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Work For Love – Space To Thrive



Roots & Shoots

I thank you for your support over the past 6 months. It has been an amazing time of collaboration and team work as we join forces with Bhongolethu and take education in Masiphumelele to the next level.

For me personally the past 12 years have been a wondrous journey of meeting and partnering with amazing people and working together to create a truly wonderful organization. My heart is filled with awe and gratitude for what we see and experience today and into the future as the new Bhongolethu Foundation. The schools on 3 campuses will hold over 200 children next year. As I enter a new phase of life and hand over the bulk of the day to day work to Tyler I ask that you continue to support and assist her and her team to continue to empower the Masiphumelele community.

Wishing you a blessed festive season.

Nicola Cox



Primary School

These last six months

These last six months have been quite eventful at the primary school. We went on an outing to the Slangkop light house in Kommetjie, but on our way there, the road was blocked and we were not allowed to go past! We had to turn around and go back and the children were very disappointed, but then we decided to go to the beach at Noordhoek instead and they had a lovely time. After that we went to the common in Noordhoek and had a fun picnic, but then it started raining and we had to run back to the cars. Still, the kids had a wonderful time. For them it was all very exciting.

Recently, they also had a sports day at the Bhongolethu Preschool and the children had a very exciting time running in sack races and doing a potato and spoon race as well. The children found sponsors for themselves and managed to raise enough money for us to create a yearbook!

In the classroom, they have been hard at work learning the alphabet after hearing the stories associated with each letter. They have been practicing their times tables every day and learning how to some basic arithmetic too. Between their academic work, gardening, making things out of clay, paper, play dough and beeswax, as well as lots of music, songs, art and games, the children have had quite a busy but fun-filled time of it all.

On the 1st of December, the children had their graduation day, at which all learners were presented with their report and their teacher told them a special story, during a very special ceremony. Each report contains a verse and a picture made especially for each child. It is something that they will, hopefully, treasure for many years to come, as we hope they will treasure the memories of this, their very special first year of school.

By Kurt Donald

See the video of the children singing [here](#).



Siyakhula Preschool

We are four staff members and we care for 40 children in 2 classes: Trina the Kindergarten Teacher, Eyakhe the Playgroup Teacher, Nzali the teacher assistant and office manager and Nolupho the cook and cleaner.

In July we celebrated the Winter Festival. The teachers presented a table play which the children enjoyed. Then we went for a walk with the parents around Masiphumelele Township and around the fire singing songs and holding our lanterns.

We had a work-party where parents and all the teacher's came together to spring clean the pre-school. Even the children helped with gardening and watering the plants.

The children went on two outings. In Tokai Forest the children collected pinecones and other treasures. At Cape Point they climbed to the lighthouse and look far out to sea. How wonderful to enjoy a picnic lunch in nature.

We celebrate birthdays and each birthday child chooses angles for the day. Parents bring a cake and juice for the children and something for the teachers also. The children enjoy their special day.

This year 10 children graduated from the Kindergarten and will be attending the Primary School next year. The graduation celebration was a joyous occasion. It was a good bye for the children. They received a certificate, a photo, a special verse and cup with their photos on it. The parents sang songs and everyone offered meaningful words of appreciation. The ceremony moved parents to tears. The children were shining. "We are ready for Grade One." [\(video\)](#)

By Nzaliseko Dyanti



Sewing School

16 students completed the Level 2 fitted garment course. Colourful graduation dresses were completed in time for the celebration. Next year the students will have the opportunity to develop their skills through the post graduate Enterprise Development Programme.

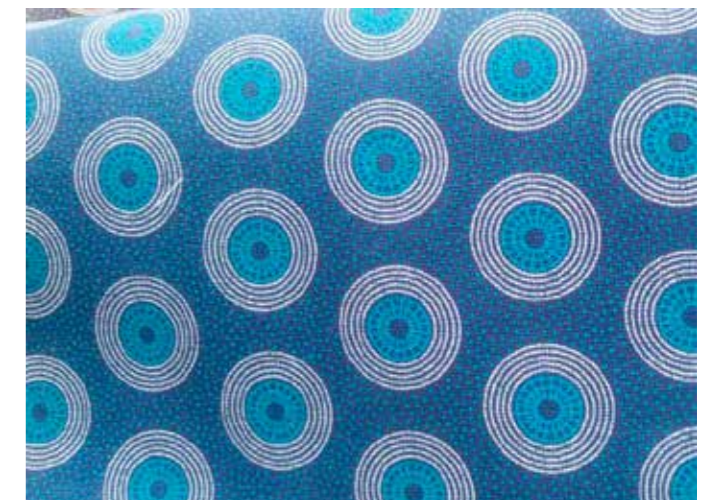
Over the last 6 months 14 post graduates were able in a supportive environment to develop various clients, making orders for anything from bags over men's shirts to dresses and they were finally earning their own money. Students had free use of the sewing machines, access to coaching, therapy, poverty spotlight assessments and business and sewing skills mentoring.

For orders and offerings in the shop please contact: dorcasokuka@gmail.com. Please go to our [facebook page](#) to see a variety of our products.

Dorcas and Rene, two of our students are managing the social enterprise **Sew For Love** for Bea Mueller. Rizia founded **Happy Soles**. Amelia is making beautiful African Backpacks. We are so proud of what our students are achieving. Well done.

Keep thriving

Nicola Cox





Thank you

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Office and Shop:

Dorcas Okuka

Board:

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Our partners:

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