

GLOBAL TRAVELLERS: Sean Weldon, Lana Weldon, Layla Kassan and Neerusha Kassan enjoy eating their first course of samp and beans during their stop off in South Africa at the Greensleeves 'Around the World' fundraiser on Saturday evening
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Greensleeves raises R30000 for kids

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GREENSLEEVES hosted two successful "Around the World" fundraisers on Saturday at Hudson Park Primary School, raising R30 000 for the place of safety for children. Greensleeves Children's Trust founder Dianne Lehy said she decided to host the fundraiser following her recent birthday and wanted to do something completely different.

"Everyone automatically receives an economy class aeroplane ticket when they arrive at the event and they have the option of upgrading to business class at a small fee. "They will eat foods from around the world and view videos of the various countries," said Lehy. A large number of supporters turned up for the evening fundraiser where they not only learned about

various countries, but were also informed of the work done at Greensleeves. They visited seven countries including South Africa, US, Mexico, India, Italy and Germany. Lehy explained that it costs R80 000 per month to run the children's centre and they rely on donations for survival. Funds raised will be put towards their newly built school on their premises and the payment of salaries for teachers, who currently only receive enough funds to pay for their petrol. "We decided to

home-school the children because many of them were not fitting in at the local schools," said Lehy. Teresita Ndirongo, who attended the function said: "I came along because Greensleeves is a worthwhile place and they need as much help as they can get. Even small things like medication can add up to big bills for them." Anyone who would like to help is encouraged to make a monthly donation of as little as R10. To find out more, contact Lehy on 082-770-4336.

Ex-Hudson heads tell its rich story in new book

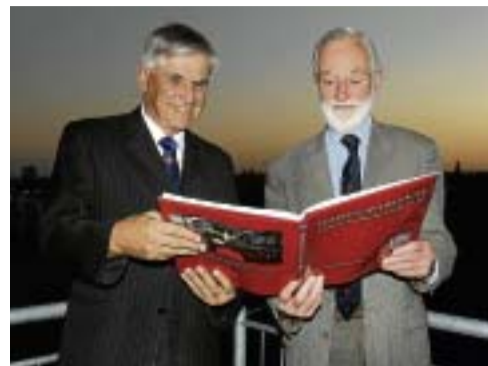
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IN CELEBRATION of Hudson Park's rich history and achievements over the last 110 years, ex-principals Trevor Webster and Rob Prentis compiled *Fearless as the Eagle*, a colourful coffee table book for past and present pupils, and friends of the school. Webster said the idea behind the book emerged when

your questions that you have built up over the years." Euvrard described Prentis and Webster as the "compassionate and wise ancestors" guiding readers through the school's journey. The primary and high school emerged separately from humble beginnings in the 1900s.

The high school, formerly known as Clifton, began in 1905 at St Alban's Church and moved in 1912 to its current location. The primary school was established in 1906 as York Road Poor School, catering for poor children from the German farm stock. In 1917, it moved to a new building in Western Avenue, where it was renamed Vincent Primary.

In 1976, the school moved into the Convent of the Sacred Heart Hospital in Hudson Avenue. In 1978, the two schools merged to become Hudson Park. Webster (deputy principal at the high



COLOURFUL MEMORIES: Authors and former Hudson principals, Rob Prentis, left, and Trevor Webster, with their coffee table book, 'Fearless as the Eagle' Picture: SARAH KINGON

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school between 1978-1984) said: "The schools became one in uniform, name and philosophy and grew from their divided start. "Both schools realised the potential, despite an unsure start. It has been wonderful to watch the school grow into the magnificent complex it is today." Prentis (principal of Hudson Park Primary between 1988-2006) said: "It has been my greatest pleasure to encapsulate the trials, joys, fears and sheer hard work over the schools' 112 years of existence. "A school is not

about a building, but the pupils." The book is structured around the roots, the great amalgamation, the rise of the schools, the school in the democratic era and recent history. History archives, photos and anecdotes from ex-pupils, teachers, principals and parents bring to life the story that has shaped the Hudson Park community. *Fearless as the Eagle* can be purchased for R390 from the school. To place an order, contact the school or call 082-625-5199.

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