

Edu-HRight newsflash and events...

An international visitor from Switzerland, **Karin Hüber Widmer**, spent a month with **Dr Elize Küng** as her host family in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa. Karin is a Middle School¹ (*Primar Schüle*) teacher who spent her teaching time in the Gauteng Province at **Park Ridge Primary** school as part of a sabbatical that senior teachers - with several years' of experience - have been doing in the Canton of Aargau, Switzerland. **Dr Wendy Batterbee**, the principal and a former student of Prof Elda de Waal's, acted as her host as she spent time in Grade R to Grade 4 classes to experience different aspects of teaching. She currently teaches Year 3 pupils (9-year olds) in Switzerland.

The general suggestion is for these teachers to complete a refresher-type course at the *Berufs Fach Hochschule* during the sabbatical of six (6) months. Part of the curriculum calls on them to identify areas in which they want to enrich themselves. Karin wanted to improve her English while learning more about our country's education system. Sadly, however, they are the last group to enjoy this opportunity: the Cantonese government has decided that this effort is unnecessary.

After her busy time at Park Ridge Primary, Karin has the good fortune to visit the **Kruger National Park**: she left for the wildlife on Thursday 30 November and then flies back to Switzerland on Sunday 3 December.



Karin Hüber Widmer
teaching Grade 3 at
Park Ridge Primary,
Gauteng

¹ Called Primar Schüle, these pupils are in Grades 1 to 6. Teachers start with a class and remain as the teacher for 3 years.



Karin Hüber Widmer with Dr Elize and Jürg Küng at the Voortrekker Monument

Park Ridge Primary Staff -- where Karin Hüber Widmer spent her teaching time

