

ST STITHIANS NEWS FLASH



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CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU TEAM THANDULWAZI



OUR TOP CYCLISTS IN THIS YEAR'S 947 CYCLE CHALLENGE

- ★ Robin Brown –
Time: 03:00:10
- ★ Tim Schaerer –
Time: 03:05:11
- ★ Mark Loubser –
Time: 03:15:57
- ★ Russell Loubser –
Time: 03:21:25
- ★ RobMasefield –
Time: 03:21:25

Dr Sally James, Head of St Stithians Girls' College and a new member of *Team Thandulwazi*, writes:

"It is through helping and serving others that the human spirit really derives happiness and a sense of achievement."

These wise words encapsulate the spirit of *Team Thandulwazi*, who braved a scorching hot day to tackle a very tough Telkom 947 Cycle Challenge, cycling through the streets and suburbs of Jozi, all for a good cause - to raise funds so that others can have access to quality education at Thandulwazi.

Team Thandulwazi comprised 57 cyclists and our Bishop, Gary Rivas, who was with the Team in spirit even though another charity bond staked their claim to him. The Team ranged in age from 10 to 70; and included seasoned cyclists like Robin Brown and Tim Schaerer, who took just over 3 hours to complete the Challenge; and novices riding the 947 Cycle Challenge for the first time, like Girls' College staff member Julie Arguile.



Our awesome *Team Thandulwazi* included members of the College leadership – the Chairman of Council, Carel Nolte; the Rector of St Stithians, Tim Nuttall; the former Chair of Council, Nick Dennis; Chair of FinCom, Clive Thomson; the Head of the Girls' College, Sally James; the Head of Advancement, Alistair Stewart; incoming Boy's Prep Deputy, Gavin Olivier – governors, teachers, students, parents, alumni and friends of Thandulwazi (special thanks to the cyclists from *First World Trader/Easy Equities*).

Two “dads and lads” teams rode tandems (well done Paul & Luca McKay; Andrew & Matthew Robinson); whilst 12 year old Charles van Heerden narrowly pipped dad, August, to the finish line. There was healthy competition between Russell and Mark Loubser, as reflected in their race times; and Jeremy and Campbell Ivins cycled for fun and a great cause.

Husband/wife teams added their support too to *Team Thandulwazi* – thanks to Sally & Jon James; Clive & Alexia Thomson; Trina & Willem van Ryswyck; and Ruth & Alistair Stewart.



One + All = Ubuntu in action

Thanks to the Saints Family for making this event a great community builder too.

Staff, students and parents sponsored our cyclists; Saints parents, George and Sharon Miltiadou, donated bananas and a gift hamper; Michelle Strydom (Old Stithian and Thandulwazi graduate teacher) had loads of fun handing cyclists energy boosting bananas as they flew down Homestead Drive; the Interact Committee did a wonderful job of sourcing donations for the goodie bags; and Saints Moms and students volunteered their time at the *Team Thandulwazi* “hydration station”.

It was good to see a number of current and past parents too on November 19th coming out in support of our Team. Special thanks to Tamra Duthie, Jenny Church, Colin & Sabrina Smith, Ron & Phyllis Lapin and others for stopping in at our stand.



Team Thandulwazi you are simply the best!

We are grateful to the many parents, students and staff who donated funds in support of *Team Thandulwazi* riding for a purpose.

In total our cyclists have raised **R 124,936.50** so far (we still have a couple of donations that we are chasing). This funding will be allocated towards a Thandulwazi Academic Scholarship in 2018. The top three funders this year are:

- Mr Grant Nesor – R20,000
- Mr Thabo Leeuw – R 10,000
- Mr Stephen van Coller – R 10,000

Thank you to

- The Chairman of Council, Rector, St Stithians Governors, staff and students for their ongoing support;
- Bev Johnson and Olga Carr, of the Advancement Department, for their organisation and coordination of this annual event;
- The Boys' College Interact Committee for sourcing donations and their kind assistance at the Saints "hydration station";



- Mark Burger and *The Higher Ground* for the donation of prizes;
- Paula Klemp of Sodexo for sponsoring the catering at the pre-race event held on 16 November;
- Pick 'n Pay (Brightwater Commons) for the bananas donated for the cyclists and gift hamper;
- Morgan Twala and the St Stithians Ops Team for their professional assistance and support on Sunday 19 November;
- The Saints Family for supporting our cyclists along the 947 route.



The **Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy** is an educational project initiated by the St Stithians Foundation. The Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy was established in 2005, with the overall aim of

actively improving the state of Maths and Science teaching and learning in schools in and around Gauteng.

The St Stithians Advancement Office drives the fundraising for the Thandulwazi educational programmes offered to more than 2 500 teachers and students annually.

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