

MOTHER TONGUE EDUCATION

By Franklin Wilson

The first language a new born baby hears, is that of its mother. Scientists all over the world have long been arguing that the best way to teach a child is in its mother tongue. Saba was one of the first islands to embrace the concept of **mother tongue education**.

This is one of the pillars of FBE, instruction in the mother tongue.

Let us help our children by teaching them to use their **mother tongue** well. English is amongst the most spoken languages in the world.

Once the child has mastered its mother tongue, it has the ability to learn any other language, such as **Dutch**.



With regards to foreign languages, **Tr. Natasja** has participated in a workshop on St. Eustatius. Together with 5 colleagues she has developed 150 themes, and started to work out these themes in Dutch lessons for Cycle I.

The subject teachers focused on:

- Total Physical Response (Tr. Marij!);
- Music;
- Audio and video materials;
- Big books and other objects for the “talking table“;
- Edutainment (games and computer software).

Tr. Natasja thought the workshop was very successful. She will continue to work together with her colleagues, in order to complete the lesson series.



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Cycle I student Devorn Massiah showing Dutch Minister Alexander Pechtold how he works on the computer.

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EDUCATIONAL TV ON TLC

By Jet van Heijnsbergen

Have you discovered the Monday night programs on TLC as yet? You can enjoy many healthy parenting suggestions in programs such as “**Honey, we’re killing the Kids**” and “**Jamie’s School Lunch Project**”.

But maybe the most valuable lessons can be learned from Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, in “**Shalom in the Home**”.

Rabbi Shmuley is an Oxford-trained theologian and philosopher, who has written a dozen books on relationships and families. He has counseled thousands of people through difficulties with marriage, parenting and self-worth.

The hallmark of the series will be **Shmuley’s** insight into relationships, marriage and parenting. In each episode he follows one family on an intensive 10-day journey, while camping out in their backyard, observing the family on his monitors in his trailer.

He helps parents in understanding their weaknesses. Using a battery of exercises and technologies, he’ll help them come to terms with their problems and find skills and resolve they need to improve things.

Whether it’s a mother unable to overcome her grief over her deceased husband, or a family having to deal with an extremely aggressive child, or a child having to deal with parents fighting constantly, or a mother unable to forgive her husband’s infidelity, **Shmuley** will try to make the families whole again.

Shmuley’s philosophy is that there is no such thing as bad children; only bad parents.

When our kids act up, it’s time



Minister Pechtold with his new cabinet.

We have seen a lot of Ministers and dignitaries at Sacred Heart lately, but none of them was as hands-on as the Dutch Minister of Kingdom Relations, **Mr. Alexander Pechtold**. When visiting Tr. Jarmila’s room, he insisted on having a picture taken with his “new cabinet”.

TERRANOVA II

By Sharron Johnson

At the end of May all the students of Sacred Heart School, except for the 4 year olds, sat the **TerraNova** program. This is a standardized program that measures levels of achievement in grade equivalent and levels of mastery for reading, language and mathematics.

At Sacred Heart all students are evaluated yearly by means of this program, to measure their school success. The **TerraNova** results are discussed with the new classroom teacher during the summer vacation. They can also be discussed with the parents if needed. Based on the results of this test the teachers will be aware of how to address the needs and levels in their classrooms.

BOOK WEEK 2006

By Joanna Simmons

QUEEN WILHELMINA LIBRARY BOOK WEEK 2006, 20th ANNIVERSARY

The library celebrates its 20th Book Week anniversary from May 29 until June 2, 2006.

Each year Book week is celebrated with a Theme and a Design. This year’s theme is:

BOOKS ARE GREAT LET’S CELEBRATE

by Esther Henry of grade five, Sacred Heart School. The design was made by Samuela Charles of form III, Saba Comprehensive School.

Both are wonderfully made, especially for the 20th anniversary. *Esther with Shareska and Damian, who received a special award.*



The theme and design were printed on t-shirts along with the names of the sponsors which are **Satel NV**, Saba and **TelCell NV**.

The Innovations Bureau was the biggest sponsor of our Book Week. At the library we are very grateful for this.

Book Week is celebrated with fun-filled activities for the children, in the morning and in the afternoon.

A **walk-a-thon** against illiteracy was organized from the **Sacred Heart School** to the **Queen Wilhelmina Park** in The Bottom with the students from **Cycle I to Grade 6**. This was greatly enjoyed by the children. Afterwards, a snack and drink was given to the children.

The children are encouraged to read, as:

**READING IS TO THE MIND AS
EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY!**