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Deutsche Internationale Schule Kapstadt celebrates her anniversary

On Monday, 18 February the festivities for the 125 year anniversary of the Deutsche Internationale Schule Kapstadt (DSK) started off with the unveiling of a sculpture.

The artwork was named „Schul-Zeit“ and originated from the cooperation of the Cape Town artist Jonathan Garnham and the DSK art teacher Niklas Zimmer. The translucent sculpture, which has found a central position in front of the school entrance, symbolizes the past 125 years of school. It consists of 125 steel annual dates from 1883 until 2008. These have been offered for purchase by anyone interested in creating his/her own personal affinity with the „Schul-Zeit“.

„Ich geh' zur DSK, das ist doch klar“ (“I attend the DSK, that is quite clear”) rang out over the school premises after the festive unveiling of the work of art. The 750 learners sang the DSK school anthem, specially written and composed for the first time, along with a school band. Verses in Afrikaans, Xhosa, German and English reflect the international character of the DSK.

The school at the foot of Lion's Head looks back on a far-reaching tradition. Since the founding in 1883 until today a bilingual school of mutual encounter has developed in which the German and South African cultures connect harmoniously. The school offers young people an education in accordance with German curricula. Non-German-speaking children are able to learn German from Grade 5 as a first foreign language and are prepared for the integrated senior grades. It is therefore possible to achieve the South African as well as the German higher education entrance qualification (Abitur) at the DSK.

The event on Monday was the kick-off to a colourful calendar of various activities to be held throughout the year. The official opening ceremony will take place on 12 April in conjunction with a „Frühschoppen“ (a morning get-together) and a DSK school band festival, to which all school bands in Cape Town are cordially invited. An ecumenical service is planned for 13 April. Various schools will meet on 9 May for a science competition within the framework of a science challenge. Soccer tournaments and a public viewing of the European Soccer Championships are part of the sports highlights. Concerts, theatre and ballet performances will round off the cultural anniversary programme.

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