

DIE DROOGTE BRING SWAARKRY



'n Boer in die Noord-Kaap het twee van sy spogperde weggegee.

Nieuwoudtville – Nieuwoudtville is 'n dorpie in die Noord-Kaap. Soos baie ander dorpie in die gebied, word hulle geaffekteer deur die droogte. Die afgelope week het 'n boodskap op Facebook soos 'n veldbrand versprei van 'n boer in die omgewing wat sy vyf perde verniet weggee. Die boodskap het gelui "vyf perde verniet – droogte – mense gee eerder weg." Die onophoudelike droogte het die boer genoodsaak om eerder sy perde verniet weg te gee as om te staan en toekyk hoe hul vrek van die honger. *Platinum Weekly* het intussen verneem dat al die perde 'n tuiste gekry het in Klapmuts en dat hulle salig nou tussen groen gras wei.

STIAAN, THE HUMAN CALCULATOR

Rustenburg – When 10-year old Stiaan Scheepers from Rustenburg puts his mind to something, he works hard to achieve it! Stiaan attended the Junior Mental Calculation World Cup (JMCWC) in Bielefeld, Germany, from 3 to 5 October for a third consecutive year. Not only did he double his marks over the past three years, he also wowed the international community with his ability to calculate. Willem Bouman, also known as the 'King of Primes' and 'rekenwonder' guided the group of young students aged up to 11 years in a very interesting two-day seminar. As his title says, he loves using prime numbers in calculating and resolving many different types of mathematical problems. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division is the only straight forward calculations. How about you try and calculate $578,962 \times 864,182$? **NO CALCULATOR** and **NO PAPER...** In this competition, you are only allowed to correct your answers once! More than 60 kids from 14 countries participated in this two-hour examination culminating to 2,500 marks. Stiaan achieved 1,638 marks. He was just 6 points behind the winner, hailing from India. After the maths consortium, Stiaan and his teacher Hantie van Niekerk travelled through Europe for three weeks. Frankfurt, Mainz, Brussels, Bielefeld, Frankfurt and last but not the least, Stiaan was treated to a trip to Euro Disney just outside Paris. Stiaan has been an A+ student from the age of three. He learned mental calculation with the use of a Japanese Soroban (abacus) and can calculate complicated mathematical equations in seconds. He now aims to take

first place at next year's competition. His biggest dream is to compete at the Memoriad Mental Calculation World Cup which takes place in Dubai in 2020 and hopes to get a sponsor or two to help him achieve his dream! For more information, contact Hantie on 079 588 4505 or Stiaan's mom Elmarie Scheepers on 071 501 5505.



Teacher Hantie van Niekert (left) and Stiaan Scheepers.



Stiaan Scheepers – the human calculator.

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