

# ST STITHIANS FOUNDATION NEWS FLASH



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## WELL DONE TEAM THANDULWAZI - MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

*Riding for a Purpose in the 20<sup>th</sup> 947 Cycle Challenge - 2016*

For the third year in a row, over 60 cyclists from the St Stithians Family, have cycled for a purpose in the 947 Cycle Challenge. Dubbed *Team Thandulwazi*, these “brave hearts” completed the gruelling 94,7kms on Sunday, 20 November 2016, and raised significant funding for the Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy.



*Team Thandulwazi at the starting line, 08:25, 20 November 2016*

*Team Thandulwazi* comprised sixty four cyclists, ranging in age from 11 to 72. The team included seasoned cyclists like Rodney Callaghan and Paul McKay both of whom rode sub-3 hour times; and novices riding for the first time (like Willem van Ryswyck). Our awesome group included the former Rector of St Stithians, Mr David Wylde; ISASA Director, Mr John Lobban; former Chair of Council, Nick Dennis; St Stithians staff members (Alistair Stewart, Julia Phipps, Tim Schaerer, Gavin Olivier, Fabian Howard and Penson Mlotshwa); students, parents and alumni. In addition a number of “dads and lads” teams rode in the Thandulwazi colours, including the current Rector of St Stithians College, Dr Tim Nuttall and his son Joshua; parent August van Heerden who rode with his three sons, Richard, James and Charles; Robin and Stuart Brown; and Jeremy and Campbell Ivins. One and All cycling for a good cause.

### One + All = Ubuntu in action

Thanks to the Saints Family for making this a great community builder too: staff, students and parents sponsored our cyclists; George and Sharon Miltiadou arranged donations of bananas and baby potatoes; Megan Tindall and Michelle Strydom (Old

#### OUR TOP CYCLISTS IN THIS YEAR'S 947

- ★ *Phumlani Khubeka* –  
Time: 02:21:27
- ★ *Rolland Sibanda* –  
Time: 02:36:39
- ★ *Siphosile Mdhuli* –  
Time: 02:36:43
- ★ *Paul McKay* –  
Time: 02:49:00
- ★ *Rodney Callaghan* –  
Time: 02:50:04

#### TEAM THANDULWAZI - STAR OF 2016

*Special mention must be made of Robert-Reece North, who arrived back in the country at 06:00 on the morning of Sunday 20 November from an international exchange; drove straight from the airport to don his Team Thandulwazi cycling gear; and was at the start at 08:25 to complete the 20th 947 Cycle Challenge with his proud mom, Christa North. Well done Robert!*



*(Photo by Alistair Stewart)*

Stithians) risked life and limb to provide cyclists with energy boosting bananas as they flew down Homestead Drive; the Interact Committee did a wonderful job of sourcing donations for the goodie bags; and Moms and students volunteered their services at the Saints “hydration station”. It was good to see a number of past parents on Sunday too coming out in support of our Team – thanks to Linda Brown, Colin & Sabrina Smith, Shirley and Allan Needham, Ron and Phyllis Lapin et al.

### 947 A Family affair - thanks to the Van Heerden Family



**The Purple Group** provided great support this year for Team Thandulwazi – thanks so much!

### Riding for a Purpose – Thank you to our Fundraisers

*Team Thandulwazi* you are simply the best! In total our amazing cyclists have raised a record **R186,189** so far (we still have a few outstanding donations that we are chasing). This is a wonderful achievement. On behalf of the 2500 plus teachers and students who will benefit from the Thandulwazi programmes offered in 2017, we thank *Team Thandulwazi* most sincerely for supporting our Charity Bond in this year’s Telkom 947 Cycle Challenge.

### Congratulations to our top fundraisers:

- We are so proud of **Willem van Ryswyck**, a Grade 8 student at the Boys’ College, who raised a whopping R19,000 for Thandulwazi, and is the top fundraiser this year. Well done to Willem who has won a voucher for 4 to have *Breakfast in the Sky* at the Higher Ground, as well as a hamper of books donated by Pan MacMillan.
- For a second year in a row, **Brenda Erasmus** is the runner-up. Brenda raised R14,000 riding for a purpose.
- Not only did **Rolland Sibanda** complete the Cycle Challenge in under three hours and ride a double loop, he also raised R12,100 for Thandulwazi. Thank you Rolland for your support. Both runners-up will receive a gift voucher.

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

### The St Stithians Foundation thanks

- The Advancement Office for their support with coordinating this event, in particular the organising team (Bev Johnson, Olga Carr and Barbara Beauchamp).
- The Interact Committee of 2016 for sourcing donations and their assistance at the Saints “hydration station”.
- Pan Macmillan SA (Pty) Ltd for the donation of prizes.
- Mark Burger at The Higher Ground for the donation of a prize for the top fund-raiser;
- Paula Klemp of Sodexo for sponsoring the catering at the pre-race event held on 17 November;
- Kurt Solomon and The Purple Group for the donation of bottled water for the cyclists;
- Pick ‘n Pay (Brightwater Commons) for the bananas and potatoes donated for the cyclists;
- Kelly Brimacombe, Tamra Duthie, Carrin Richter and Michelle Strydom (Thandulwazi Intern) who assisted with manning the St Stithians/ Team Thandulwazi water stand on Homestead Drive;
- Morgan Twala and the St Stithians Ops Team for their gracious assistance and support on Sunday 20 November;
- The Rector, St Stithians Foundation Governors and the Saints community for their ongoing support



**TEAM THANDULWAZI – RIDING FOR A PURPOSE – 947 CYCLE CHALLENGE 2016**



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 Foundation drives the fundraising for the Thandulwazi educational programmes offered to more than 2000 teachers and students annually.

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