

ST STITHIANS FOUNDATION NEWS FLASH



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MOMENTUM 947 CYCLE CHALLENGE - WELL DONE TEAM THANDULWAZI!



Congratulations to the 44 cyclists who rode for a purpose and completed the *Momentum 947 Cycle Challenge* last Sunday, 16 November, wearing the *Team Thandulwazi* jersey. This event proved to be a great community-builder. The team was a "mixed bag": comprising seasoned, experienced cyclists some of whom finished the race in under three hours (Brett and Russell - we are in awe!); to cyclists riding for the first time (thank you Carel, Paul, Siyabonga and others); an Old Stithian who came all the way from the UK to participate in this event (thanks Rod); to our enthusiastic Team Tandem (QP and Jakes); some Dads & Lads rode together (thanks Braam and Kyle, August and James); and younger Saints, Grade 7 and 8 students from the Boys' Prep and College, cycled in support of Thandulwazi (thank you Yenam, Robert-Reece, and Keagan).

Each *Team Thandulwazi* cyclist was required to raise a minimum of R1,250 to qualify for the Charity Bond. Our cyclists exceeded all expectations - once all the pledges have been received, we will have raised just over R100k through this event. Thank you, *One and All*, for your generous contribution and support.

Feedback from the participants has been overwhelmingly positive and the St Stithians Foundation hopes to make this an annual event and to involve even more members of the Saints Family in 2015. *So watch this space...*

(Photo: *Team Thandulwazi* - The Rector, Dr Tim Nuttall, with students at the starting line - Momentum 947 Cycle Challenge - 16 Nov 2014)

Bid-for-a-bike

Thank you to the parents and staff who submitted secret bids in the Bid-for-a-Bike Auction. R2,900 was raised through this initiative. The Top 5 Bids ranged from R2,250 to R8,501. The Merida Mountain Bike, valued at R8,500 was won by **Mr Carel Nolte**, who submitted the winning bid of R8,501. Carel then very generously donated the bike back to the Foundation to use in another fundraiser. Thank you so much, Carel.

Winning Fundraisers

Sincere thanks to all the cyclists for the funds raised in support of Thandulwazi. We are grateful to the Boys' Prep parents who donated funds in support of the Head and Deputies riding for Team Thandulwazi; to the Matric Class of '74, who sponsored

Hedley Pougnet; and to the staff at ISASA who raised funds in support of the ISASA Deputy Director, John Lobban, who rode under the Thandulwazi banner.

Congratulations to our top fundraiser: **Mr Andrew Watt** (Old Stithian and Foundation Governor), riding his 10th 947 Cycle Challenge, who raised a total of **R11,507** for Thandulwazi in this event. Andrew has won a Garmin Dakota 20 with a bike mount.

Thanks too to the runner-up, **Mr Hedley Pougnet** (Old Stithian), who not only completed the race in 3 hours 10 minutes but raised a total of **R6.866.67** for Thandulwazi in the process. Hedley has won a Geldhof hamper and coffee table book. Their prizes will be delivered during the course of the week.



Thank you to

- Barbara Beauchamp, Helene White and Bev Johnson for the co-ordination and administration of this event;
- ESKOM who provided the energy bikes for the Foundation/Thandulwazi stand on 24 September 2014;
- The Bursar, Johnny Smith, who audited the Bid-for-a-Bike Auction and announced the winning bid at the pre-race event held on 05 November;
- Mark Burger, Higher Ground, who generously sponsored the catering at the pre-race event;
- The Boys' College Photographic Club (Luca Milanese and Gareth Imrie (Grade 11) for the great photographs taken;
- Russell Loubser, who sponsored the contents of the goody bags presented to the Team Thandulwazi cyclists;
- August van Heerden and Barclays for the donation of bags and water bottles;
- Andrew Watt and Lightstone for the donation of towels;
- Rainier Freise and Lynn Turnbull of Sodexo for sponsoring bottled water for the cyclists;
- Kurt Solomon and Fulcrum for the water sachets donated for the "hydration station" on Homestead Drive;
- Chris Frankiskos for his wise counsel and support;
- Kelly Brimacombe and Sarah Wharton-Hood who donated the prizes for the top fundraisers;
- Munene Khoza, Kelly Brimacombe, Tamra Duthie and Carrin Richter who assisted with handing out water to Team Thandulwazi on the 16th;
- Kenneth Mali (AV Technician), Morgan Twala and the St Stithians Ops Team;
- The Rector, Chairman of Council, St Stithians Foundation Governors and the Saints community for their ongoing support.



The **Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy** is an educational project initiated by the St Stithians Foundation. The Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy was established in 2006, 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 Foundation drives the fundraising for the Thandulwazi educational programmes offered.

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