



# FRUIT FLASH

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## SPROUTING NEW SEEDS: A SCHOOL VISIT

The Koue Bokkeveld Training Centre undertook a school tour to SAPO Trust, as an educational trip for various schools to enlighten and show scholars different agricultural careers.

The schools that attended were:

- Ceres Secondary School
- Lingcinga Zethu Secondary School
- Skurweberg Secondary School
- Wolseley Secondary School
- Charlie Hofmeyer Secondary School

The visit entailed a broad picture of who and what SAPO Trust is and what they do in the deciduous fruit industry.

The scholars also visited the modern laboratory where virus testing is done. Further information regarding pests and diseases on plants were also shared. A grafting demonstration was given and they were also shown how fruit evaluation is done.



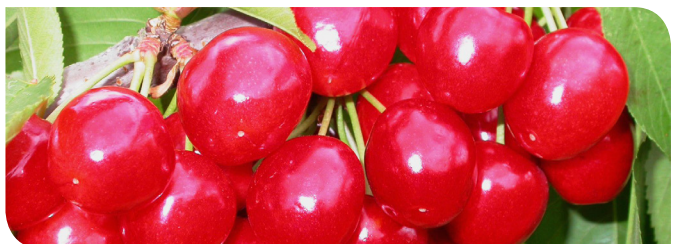
## BATTERY PRUNING SHEARS TRAINING

*Tygerhoek Nursery bought battery operated pruning shears and staff received intensive training to handle the new scissors for safety reasons.*



## DNA WORKSHOP IN THE NETHERLANDS

*Burgert van Dyk and Emcee Gagiano attended a DNA Techniques and Variety Identification workshop during May 2017. The workshop was hosted by NAK Tuinbouw in Roelofarendsveen and was attended by 36 delegates from all over the world.*



## INTERNATIONAL CHERRY SYMPOSIUM

Frederik Voigt, Production Manager, visited the eighth International Cherry Symposium in Yamagata, Japan, in June where he gave a presentation on the South African cherry industry.



## A NEW BEAUTY EMERGES

A new selection of Rosemarie has been found in an orchard in Grabouw. This selection has improved colour and all other Rosemarie attributes, such as great eating quality. Budwood can be ordered from Sapo Trust at [orders@saplant.co.za](mailto:orders@saplant.co.za)



## IPA VISIT

*The International Pome Fruit Association (IPA) members visited SAPO as part of their South African study tour during March. With them is Peter Dall, who is also the Chairman of SAPO Trust.*



## LICENCE TO GO

*Jan Wilskut from Tygerhoek Nursery passed his Code 14 drivers' licence on the first attempt. Jan passed his motorcycle licence at the same time, which is a remarkable achievement. Management of Tygerhoek Nursery is very proud of Jan. Congratulations!*



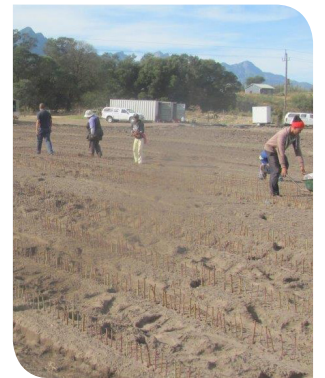
## CONGRATS!

Jessica traded her status to become Mrs Paul in May!



## DID YOU KNOW?

The first plantings were made at SAPO's new foundation nursery at Oewerzicht in Greyton.



## NEW TABLE GRAPE VARIETIES

Limited amounts of USDA table grape varieties (under licence of California Table Grape Commission) will be available from 2018. Varieties include: Princess, Summer Royal, Sweet Scarlet, Scarlet Royal and Autumn King. Please contact [burgerw@saplant.co.za](mailto:burgerw@saplant.co.za) for more info and orders.



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