

100 blankets to keep warm

Ruyterwacht Preparatory School received a donation of 100 blankets from Financial Intermediaries Association's (FIA) Cape Peninsula branch and its members on Thursday.

According to Michael Morris, branch chairman, the organisation has supported Ruyterwacht Preparatory for a number of years.

"Most of the children come from the surrounding disadvantaged community and have challenging lives at home, so knowing that they will be more comfortable during the winter months is very important," he said.

He said every member of the branch is asked to bring non-perishable food items to each member meeting, or alternatively to donate money.

"The donations and food are delivered to the school each month to ensure a steady supply of food and other necessities to the school," said Michael.

According to Annerie van den Berg, principal, the children at the school range from Grades R to 3, and all 513 children are fed a meal each day; while about 30 children receive three meals per day, thanks to donations received from donors.

"For some children the only meal they will receive for the day will be at Ruyterwacht Preparatory," she said.

"Giving back to the community within which we operate is very important to the FIA and we hope the children of Ruyterwacht Preparatory enjoy their winter warmers," said Michael.



Pupils at Ruyterwacht Preparatory School with their new blankets, courtesy of the FIA Cape Peninsula branch.



Michael Morris (chairman FIA Cape Peninsula) wraps a pupil up snugly in a new blanket.