



GOODBYE - SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE *PRIVATSCHULE KARIBIB*

LAST BOARD PRESENTS SPECIAL PUBLICATION ABOUT PSK

On the second day of the new year 2010, the board of the School Association of the *Privatschule Karibib* invited alumni, teachers, former educators, patrons and friends of the PSK to an announcement in the Sam Cohen Library in Swakopmund. The chairman, Wulff Friedrich, first explained to the approximately 80 guests that at the association's annual general meeting last year, it had been decided to close the association, but also to stipulate that the board should remain in office until all formalities and business matters were properly settled. Finally, it is planned to organise one last alumni meeting. Expressions of interest may be sent to Mr. T. Friedrich at tfriedrich@rfsl.com.na.

This time has now been reached, and thus the board could now cease its activities. Twenty-three years after the closure of the PSK, a final line has been drawn, the association's properties have been sold, and all liabilities have been settled. From the initial capital of N\$ 180,000.00 of the school association in 1986, under the expert financial management of the board – and here Friedrich especially mentioned the merits of the treasurer, Tilman Friedrich – a considerable fortune of more than N\$ 6 million has been generated. According to the decision of the German School Associations Working Group (AGDS), this fortune is now to be handed over. There are certain earmarked conditions associated with it, but ultimately the funds should be purposefully used to preserve and promote the German language in Namibia.

The editing of the chronicle was in the hands of Messrs. Klaus Becker, Hans Feddersen, and Jochen Kutzner. The editing team had been working on the chronicle since the summer of 2007. The product, a 120-page black and white publication in A4 landscape format, is impressive and was enthusiastically welcomed and embraced by those present. Hidden under the title **“100 Jahre Privatschule Karibib”** are numerous narrative contributions, as well as a two-part national and school chronicle, both richly illustrated with images and archival material, as well as a comprehensive list of names of all former students of the PSK, which, however, due to insufficient source material, cannot claim completeness. The layout by Stephan Niemann is quite successful and significantly contributes to the fact that this chronicle can and should be classified in the category of special Namibian works.

The school will continue to exist as *Karibib Private School* and mainly serves the children of employees of the NAVACHAB Gold Mine. It may interest some that Messrs. Wulff and Tilman Friedrich represented the interests of the *Privatschule Karibib* Association on the board of the newly founded school for 14 years after the school's reopening in the early 1990s. This school now has a student population of 320, as in the best good old Karibib times.

The chronicle is available in bookstores. ISBN 978 99945 69878. The proceeds from the sales serve a good cause - they go into the treasury of the AGDS, the umbrella organisation of German school associations in Namibia.

