

Special needs children walk in unity to support endangered wildlife

FOURWAYS – Unity College promotes its students and their love for wildlife on the same day while raising funds for the improvement of its sporting grounds.

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Unity College children and parents enjoy a brisk five-kilometre walk to improve their school sporting grounds and to create awareness of South Africa's wild life.

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Unity College held its second annual Big Five Walk on 10 June to create awareness of endangered wildlife in South Africa in an attempt to raise funds to uplift and improve its sporting facilities.

"We want to promote how special our Unity children are and in so doing, we love to promote endangered wildlife. Because we live in South Africa we forget how special our wildlife actually is," said Carin Eagleton from Unity College.

The school decided to combine the two and started with the Big Five, five-kilometre walk. Unity College is an independent special needs school and focuses on bringing a child's true potential to the fore.

“We want to improve our sporting facilities because our children participate in the Special Olympics and other schools compete on our grounds, so the funds will basically go to the sporting infrastructure of the school,” said Eagleton.



The event takes place on the second Saturday of June and the school decided to organise an outdoor-themed event because the schoolchildren love outdoor activities. They had face painting, a jumping castle and the parent-teacher association were selling some delicious doughnuts and other treats. The day also included a Father's Day raffle to add to the coming Father's Day theme.

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Eleanor Myers (20) who is a student at Unity College shared that her favourite part of going to school are her friends. Myers is a railway enthusiast and wants to become a steam locomotive handler or engineer.



Nkosana Mvuyana (13), Joshua Young (16) and Wessel Nthethwa (13) from Unity College are stretched and ready to walk five kilometres.

Three friends, Joshua Young (16), Wessel Nthethwa (13) and Nkosana Mvuyana (13) said their school is the greatest school ever and Joshua explained that he loves the school because of the new opportunities you get every day.

“We invite the community to get involved because, at Unity, children have the opportunity to embark on a journey of dignity, independence and employability,” said principal, Bruce Lindsay.

For more information or to get involved go to: unity-college.org.za

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