

August 2016

Masikhule Newsletter



Masikhule makes a positive contribution to the upliftment of communities through skills training, mentorship and capacity building in the field of Early Childhood Development.



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This quarter has been one that has brought so much joy to so many - and all thanks to *your* support. The response to our Cast On 4 Kids for Mandela Day was heart-warming, many thousands of rands worth of vouchers have been donated, Book Nooks and books

delivered, upgrade to schools ... the list goes on! So carrying on reading and share in our good news stories.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Masikhule's main focus is on training and mentoring, but we also appreciate that the effectiveness and success of these are hugely impacted by the lack of resources in the Early Learning Centres. We thus encourage donors to assist with resource development, capacity building and infrastructure development wherever they can. Masikhule's role is to facilitate the process and give advice and guidance where required.

ECHO Grads Pay It Forwards

Sophumelelo has had an amazing infrastructure upgrade thanks to ECHO, and to put the cherry on top, in July the ECHO Graduates handed over heaps of educational toys, a Book Nook stacked with books and fabulous items for their Fantasy Corner, etc. NoPinky, the principal of this Early Learning Centre is overjoyed and we all give our thanks for the difference this will make to so many.



Altair Making a Difference

Another Early Learning Centre that has been fortunate enough to get support is Ikamva Educare Centre in Lwandle. Altair has sponsored building improvements for them which include tiling and painting, as well as installation of cupboards and shelving. These renovations will make all the difference to the day-to-day functioning of this ECD Centre and take them closer to their goal of registration with the DSD. Thank you Altair!

DONATE



Cast On 4 Kids 2016

For those of you who missed the broadcast of Cast On 4 Kids on Radio Helderberg from Erinvale Estate Hotel & Spa, please have a [listen](#)



How Can You Help?

Debit Orders:

Did you know that donations to Masikhule are tax deductible?

Monthly Debit Orders are much needed as they help us to plan and budget.

Any monthly amount would be hugely appreciated!

Bank Details:

Masikhule Childcare

FNB

Branch code:200512

Account: 62430665812





Shoprite Community Network

A number of the ECD Centres we work with have been selected by this initiative to receive R10 000 worth of vouchers to assist with feeding and resources. These have been used to purchase items such as a fridge, microwave, cooking utensils, educational toys, classroom equipment, stationery and non-perishable food.

Masikhule was also a grateful beneficiary of this fantastic donation and we used the vouchers to purchase items to stock the first aid boxes in 20 Early Learning Centres that we mentor, as well as stationery and training materials. Thank you Shoprite!



Book Nooks

Since our last newsletter five more Early Learning Centres have been fortunate enough to receive Angel Book Nooks made by [Hands of Honour](#). Thanks go to ECHO, Better Life Organisation and Sandi Theron for these wonderful additions that encourage a love of reading in our children.

MySchool Card

**Make a difference,
just by shopping!**

Every time you swipe your MySchool card at one of their numerous partners (e.g. Woolworths, Engen or Waltons) they'll make a donation to Masikhule at absolutely no cost to you! [Get your free card today](#) - every swipe counts.

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Now making safe, secure payments to Masikhule takes seconds!

SnapScan is a mobile payment system that uses a 'QR' code for payment of goods, services and for making voluntary donations from your phone.

Simply download the App onto your smartphone and register for the service (takes less than 1 minute!). Then



Thank you also go to Somerset House (books and learning resources), Patricia Schonstein (100 more copies of Sing, Africa!), Book Dash (1 800 books in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa), Biblionef SA (over R14 000 worth of books) and Jolly Learning in the UK (thanks to Jo Munro!) for books and learning materials.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."— Dr. Seuss



Alice's Day Care

We are making an appeal for any jungle gyms that are no longer being used much. We have an eager team, under the leadership of Rob van Vuuren, who recently dismantled one and installed it at Alice's Day Care - much to the children's delight. This team are looking for more

scan QR code with your phone, enter the amount and voila - donation done!

See how easy it is here:
<http://www.snapscan.co.za>

With Thanks

To the following for
much-appreciated
donations in kind

Thank you to Nigel Lemmon for the generous monetary donation which will be used to improve the accessibility of our Early Learning Resource Library.

Thank you to Op Die Plaas for paying it forward by donating mattresses to Rising Sun - they were so excited to receive them!

Thank you also to Trish Bishop for the wonderful donation of a fridge and a heater for our Early Learning Resource Library - both are much needed and very much appreciated!



For ongoing support:

unused jungle gyms for this project - can you help them?
Contact us on info@masikhule.org.



TRAINING

Masikhule Business Course

Once a year Masikhule offers a Business Course for the principals of ECD Centres. Many of these women started off baby-sitting children as there was a need in their community, then completed our Basic ECD Course and went on to do our Advanced ECD Course and expanded their enterprise into a fully-fledged Early Learning Centre. With this comes the need for skills such as finance management, staff management and HR issues, administration, etc. You can read more about our Courses, including this one [here](#). Lombard Insurance sponsored the cost of this Course, including follow-up mentoring visits and an Office Kit containing stationery, office resources, a petty cash box and office shelving for each attendee.



As the Course Facilitator commented: *"There is nothing as sweet to the ear of a trainer than to hear "I wish this Business Course could go on forever - it is making me so motivated!"*

Thank you Lombard Insurance for sponsoring this Course for 15 Principals - the benefits are enormous."

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of Fussfree Design and
Printing
Moira Duxbury
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Simonsig Wine Estate
Helderberg Sunrise Rotary
Volunteers

Congratulations

Well done Lulama Lulu Ntulini on completing your Train the Trainer with Persona Dolls (PDT.org) - this will be a vital tool in our ECD programmes.





Teacher Enrichment Workshop

Thanks to a hugely generous donation of 48 Charity Lego boxes from The Lego Foundation's Care for Education, we had an amazing training session on 22 June. 23 teachers attending our Teaching Enrichment Workshop received training from Lisa Visage on how to use this much-loved tool to further enhance early learning skills in pre-schoolers. Their new-found knowledge is already being put into practice and a follow-up session on 10 August proved just how successfully the teachers are using Lego as part of their Early Learning Program.



Early Learning Resource Library

We are thrilled at how effective our Early Learning Resource Library (ELRL) is proving to be as an aid to the training our teachers have received. We now have 19 members (we have a maximum capacity of 20) and their feedback has been brilliant. The Theme Packs are especially well received as they assist with ensuring a varied and holistic Early Childhood Development Programme is in place.



Masikhule Relate Bracelets

Are you supporting the latest in trendy armware yet? If not, it is time to get your Masikhule Relate Bracelets - and one for everyone you know too!

You could even buy in stock and sell the bracelets to make yourself some tidy cash (cost from Relate is R27+VAT and selling price is R39).





EVENTS

AGM 2016 Invitation



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We invite you to please join us for our AGM.

PLACE: Urban Voice, corner Schapenberg & Sir Lowry's Pass Rd, Somerset West

DATE: 24 August 2016

TIME: 10h00 - 12h00

RSVP: info@masikhule.org by 19 August 2016

Soul Circle Function



Available currently
from Masikhule
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Mandela Day 2016

Our third Cast On 4 Kids for Mandela Day was wonderful - and we thank everyone who contributed. Erinvale Hotel and Spa went out of their way to host this event and make it as comfortable as possible for everyone who partook in the day/event. Other NPOs such as Aanhouwen, Carry On 4 Babies, ECHO and Helderberg Hospice gave generously. MySchool Card bought 67 Cuddlefleeces from Banablankets, and various companies and individuals donated blankets, scarves, mitts, beanies and soft toys.





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"To Masikhule C04K Mandela Day contributors, I want to thank you so much for the beanies and the games and books that were donated to our crèche. The children and their parents were very excited and have been wearing their gloves and beanies whenever it is cold. The games and books will be well looked after and used.

*Thanks again, it felt like Christmas!
Klein Joostenberg Farm"*

A very big Mandela Day thank you also goes to Shuli and the team from Ethne B for their visit to Wendy's Day Care in Firgrove with hampers of goodies for each child as well as books for the Reading Corner.



It is not only the children who are growing and developing, but the women too.

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