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4th Newsletter



News from the AGDS

The 69th Annual General Meeting took place on 1 November 2025 in the foyer of the DHPS auditorium.

In accordance with the rotation system, Dr Gerda Wittmann and Mrs Sylvia Schlettwein stepped down and did not stand for re-election.

Also leaving by rotation were Mrs Sonja Bartlewski and Mr Kai-Uwe Schonecke, both of whom stood for re-election.

Mrs Reinhild Erb newly stood as a candidate.

The new Executive Committee therefore consists of:

Mrs Karola Redecker, Mr Götz Friedrich, Mrs Sonja Bartlewski, Mr Kai-Uwe Schonecke, Mrs Reinhild Erb and Mrs Sonja Pack.

The AGDS is proud to have successfully completed all key objectives defined during the 2022 strategy workshop.

Board Meetings of the AGDS – 2nd Half of 2025

For scheduling reasons and as no major decisions were pending, the 2nd board meeting in June 2025 was cancelled. It was instead held on 1 November 2025 before the Annual General Meeting in the foyer of the DHPS auditorium.

During the meeting, it was decided that educational institutions promoting the German language – especially German as a mother tongue – may apply for AGDS membership. The Executive Committee reviews these applications and decides whether to accept or reject them. Once accepted, these institutions may participate in AGDS projects.

Furthermore, the Executive Committee presented the new AGDS mission statement, which can be viewed on the AGDS website.

Principals' & German Department Heads' Meeting – 13 September 2025 at the DHPS



On 13 September 2025, numerous teachers and principals took the time to discuss cooperation among schools in the subject of German – a valuable contribution to promoting the German language and culture in Namibia.

Special thanks go to the DHPS for their hospitality, excellent organisation, and leadership of the meeting. The openness, team spirit and constructive exchange were truly impressive.

The meeting was an important step forward and demonstrated that we are all pulling in the same direction.

Many thanks to all participants – it was a great experience!



Horst-Kreft-Reading-Festival – 27 September 2025 at the Deutsche Privatschule Otavi

This year's Horst-Kreft Reading Festival was a great success, marked by the lively spirit and enthusiasm of the participating children. Already on Friday evening, a cheerful sense of community developed as the children enjoyed games and activities together.

Competition and Results

The jury found it difficult to determine the winners, as the reading level of the participants was very close. All participants showed great enthusiasm for their chosen book excerpts. In the end, the deciding factor was the unprepared reading round.

Winners:

Group A (Grades 3 & 4):

Ariane Viëtor (PSS)
 Indila Haikali (DSW)
 Viola Heger (DHPS)
 Henning Tröh (PSO)
 Mia van der Berg (PS Otavi)

Group B (Grades 5 & 6):

Lars Schütte (DHPS)
 Jan-Leon Ruppel (PSS)
 Melekai Matheus (DSW)
 Hermann Caspers (PS Omaruru)
 Valerie Hassenpflug (PSO)
 Sonja von Maltzahn (PS Otavi)



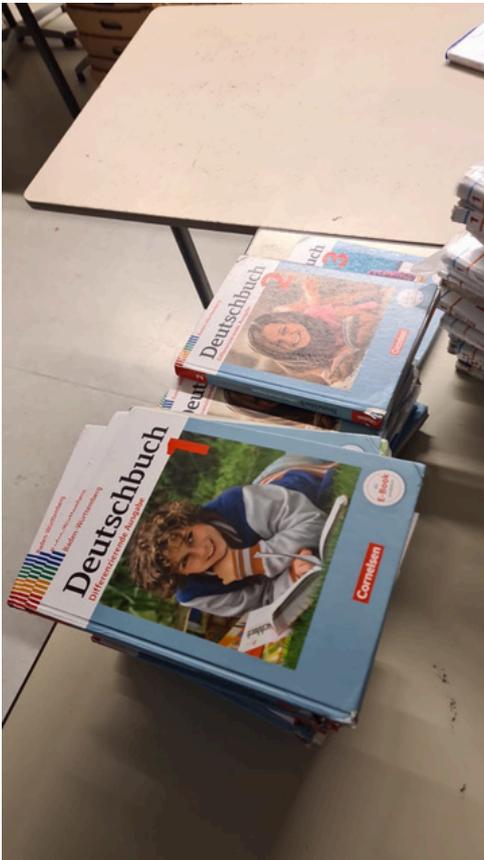
Feedback from the Jury

The jury emphasised the following points to be given greater attention in future:

- Reading loudly and clearly
- Clear pronunciation and correct word endings
- Maintaining eye contact with the audience



Book Donation from the DNEG - Organised by Dieter Kuhn



The Working Group of German School Associations in Namibia (AGDS), with the support of the DNEG represented by Mr Dieter Kuhn, received schoolbooks for the subjects German and English for primary schools. The following quantities were requested by the individual schools:

- Otavi: 2 copies per subject (German and English)
- Omaruru: 5 copies per subject (German and English)
- Swakopmund Riverside: 10 copies per subject (German and English)
- DSSW Windhoek: 10 copies each of Deutsch 1 and Deutsch 2

The AGDS sincerely thanks the DNEG and Mr. Dieter Kuhn for their generous support and is delighted to soon be able to provide schools with valuable teaching materials through this book donation.



Feedback from the Kindergarten Network

On 26 June 2025, the second discussion circle of the Kindergarten Network took place. The new leadership team – Kathleen Romeis, Jenni Mühr and Tabea Mukoya – is already actively planning several projects for the coming year.

Planned activities for 2026:

- Updated KIGA Network Brochure
- Family Festival “Hooves & Gardens” on 14 March 2026
- Theme: “German Children’s Book Heroes”
- Information event “Kindergarten Meets School” in September 2026

From 2027 onwards, the family festival will be replaced by an Early Childhood Education Expo, organised jointly with the Goethe-Institut.

In addition, German language courses for educators are being organised. A Facebook page for the network is currently being set up.



AUFGABENVERTEILUNG KINDERGARTEN NETZWERK

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KATHLEEN ROMEIS

- Design Erstellung (Flyer, Poster, MindMap, Timeline)
- Agenda von Treffen
- Projekt Broschüre
- Projekt Sprache im Wandel der Zeit
- Projekt Infoveranstaltungen
- Ordnerführung KNN bis Mai 2025

JENNI MÜHR

- Projekt: Übergang Kiga-Schule
- Familienfest/Expo (frühkindliche Bildungsmesse)
- Übersicht aller Bildungseinrichtungen
- Protokolle
- Ordner ab Mai 2025

TABEA MUKOYA

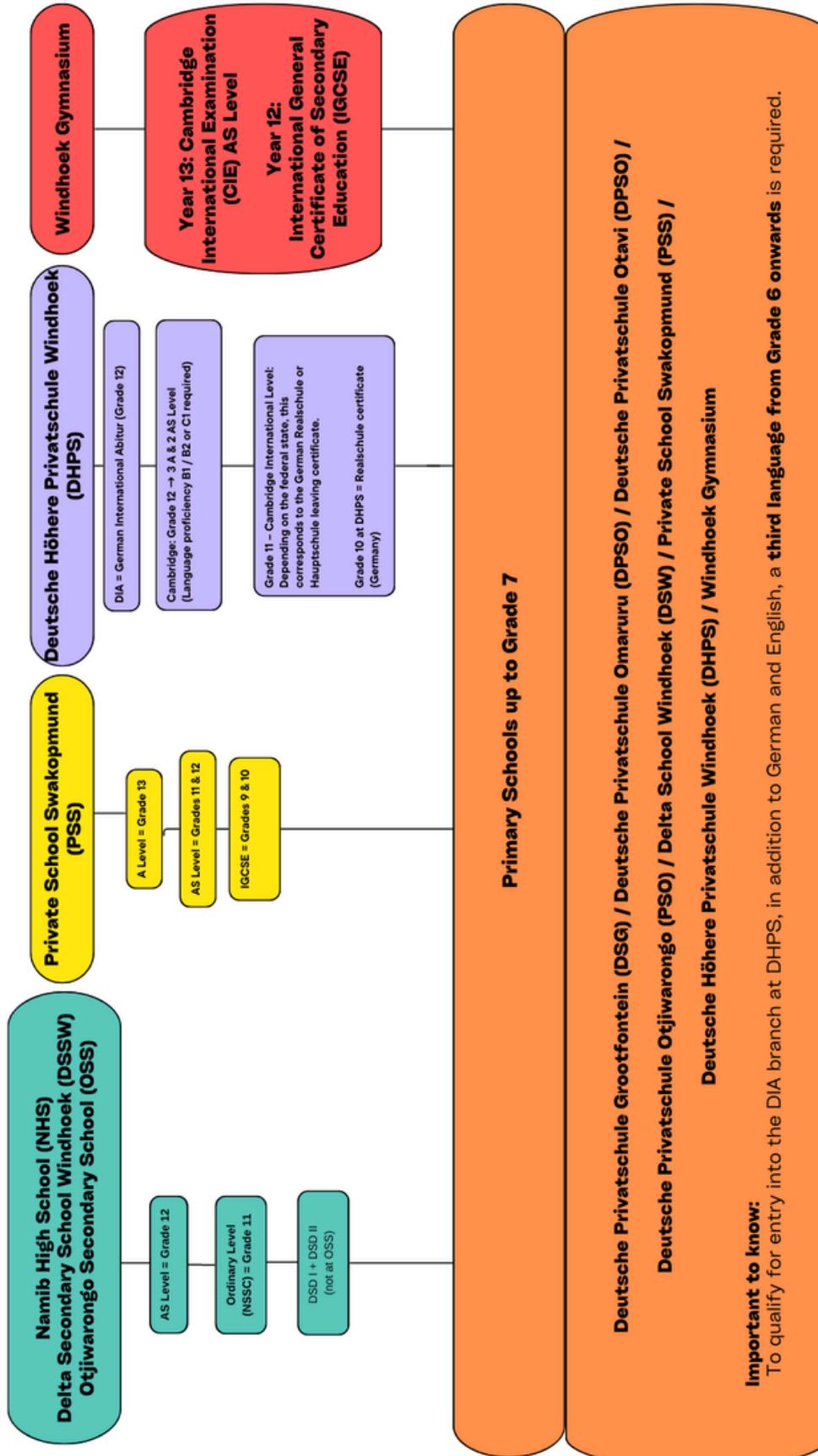
- Projekt Fortbildungen
- Dieter-Esslinger-Pädagogen Tagung
- AG Krankheiten
- Planung/ Orga Familienfest/Expo (frühkindliche Bildungsmesse)

HEIDE ZIRZOW

- Gründerteam
- Vereinzelte gezielte Aufgaben
- Beratung/ Unterstützung

School Qualifications in Namibia

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Further Education in the Tertiary Sector

