



## Will you accept the challenge?

### Valley Pre-Primary School spokesperson

YOUR mission, should you choose to accept it: build the most spectacular sand creation Hout Bay Beach has ever seen.

On Saturday, March 12, the annual Sandcastle Competition hosted by Valley Pre-Primary School is back.

This year, this epic contest turns 20, so we're challenging all families to be part of the fun.

Be it a giant fortress, a princess or a stormtrooper – if you can dream- we want you to grab a bucket and a spade and come build it.

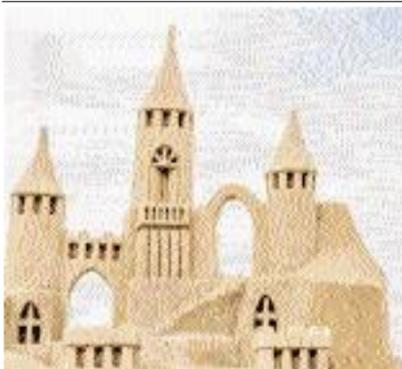
Not only will the day be a great opportunity for kids of all ages to let their imaginations run wild, there will also be fantastic prizes awarded by celeb judges. All funds raised will be used to enable children from less privileged communities to attend and grow at Valley Pre-Primary School.

March 12 has been chosen specifically to coincide with low tide so there will be loads of space for both builders and their fans! So, if you'd like to be part of the fun, but prefer not to get your hands dirty – we urge you to come and buy a raffle ticket, support the food and drink stalls, enjoy the vibrant entertainment and cheer our master builders on.

Teams can register on the day from 9am, at the Chapman's Peak side of Hout Bay Beach for the chance to win some amazing prizes in a range of categories.

The competition starts at 10am and runs until 2pm. Entry cost is R50 for adults and R30 a child. Corporate team entries cost R1 500 and companies can also sponsor Sonwabile teams of children from local development projects in Hout Bay for R2 000.

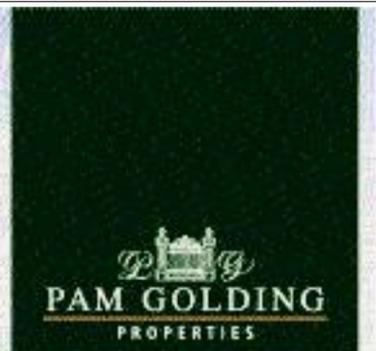
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# Changing lives

THE Valley Pre-Primary Sandcastle Competition on March 12, will be a fun day out with a serious side, as it serves as a fundraiser for bursaries that are offered to children who would ordinarily not be able to attend the school.

Over the past 20 years there have been countless fantastic, uplifting stories of children who have benefitted from these bursaries and gone on to be major contributors to their communities.

And this year the aim is to raise over R100 000 to help many more learners get the right start to their academic careers.

One recipient of the Valley Pre-Primary bursary through the Sandcastle competition is Mbasa Fefe, who is now host of the hit SABC Hectic Nine-9 (HN9) and started at the school in 1999.

"I remember when I first went to Valley Pre-Primary School, I couldn't speak a single word of English! I was 5 years old!" Fefe says.

"The school gave me the foundation of my life. I was so blessed. At that age I had no idea how it was possible that I was in such an incredible institution and it's only now that I'm 22 and grown that I know how it all came about.

"Through the kind and generous sponsorship I received, it enabled me to get this foundation phase education and also furthered my learning to the next phase which was at Kronendal Primary School where I was able to attend Grades 4 to 7.

"People who give to such causes have changed my life and now I'm yearning to do the same. I have that kind of spirit of giving back everywhere I go.

Through Valley Pre-Primary School I had the opportunity to meet Nelson Mandela [during 2000] which was the best day of my life."

Fefe has urged the people of Cape Town to come out strongly in support of the Sandcastle Competition, not only to have fun but also remember the good the funds raised do in less fortunate communities.

"I'm a TV presenter now on the biggest platform for the youth on SABC2 and I'm a strong and ambitious young lady. I have been truly blessed and I encourage you to keep funding children like myself who have so much potential but cannot afford a good education. Thank you so much!"

Fefe's show has been nominated for a Golden Horn Award for Best Variety Programme and Golden Horn Award for Best Talk Show.

Mkateko Mbali Mongwe joined Valley Pre-Primary this year on a bursary secured with funds raised in the 2015 Sandcastle competition.

Her parents, Peggy and Happy, say the change already in Mbali in the first few months of the year has been remarkable.

"We would like to thank everybody at the school and everybody who has contributed to each and every child in raising funds for our kids to get good education," her parents said.

"This means a lot to us. Seeing our child in such a good school, where she is doing so well and has improved herself in so many ways - the feeling is just amazing. We are very excited and proud knowing that our child is in one of the best schools in Hout Bay.

It's a dream come true for us."

One hundred percent of the money raised at the 2016 Sandcastle competition will go towards bursaries for children from less fortunate backgrounds.

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