

## CARING FOR ANIMALS AND PEOPLE

Hi Friends

In this newsletter I would like to share with you the importance of taking care of animals, people and also building our nation.

### Animal Welfare

Our animals depend on us and this means that we need to make sure that they are protected at all times. But what are the five things that animals need to be happy and healthy? People that are involved with the welfare of animals have identified the following very important things to ensure that animals remain happy and healthy:

- ◆ Animals must never be hungry, thirsty or suffer from **malnourishment** (lack of proper nutrition),
- ◆ Animals must not live in anxiety or in fear,
- ◆ Animals must live without physical discomfort,
- ◆ No animal should suffer because of pain, injury or illness,
- ◆ All animals should be allowed to live freely by being able to carry out their normal behaviour patterns.



In South Africa there are nature reserves where animals can live their natural lives. These reserves and parks are very important in protecting and preserving different types of animals. One of the biggest challenges faced in these areas is poaching. Poaching is the illegal shooting, trapping, or taking of animals or plants from an area where it is not allowed. Animals need to be protected from poaching as it goes against the needs of animals that help them lead happy and healthy lives. Why don't you click on the link below to find out more about why rhinos need to be protected.

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Animals deserve to be treated with respect. Some of these animals are very important to us, like our beautiful dogs. They take care of us even while we are asleep. Dogs are watching not only their owners but everyone in the neighbourhood. They bark when they sense danger to alert us about what we don't see. I think you will now agree with me that we need to take care of them. Animals taken care of are happy animals and each animal, no matter how big or small, scary or beautiful has its place in this world. Mahatma Ghandi once said "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated".

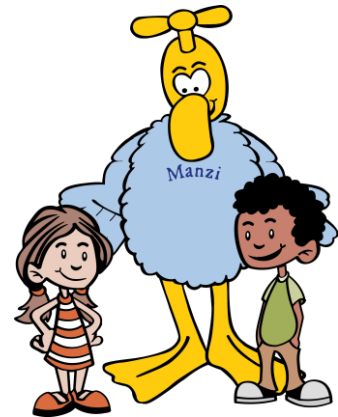
# Caring for People

Respect for other people is important as well. People need each other so we need to respect our family members, friends and everyone else so that we can live in a peaceful home, school community and community at large. By respecting others, eventually the world will be a better place to live in. We need to be prepared to lend a helping hand at all times and this will make people enjoy being close to us.

Caring for people means that:

- ◆ We are considerate towards other people,
- ◆ We accept that they are different from us,
- ◆ We find ways of understanding what their views are and why they are different from ours.

South Africa has a unique word that describes considering other people through acts of kindness. The word **UBUNTU** is a Zulu/Xhosa word that basically means **human kindness**.



Ubuntu does not only mean being kind to other people. It also includes acts of kindness towards the environment and the animals that humans share this planet with.

Please check out the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42BsTIUzYqA>

**Nation-building** is a term used to describe the process of creating a national common identity and it occurs when a country is being 'rebuilt' after a war or some other event that may have broken the country down. South Africa consists of many different cultures. People speak different languages, have different religions and come from different backgrounds. Nation building and the spirit of ubuntu helps the people of South Africa to share a sense of pride and responsibility for this country. Nation building and ubuntu can help this country care for each other and also care for animals.

Let us fill South Africa with love, respect and caring. We can do this by caring for people, animals and the resources, such as water, that we need to survive. Take action on a daily basis when you see someone doing something wrong to another person, animal or the environment by helping them to understand and remember what ubuntu is. Let's put our hands together for a caring spirit.

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IMPORTANT

PEOPLE

CARING

UBUNTU

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Draw a picture of how you and your pet use water wisely at home:



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