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Thandulwazi Closing Ceremony for Teachers – 27 September 2014

"Teachers are the cadres for transforming the South African education system," said Professor Adam Habib, when he addressed nearly 1000 teachers at the Closing Ceremony of the Thandulwazi Teacher Development Programme held on Saturday, 27 September 2014 at St Stithians Boys' Prep School. Habib, the Vice-Chancellor of Wits University, referred to the Thandulwazi programme as a *"moment of hope"*, as it strives to up-skill teachers so that they can positively impact on the education of the youth, *"our most precious resource"*. Habib urged teachers to be passionate about their vocation; to become lifelong learners and continuously seek to grow their content knowledge and upgrade their skills; and to understand their context and *"create an enabling environment for education."* Habib applauded the Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy for *"building bridges of solidarity"*

between communities and *"creating an educational platform for a new education system in a new world."*



980 Thandulwazi teachers, as well as funders and donors, Foundation Governors and exhibitors attended the Closing Ceremony of the Thandulwazi Teacher Development Programme. The audience was entertained by the St Stithians Boys' Prep Marimba Band and the choir from Pamperlang Nursery School, whose teachers attend the Thandulwazi workshops. At this event prizes were awarded to the top teachers and principals from each workshop group.



*Thandulwazi:
"a moment of hope"*

The St Stithians Foundation and Thandulwazi wish to offer sincere thanks to all who attended the Teachers' Closing Ceremony on the 27th; the Rector and Mr Alistair Stewart for their involvement in the morning's programme; Emily Wharton-Hood and Kathryn Walstra for taking photographs at the event; and the Boys' Prep marimba band and Mr Mike Sibanda, who were on sparkling form as they entertained the Thandulwazi teachers and guests.

Thanks too to our generous donors for the prizes donated for this event: Ms Terry Morris and Pan MacMillan; Mr Mark Henning; Time to Read; Sangari SA; Jewels of Hope; Pearson Education; Shuter & Shooter; ESKOM; Lasec Edutrade; Infection Protection Products; and the Hawinkels Family. Some of the donors asked to remain anonymous.



Established in 2006, the Thandulwazi Teacher Development Programme annually offers up-skilling workshops for nearly 1100 teachers (Pre-school to Grade 9) and principals currently working in under-resourced schools serving disadvantaged communities. The programme provides professional development for educators on 11 Saturdays each year. Sessions are hosted by the three Saints prep schools; and workshops focus on the curriculum (numeracy/Maths, literacy, Natural Science and Technology), classroom management, computer skills and leadership. There is no charge for teachers wishing to attend the sessions, which are funded by Thandulwazi's generous corporate and individual donors. Registration for 2015 is scheduled for Saturday 07 February 2015. Thandulwazi strives to help teachers to upgrade their skills and teaching methodologies and so awaken in their learners a "love of learning".



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 Saints Foundation drives the fundraising for the Thandulwazi educational programmes offered.

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