

JENDAMARK JUICE

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Midnight on March 26 marked one year since South Africa went into hard lockdown. And what a year it has been. Tough times reveal true colours – and these past 12 months have shown us the heart of the Jendamark family.

As a management team, we could not be prouder or more grateful for every employee who embraced this 'new normal', whether it be working on site or from home. We see you and we appreciate you.

We are also fortunate to have the support of dedicated directors who have steered us firmly through turbulent waters. While there are still uncertain times ahead, together we have kept the wheels turning and built a resilient, sustainable business with a bright future.

THANK YOU ALL!



ON-THE-JOB LEARNING

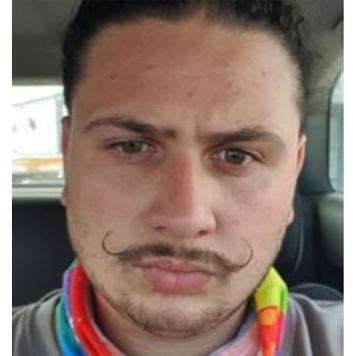
Nothing beats putting the knowledge you've gained into practice in the real world. Learning to do things the Jendamark way are our:

- Graduates in Training – recent graduates who are putting their degrees to work.
- iGEMS learners – taking a working gap year between Matric and studies as part of the Incubating Great Engineering Minds programme.
- Interns – working on our digital services like Odin Manufacturing and Odin Education.
- P1 student – completing the experiential learning requirement for the National Diploma.

This edition of Jendamark Juice features the youngest members of our Jendamark family on their educational journey – from big school to university and beyond!



Nqaba and Sisipho | iGEMS



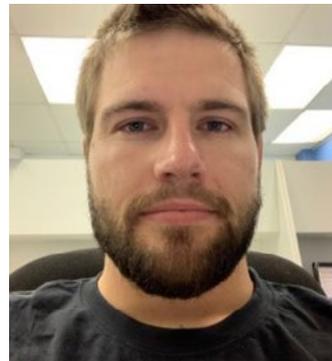
Stefan | P1 Elec Eng



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Jason | GIT Mechatronics



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REMINDER: CONNECT US AND CASH IN

Jendamark is on a quest to make our schools safer with the Odin Health app!
But we need your help to get the word out. Here's how:

1. Put our Odin Health team in touch with the right contact person at your child's school.
2. If they give us the opportunity to present AND the school signs up for the app, we'll pay you R1 000!

It's that easy! Please remember to supply the name, job title and contact number or email of the school representative. All these details can be sent to:

Natasha Thompson – natashat@jendamark.co.za
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www.odin-health.com



LITTLE JENDAMARKIANS GO

BACK TO SCHOOL

In February, it was back to school for many young members of our Jendemark family.

After a whole year away due to Covid-19, the first day was a bit challenging for everyone involved. We reached out to our colleagues to share their stories!



"Our daughter Tiané started Grade 1 this year. She could not wait to start 'big school'.

This was her first time putting on a uniform and she loves that she gets to wear a dress.

We were very nervous for her as it is a totally new environment, but she did well. She said it was fun but it was a long day."

- Natasha and Christiaan van Staden, Services



Natasha, Tiané and Christiaan

Greig's daughter returned to pre-school and the family spent the week leading up to it getting her amped and excited to go back and see her friends and teacher again, so that she was super excited to go.

"She did express a bit of sadness at not having her brother stay with her and my son went a bit crazy because he wanted to stay at school too (he is only 2, so too young) and was not a happy guy all the way home after the school drop-off. They bonded quite well over the December holidays and got used to playing with each other every day."

- Greig Peter, Project Sales

"Amber started Grade 0 at Kammaland Lorraine on 1 February.

She was very excited to start at a new school where she was also reunited with three of her friends from the previous school.

Getting her back into her routine of sleeping early and waking up early was a huge challenge for both of us. Amber is used to her afternoon naps and at her new school they don't nap, so that was a bit of a challenge as well.

Every week each child in her class gets a turn to treat their classmates. And when it was Amber's turn, she treated her classmates to ice cream cones. The smile on her face that morning was priceless.

Her first day she came home with quite a few stories. But most of all, she had a great day. Till this day she is always happy to get up and go to school."

- Shandre Salsone, Manufacturing



Amber

"Brayden woke up a bit grumpy as he was accustomed to waking up late. The mood changed when he saw his teacher and all his classmates.

After school I couldn't recognise him because of how dirty he was, which only shows how much of a fun day it was."

- Riot Makanda,
Commissioning and Installations



Brayden and Riot

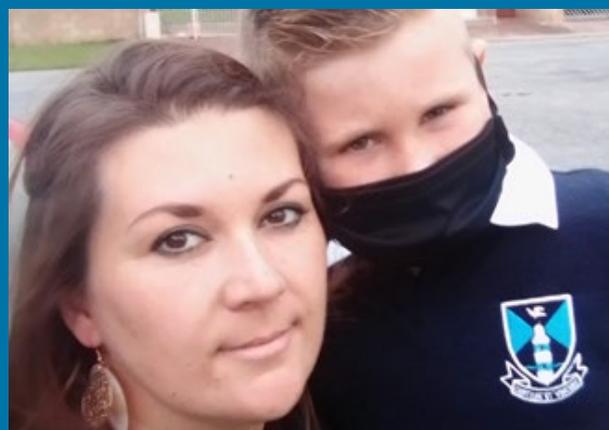
Logan (7) started Grade 1 at Cape Recife this year. Logan was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, which is high-functioning autism, in 2019. Cape Recife is a special needs school, which follows the same curriculum as mainstream schools but teaches the students in a different manner.

Logan was excited and a bit nervous at the same time, because he was starting at a new school, but nonetheless felt like a big boy in his uniform.

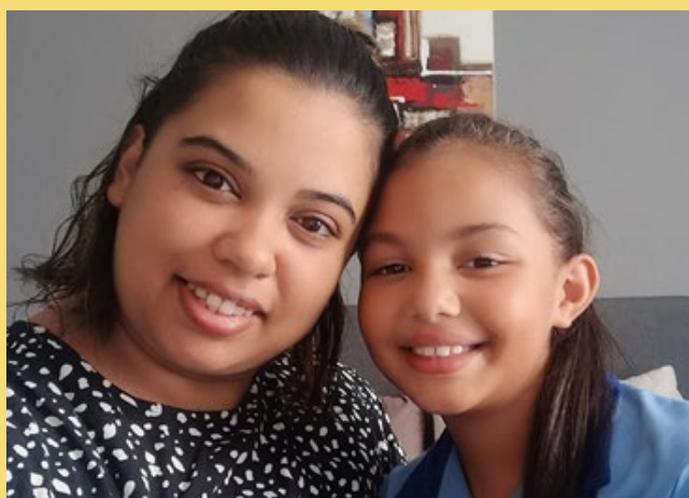
Anka says, "I was very grateful that he got accepted at his new school. He can cope in a normal school, but would never achieve his potential there. I was fine until after I dropped him at school and then felt a flood of emotion and got a bit teary."

He enjoyed it and really likes his new teacher. He came back with a rock that was painted as a blue monster from his teacher. Each child got a different one.

- Anka Claasen, Finance



Anka and Logan



"When waking up for the first day back to school, Zaarah was excited and ready for the day. However, putting on a uniform again after such a long time felt kind of weird. As a mom I was excited and anxious but the feedback was: 'It was so nice to see all my friends again and I love my teacher.'"

- Gieshma Sataar, Finance

Gieshma and Zaarah

"Charni woke up feeling very excited and also nervous for her first day in Grade 4. She felt so proud putting on her uniform. Standing staring at her was overwhelming for my wife and myself as we realised that our little girl is now growing into a beautiful, strong young lady.

She could not wait to get to school where she could meet her new teacher and see all her friends. We as parents always feel a bit protective towards our children during Covid, not knowing what to expect and also not knowing how our children will react to the new and very different routines in place to protect them.

Charni handled it like a pro. When we spoke about her first day that evening, she could not contain her excitement in her voice and expressions, telling us all about her new class and how she felt so grown up in Grade 4, about how she loved spending time with her friends but keeping to the social distancing requirements. She made new friends as well and made them feel welcome.

We chatted about how wearing masks and sanitising is very important in not only keeping ourselves safe, but others as well. Charni is so driven to work hard and she believes that if you believe in yourself, you will accomplish anything you put your mind to."

- Elzar de Beer,
Commissioning and Installations



Charni and Elzar

"Buhle is 8 years old and this year she's doing Grade 2 at Sydenham Primary.

Unfortunately, I couldn't take her to school when they reopened on 16 February, but have a picture of her and her cousin at school.

Buhle was extremely excited to go back to school even though she was nervous about having a new teacher and new classmates, but she loved her teacher and some of her old classmates were still with her.

For me as a parent, I was happy too due to the educational development of my daughter, but the thought of child abduction and all terrifies me, so that part makes it less exciting to have your child far from you."

- Jennifer Ndlovu, Receptionist



Buhle and her cousin

JENDAMARK

HAS A NEW INTERNATIONAL INTERN



Howzit everybody!

My name is Pascal, I am 23 years old, and I am a fresh new face at Jendamar that might cross your path over the next five months. As my name wrongly suggests, I am not French but instead of German descent, more specifically, from Hamburg in the North of Germany. I came down to the sunny and windy, yet friendly city of PE/Gqeberha for an internship, which is required for my bachelors programme back in Germany.

I am looking forward to majoring in Foreign Trade / International Management which I have studied at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences. The subjects include Accounting, Economics, Business, HR as well as international workshops in collaboration with the California State University of Long Beach. I hope my experiences in Africa equip

me with theoretical knowledge to experience different areas here and earn some practical experience in those fields.

Due to Covid, the internship does not have to be completed overseas anymore but I decided to seize this opportunity to return to my second home and see my friends and family again. Come back again? Yep, my first South African adventure began on exchange in 2013/14 and I spent the first half of the year at Newton Technical High School. After changing families during summer holidays, I went into Matric at Grey before returning home. During the exchange I was fortunate enough to travel around South Africa and got to see many places as well as experiencing a two-week cultural exchange that I spent in rural Mpumalanga, showing me that South Africa is not just about drinking beers and braais with friends.

Overall, I must say that I had the best year of my life from that experience and I promised myself to come back to South Africa whenever I could and eventually move here, which was gladly approved by my parents who enjoyed our holidays here just as much as I did. I guess we just cannot get enough of the South African sunshine and people.

I, furthermore, want to take this opportunity to experience work I have not done before. Especially because South Africa is so dear to my heart, I am really keen to be working here, even if it is only for a short time, so I will have greater chance to eventually move here after I have finished my degree.

During the next couple of months, I will be going through different departments here at Jendamar and hopefully will get to know some of you a little better. If there is anything you would like to know about me just give me a shout, I promise I don't bite 😊

Got some news you think should be in Jendamar Juice? Tell us about it!
Email jennifer@jendamar.co.za or chat to Jen at the reception desk.