

PEACE FORUM

ADDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Rotary E-CLUB of South Africa responded to the call by the Rotary International President, Sakuji Tanaka, to support Rotary's theme of "PEACE THROUGH SERVICE".

Project co-ordinator, David Tilling, in conjunction with Addington Primary School spent many hours planning the Peace Forum at the school symbolising the commitment and dedication to advancing world understanding and peace. The project was postponed twice and thankfully took place in glorious weather on Saturday 16th March.

Addington School was chosen as it is a place of learning for many refugee children and the fun day was aimed at creating an environment for South Africans of all backgrounds to mingle with refugees and immigrants to forge new friendships and promote understanding.

There were a few speeches, with Rotary Past District Governor, Natty Moodley delivering an inspiring key note address, pointing out the right of every human being to live in Peace. It is important that we need to instil the basics of living together in harmony, respect for traditions and respect for the individual, in the Youth of today. District Governor Richard Brooks attended portion of the mornings' proceedings.

In expressing themselves with an art- and letter writing competition, and several testimonials, we learnt how the children between the ages of 6 to 14 years old feel about peace and the need to engage with all members of the community.

Fabrice Muhizi a former pupil, and now a successful banker, told us about some of the challenges he faced as a Burundi refugee child. Two words that he mentioned are also often applied in Rotary, **ATTITUDE & TOLERANCE**.

Traditional dances, [by far the most popular activity in the hall] and singing directed by Mrs Essack and fun games and soccer, netball and basketball matches added to a fun filled morning for the 800 children and family members.

In addition to the Headmaster, Raj Moodley, Educators and Rotarians, 50 members of the Interact Club of Our Lady of Fatima, under the guidance of Rosemarie Gee were on hand to assist with the games and at the hot dog and cool drink stand. Irene Kotze worked tirelessly to ensure that the food, cool drinks, prizes, banners, balloons and presentation items were all collected and ready for the day which was a great success. Well done to all. In anticipation of World Water Day on 22nd March, a tippy tap was on display. A tippy tap has proved most useful in rural areas where there is no running water.

TRULY A DAY OF PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

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Peace banner on the Addington Primary School perimeter fence

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Our Lady of Fatima Interactors in relax mode before the activities started.

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Guest Speaker PDG Natty Moodley.

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Presentation of Peace Declaration



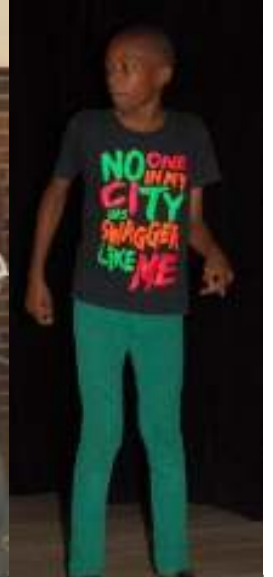
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Clockwise from top left –
Some of the Art entries; One of the winning entries; Tzu Chi Foundation presentation; Smiling faces in the audience; Soccer teams all geared up for their match; some of the happy young presenters.



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Clockwise from top left: Part of the large audience; Zulu dance; Kwaito star; PDG Natty Moodley presenting the Peace medal to Headmaster, Raj Moodley while all the staff who assisted look on; Fabrice Muhizi, past pupil
Below Left – Project Director, David Tilling with Headmaster Raj Moodley; Interactors pouring cool drinks and then the long queue for one of the 1 000 hot dogs.

