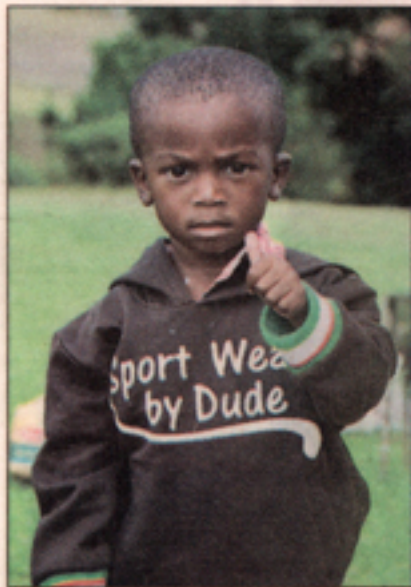




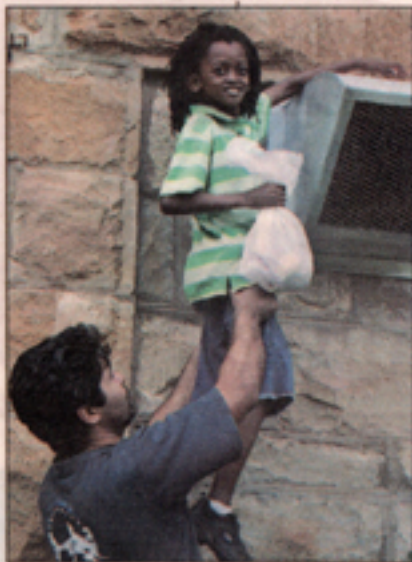
Hevron, the sports teacher, goes head to head with one of his own students.



Oceans director Enrico Gennari can't keep the pace.



A "thumbs-up" to the Easter fun from the smallest street kid.



Ryan Johnson, director of Oceans Education helps one of the kids find a hidden egg for his goodie bag.



Two boys with one thought - how do I keep this ball.

Hunting easter eggs and other fun

Easter egg-hunting and beach games for local under-privileged kids

On Easter Sunday, local businesses Oceans Education (previously part of SAMPLA); Fiona Ayerst Underwater Photography; Delfino's Restaurant and Struisvogel Ostrich Butchery in Little Brak, joined forces to provide a fun filled day for twenty of the Mossel Bay street kids. The team comprised twenty-five people and this included well-known local resident Beverly Boer and staff from the kids' shelter, notably Hevron (sports coach) and Martha (social worker).

Numbers were made up by 16 international students, all part of the internship program being run by The Oceans Initiative of which Oceans Education is a sub-entity.

The Diaz Museum kindly donated their grounds for the day and this allowed the team to set up a wonderful Easter egg hunt for the kids. As they arrived at the museum the kids were told about the eggs, but it seemed they had already had their eyes open and wits about them.

As they screamed off in all directions it was clear that the colourful wrappers had already been spotted peeking out of bushes and trees. Within an hour all 500 eggs had been collected and bagged for later enjoyment. After a energy-boosting snack and drink the

kids headed down to Santos beach for three hours of games with the Oceans interns including soccer; volleyball; frisbee and touch rugby.

For some of the kids it was the first time they had played some of these games! Some of the kids really seemed to enjoy interacting with the interns who hail from countries all over the world such as, New-Zealand; Australia; the USA; the UK and Germany. After the games were over and with all energy sapped, an exhausted troop of kids and interns crawled back to the grassy museum grounds for a delicious braai prepared by Oceans director, Stephan Swanson with meat from the Struisvogel Butchery.

The athletes enjoyed Ostrich wools rolls, cooldrinks, pap, chips and another Easter favourite hot-cross buns. After a sad farewell each kid was given a take-away pack with pap and wools to enjoy for an evening meal. Desert was sure to be a mound of Easter eggs for each child.

"I could tell this as I watched the weary figures leave the museum grounds each clutching a large white bag full of chocolate and food. That, after all, is part of the fun of Easter!" said Fiona Ayerst, underwater photographer.

Photographs by Stephan Brits of Fiona Ayerst Underwater Photography.