



Horst-Kreft-Lesefest

On the 24th of March 1987, the reading festival was held for the first time under the theme "Reading is Fun". The main focus was on the joy of reading and storytelling rather than competition, a principle that still applies today. Mr. Horst W. Kreft was a founding member of the AGDS. He served as a judge in the first year. To honor his efforts in preserving the German language, the reading festival was named after him. Children participate in 2 categories (Grades 3-4 and Grades 5-6), and each AGDS member school may send 2 scholars. Both a prepared and an unprepared text are read aloud and judged.

Jahr	Schüler	Schule
2026	Phillip Potgieter	Private Schule Swakopmund
2025	Ariane Viëtor	Private School Swakopmund
2024	Dominik Klink	Deutsche Höhere Privat Schule
2023	Jan-Leon Ruppel	Private School Swakopmund
2022	Maja Seifert	Private School Swakopmund
2021	Tabea Ermann	Deutsche Privat Schule Omaruru
2020	did not take place	
2019	did not take place	
2018	Milano Gogol	Deutsche Höhere Privat Schule
2017	Paolo Seifert	Private School Swakopmund
2016	Katharina Bergemann	Deutsche Privat Schule Omaruru
2015	Martha Gantze	Private School Swakopmund

Last 12 years winners
Group A
Grade 3 to 4

Last 12 years winners
Group B
Grade 5 to 6

Jahr	Schüler	Schule
2026	Laura Steinkopf	Windhoek Gymnasium
2025	Lars Schütte	Deutsche Höhere Privat Schule
2024	Malia Seifert	Private School Swakopmund
2023	Emily Berens	Private School Swakopmund
2022	Alex Wolff	Deutsche Höhere Privat Schule
2021	Carolin Ermann	Deutsche Privat Schule Omaruru
2020	did not take place	
2019	did not take place	
2018	Benjamin van der Waal	Deutsche Privat Schule Omaruru
2017	Emily Tubbesing	Deutsche Höhere Privat Schule
2016	Aike Kölling	Deutsche Privat Schule Omaruru
2015	Mathilda Borrmann	Deutsche Privat Schule Grootfontein