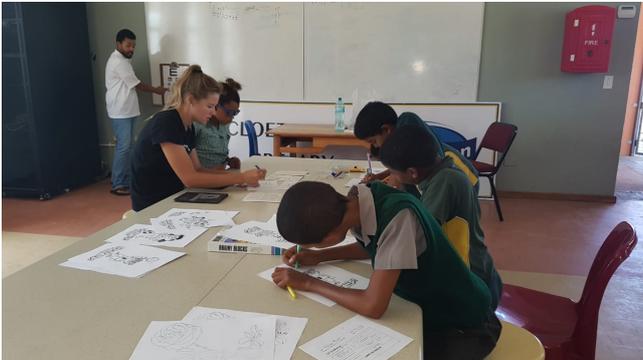
Zelda Ellis was up first to welcome the learners and fill out the intake form, but Zelda offered more than that by warming them up and getting them to be as comfortable as possible so they would be able to help her identify exactly what their challenges were in the classroom regarding their eyesight.



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The second station (near vision testing) was managed by Yvonne Van Staden, where she assisted the learners with their colour vision and depth of perception through a fun and interactive test to establish where each of them would need further examination done.

While waiting for their turn to be tested, the learners had an opportunity to have fun by colouring in and solving puzzles. This was all made possible by the Rotary Club.

The learners were then off to the third station (visual screening) where learners were tested using the Snellen E-chart. Another fun and interactive test, because the learners were eager to indicate with their little hands which side the 'E' is open. Some of them could not wait their turn performing the same hand gestures while waiting their turn.



At the fourth and last station, Myrtle(Optomestrist) looked at their eye's health for any eye diseases and problems and checking for squints and any muscle related problems any of the kids might have. Assessing all the info that were recorded at the other stations to identify the children that will need further testing.



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The two student members of the Rotary club joined us later in the day, Emily relieved Yvonne at station 2 and Gené relieved Jamey at station 3.



At the end of the school day, we had managed to screen all the grade 1, grade 2, grade 3 and grade 7 learners. We were able to screen 84 learners, we still need to return to the school to screen the grade 4 pupils then we are done with the screening process at Cloeteville Primary. We are looking forward to the next step where we will be taking the learners who need spectacles or other eye related problems to be tested at Van neel Optometrist.

