

Madiba Day celebrated with tree planting and play

ACORNHOEK - Paulos Ngobeni Primary School is Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre's (HESC) adopted school. In light of the late Nelson Mandela's birthday on July 18, the Centre, in conjunction with Air Force Base Hoedspruit, had a big treat in store for the children!

Staff at the Base had built a jungle gym for the children, with plans for extensions later on, that was delivered to the school on July 11. The fact that this was in the middle of the school holidays did not deter 50 children from showing up the following day to test out the gift! According to Kylie Stephen from HESC, the children were 'absolutely thrilled with their new plaything'!

The delivery of the jungle gym coincided with the Centre's Madiba Day celebrations at the school. HESC, with the help of the US friends of HESC, donated 40 fruit trees to the



school. A group of student volunteers from the Centre spent their 67 minutes giving back to the community by helping the kids to plant the trees.

The day's events were rounded off with the children performing cheerful song and

dance for the group from HESC as well as some speeches, sweet treats and a word of thanks from the headmaster of Paulos Ngobeni Primary.

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