



# Thandulwazi Times

*“It is not beyond our power to create a world in which all children have access to a good education.”*

(Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, November 2007)



**Look at how the Thandulwazi Teacher Workshops have grown:**

2006—80 registered teachers

2011—642 registered teachers

2014—1045 registered teachers

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## Demand for places on the 2014 Thandulwazi programmes remains high



**Almost 2100 Gauteng learners and teachers are benefiting from the programmes facilitated by the Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy this year.**

Following the announcement of the excellent results achieved by the Thandulwazi Matric Class of 2013, demand for places at the Saturday School has been extremely high again this year, with eager parents phoning and students queuing up for places on the programme. Given the demand, it was decided to run Registration over two Saturdays in 2014. Pre-registration of existing students

took place on Saturday 18 January 2014; and registration of new Grade 10, 11 and 12 students took place on the following Saturday. The venue (Mears Hall) was filled to capacity, with over 1000 students and their parents filling both the hall and the gallery. To date 1,022 FET-phase students (Grade 10, 11 and 12) have registered for classes at the Thandulwazi Saturday School. Classes commenced on 01 February, with Baseline Testing, and will be held on 30 Saturdays this year. Extra tuition is offered in Mathematics, Physical Science, Life Sciences, Accounting and English.

The **Thandulwazi-Rokunda Teacher Development Programme** has also been well supported in 2014. To date 1,045 teachers (Pre-school to Grade 9) and school leaders have registered for the teacher upskilling workshops; and 27 new teachers are training on the **Thandulwazi Intern-Teacher Training Programme**.

## Congratulations to the Thandulwazi Matric Class of 2013



The top Grade 12 Achievers of 2013 were recognised at a Thandulwazi prize-giving held on 25 January 2014

97,5% of the 364 Grade 12s registered at the Thandulwazi Saturday School passed the NSC Examinations at the end of 2013; and 58,8% of these students achieved university exemption (Bachelor Degree certificates). Key indicators were:

- The overall pass rate for Thandulwazi matric students (97,5%) was well ahead of both the regional (87%) and national (78,2%) pass rates.
- The number of Thandulwazi learners who achieved university exemption has reflected a steady improvement over the last three years: from 46,4% in 2011 to 51,4% in 2012 to 58,8% in 2013. Again, this was well ahead of both the regional (38,9%) and national rates (30,6%).
- The number of Level 7s (80% plus) achieved in 2013 in subjects offered at Thandulwazi more than doubled: from 32 subjects distinctions in 2012 to 75 in 2013 - Accounting (20), Maths (19), Life Science (19), Physical Science (11), English (3) and Maths Literacy (3).
- Overall, the Thandulwazi students achieved 242 subject distinctions.

## Thandulwazi in Limpopo in 2014



Thanks to dedicated funding received from Afrisam, AKA Capital, the Solon Foundation, and SA Compensators (Pty) Ltd, Thandulwazi will facilitate teacher development workshops on four Saturdays in Limpopo in 2014. The workshops will be hosted by the Future Comprehensive School in Ga-Masemola in April and August and will focus on Maths, Literacy, Leadership and computer skills for primary school educators.



## Thandulwazi & partners supporting School Leaders



We are delighted to announce that **Mr Molelekoa Makoantsane**, Principal at Phehello Primary School in the Vaal Triangle, has been selected to work with Ms Gwynn Prickett, an Executive Coach and Thandulwazi supporter, in 2014. After the initial meeting with Gwynn, Molelekoa said *"It is a beneficial programme indeed, and I'm really interested, thanks once more Thandulwazi."* Thandulwazi is grateful to Gwynn for offering this wonderful opportunity to benefit another of the Thandulwazi-Rokunda principals in the year ahead.

***"A school climate that promotes academic achievement requires engaged students, empowered teachers, encouraging leaders, and a public to hold the system accountable."***

(JoAnn D. Bartoletti, the Executive Director of NASSP  
(National Association of Secondary School Principals) USA)

### Thandulwazi-Rokunda ... new initiatives & partnerships in 2014:

- ◇ MXit for teachers attending the Thandulwazi workshops.
- ◇ A Thandulwazi-Rokunda Obami site, which will be used for teachers and leaders to access additional information and resources.
- ◇ Strategic partnerships with Autism SA and the RENASA Literacy Programme, both of which have presented workshops at Thandulwazi.
- ◇ Berlut Books donated English Handbooks/ Study Guides for the Senior Phase English teacher workshops at Thandulwazi.



## Thandulwazi Saturday School Careers Day on 15 March 2014



Following a week of heavy rains, 264 Grade 12 Thandulwazi Saturday School learners braved the weather and participated in the annual Thandulwazi Careers Day on Saturday 15 March 2014. The students were addressed by Ms Tantaswa Fubu (of KPMG and President of the Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants); and a range of speakers about different career options. Mr Thabang Mazibu (Standard Bank) was the closing speaker of the morning and gave an inspiring address to the students urging them to develop their own "GPS" system ("*Growth and Goal-Orientated Positioning System*") towards success. Students were also given the opportunity to engage with a variety of tertiary institutions (Wits University; Pretoria University; UNISA; Boston College; the International Hotel School; and Maharishi Institute) and companies (Standard Bank, ESKOM, KPMG) about bursary and career opportunities available.

### Tweets from students:

- *Sitting with Thando, Khutjo and Ntando at ThandulwaziCareers . Just listened to Ms Fubu #deep #dontbethatguy where the world owes you everything – Betty*
- *Make the impossible, possible as Sipho Mothobi said*
- *Listening to Ms Tantaswa's story and life lessons @ ThandulwaziCareers - can really relate to her drive and ambitions – Njabulo Nhlapo*
- *Today I've learnt that dreams do come true – Pontsho Bonita*
- *A great experience and learning we are having today – Mamkeli Tyelela*
- *Mr Sipho Mothobi rocked the show so far according to me, but the other speakers have been great thank you – Tumelo Neymar*

## Calculators for the Saturday School sponsored by KENTZ, Liberty & Discovery Life

Thanks to the generous funding received from the Liberty Group, KENTZ (Pty) Ltd, and Discovery Life Marketing, Thandulwazi was able to provide each Saturday School student with a new CASIO scientific calculator this year. Sincere thanks to our funders and Ms Astrid Scheiber of James Ralph (Pty) Ltd, who donated 50 calculators and provided calculator training workshops for each grade.

Photograph: Ms Ayanda Sema (Liberty CSI) and Mr Papi Mathonzi (Liberty Regional Head: Emerging Consumer Market) handed over new calculators to the Thandulwazi Grade 10 students on 21 February 2014.

## KENTZ supporting Maths education at Thandulwazi

KENTZ, a global engineering company which operates in 36 countries, is actively involved in recruiting and training professional engineering and technical staff for the engineering and construction sectors in South Africa. Recognising the importance of and need to grow Maths skills in SA, KENTZ this year sponsored the *Answer Series Maths Workbooks* and new scientific calculators for all the Grade 11 students (370) attending the Thandulwazi Saturday School. Mr Joe Keogh (Director), Ms Colleen Wentzel (Regional Development Coordinator) and Mr Steven Durant (Business Unit Manager) handed over the workbooks to the delighted Thandulwazi students on 08 March.



## St Stithians College performs *Hamlet* for the Thandulwazi Grade 11 English students

On 08 March, the Drama Department at St Stithians College put on a special performance of *Hamlet* for the Grade 11 students during their English classes. This was preceded by a briefing on the play; and followed by an interactive session with the audience at the end of the performance. The Head of Drama, Ms Callie Fields, was delighted with the response from the Thandulwazi students, whom she described as her "*best audience*" of the show's season, and commented positively on the fact that the students were able to grasp what Shakespeare was depicting in this difficult tragedy. Complimentary seats were offered to interested Thandulwazi Matric students for the evening performance on Saturday 15 March.



## Thandulwazi Breakfast Forum— In conversation with Ms Raisibe Morathi



Ms Raisibe Morathi, CFO of Nedbank Limited, addressed the 5th Thandulwazi Breakfast Forum held on 14 April 2014. Morathi spoke about providing opportunities and “access”; the need for business leaders to become “GO TO” people, to lend support to young people entering professions and make themselves accessible, thereby playing an active role in supporting, mentoring and guiding the youth. She also expressed her concerns about young men “falling through the cracks” in education and the negative socio-economic consequences that resulted. In her view the pendulum had swung a “little too far” in terms of focus in education. Morathi added: “I am a proponent of raising young responsible men in society who uphold great values that embed their responsibility toward women and children ... (I) believe that most young men require even more coaching and support than women...”



Thandulwazi is grateful to Dr Reuel Khoza, Chairman of the Nedbank Group Limited, who generously hosted this event at Nedbank’s Head Office.

The Thandulwazi Breakfast Forums provide the opportunity to engage with a range of leading South Africans, who are at the forefront of leadership, innovation, and educational thinking. The next Breakfast Forum is scheduled for 31 July 2014 and Mr Erica Mafuna, founder of the African Leadership Group, will be the guest speaker. If you would like to attend this Thandulwazi Breakfast, please contact Bev Johnson at [thandulwazi@stithian.com](mailto:thandulwazi@stithian.com).

### Feedback from our guests:

*“Raisibe’s presentation was thought provoking and the challenge continues to be how do we collectively influence education in our country... One day at a time I guess and if we all individually do something we might just move the system positively... I wish these conversation were held at a wider scale ...”* (Khabo Ramoupi, OMNIA Group)

*“Thank you for a really inspiring morning with Thandulwazi ... Raisibe Morathi was the highlight for me. A lady with a vision and ambition to match and a sobering thought - neglecting the generation of boys and the long term consequences of this which makes it a time bomb.”* (Charlotte Crosse)

## Thank you to our 2014 donors Siyabonga - Re a leboha

The growth, impact and reach of the Thandulwazi programmes would not have been possible without the benevolence of individual donors and corporate funders, both past and present. On behalf of the Thandulwazi beneficiaries, we thank you for your generosity, support and commitment to providing effective quality education for all in South Africa.

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## Thandulwazi Events to diarise

### 07 June 2014

Founders’ Day at St Stithians—Guest Speaker Professor Adam Habib (Wits University)

### 31 July 2014

Thandulwazi Breakfast Forum VI —In conversation with Mr Eric Mafuna (Founder, African Leadership Group)

### 02 August 2014

Thandulwazi Saturday School—Careers Day for Grades 10 & 11

### 27 September 2014

Thandulwazi-Rokunda Closing Ceremony for Teachers