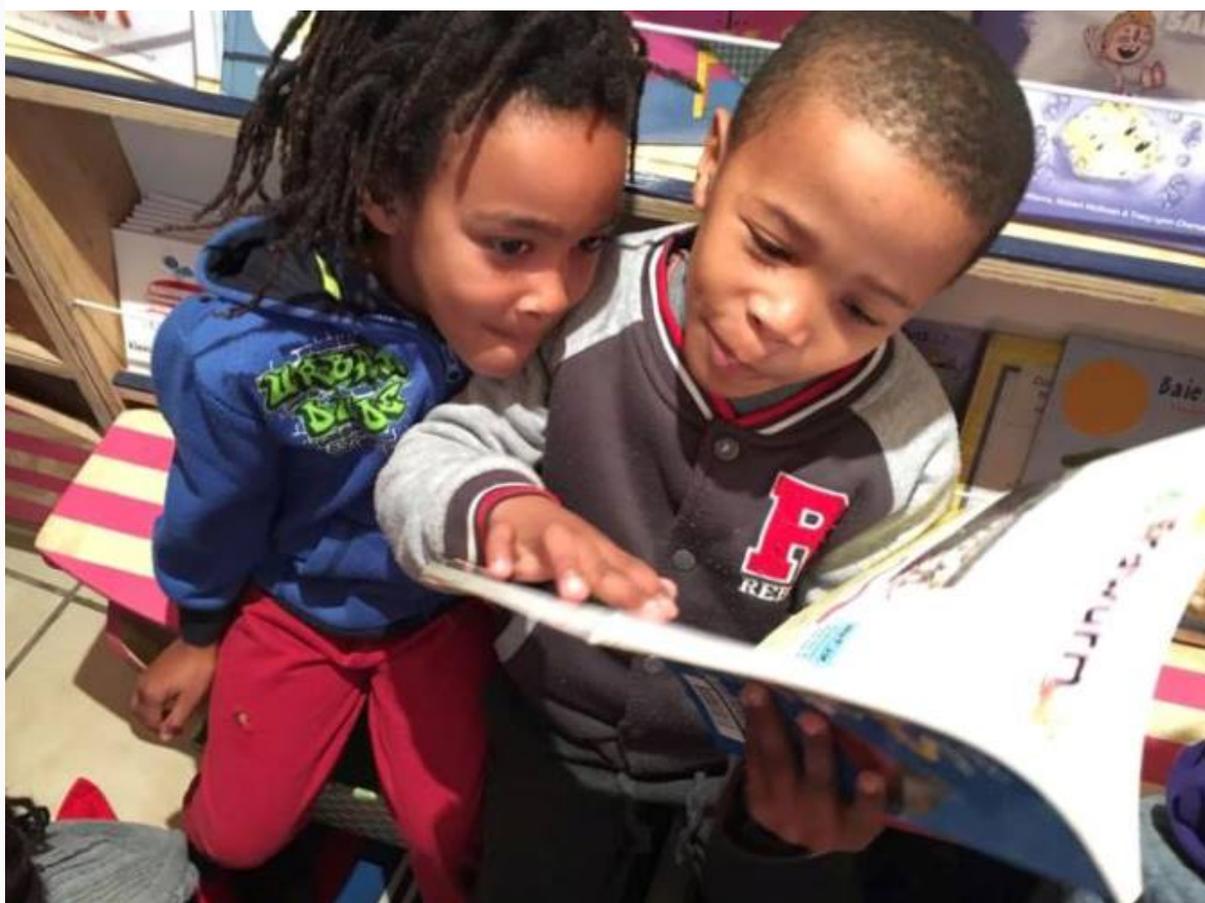


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# MASIKHULE NEWSLETTER



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



## Welcome to 2017

### We have news to share with you!

*This is the first of our quarterly Newsletters this year and we are thrilled about how this year has started. We constantly strive to improve and expand our offering and this year is no exception.*

*As you may know, we already offer Basic ECD and Advanced ECD Courses, a Business Management Course, Teacher Enrichment Workshops and First 1000 Days training. In January we kicked off with a new course to address a need we identified in our Strategy Session last year, namely a Basic-Intermediate ECD Course (details below). Next month we will be introducing our first Best Nutrition Workshop (see below for more details).*

*Even more exciting was the news we recently received that the application made by Helderberg Sunrise Rotary to Rotary International for a Global Grant for Masikhule had been successful. We are very grateful to everyone involved in securing this funding and look forward to sharing the results with you over the year.*



Teaching Enrichment workshops.

**Our Founder, Léanne Keet, had this to say:**  
**"Masikhule is the privileged recipient of the Rotary International Global Grant, in partnership with**

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### Sponsor an Angel Book Nook



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### Parel Vallei High School Interact Club

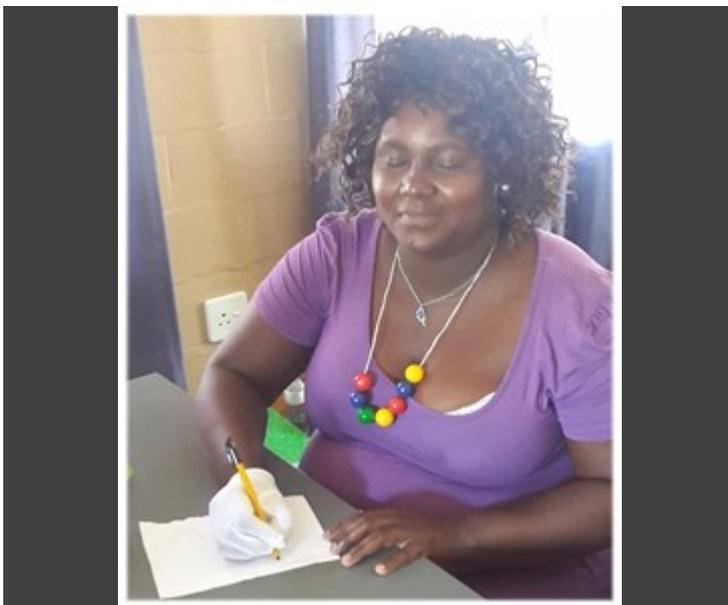


**The children of Playway Pre-Primary School enjoyed a visit from Parel Vallei Interact Club - lots of fun was had by all!**



**Shoeboxes of Love and**

**Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club. In 2015 Masikhule launched a programme to assess, identify and design a training program to rectify and remediate barriers to learning experienced by young children from our disadvantaged ECD Centres. What started out as an ambitious dream has resulted in a promising reality. The Global Grant has made it possible for the Masikhule team to offer teachers from community ECD centres monthly Teaching Enrichment workshops, aimed specifically at how to recognise, assess and address the most common barriers to learning in order to ensure all children receive quality, inclusive and sensitive teaching and play opportunities. Combined with this, the Global Grant will make it possible for us to expand the resources that these teachers have access to through our Early Learning Resource Library, further ensuring that teaching and learning is fun, variable and relevant. The ELRL is also being upgraded to include a computer centre where teachers will have further access to teaching and play ideas."**



Teaching Enrichment workshops.

### Introducing the Basic-Intermediate Course

Last year we realised that whilst our Basic ECD Course provides tremendous training in Early Child Development,

### Santa Shoebox Project



Many little lives were made brighter at the end of last year - the many smiles and gasps of delight will be remembered for a long time.

Thank you!



JAM-SA



A big thank you for the generous donation of TOMS shoes!

we always had to take into account that some attendees had no background at all in ECD, whereas some were already assisting in ECD Centres and therefore had a more advanced understanding of the requirements.



2017 Basic-Intermediate Course attendees

We decided to address this need by introducing Basic-Intermediate Courses available only to teachers and volunteers already working in ECD. This way we can deliver slightly more advanced and relevant material with emphasis on early stimulation as well as the importance of play-based learning activities. One of the attendees at our first Basic-Intermediate Course said: "I have a lot of information to take back to the school, new activities and a new plan! I have learnt so many things that I thought weren't important. The best is that we can share our knowledge with our communities."



2017 Basic-Intermediate Course attendees

## Best Nutrition Workshops

Masikhule has reached a point in its development where we are confident that the teachers and volunteers working with the most vulnerable young children in our community have insight into the scope of Early Childhood

## WITH THANKS

To the following for  
much-appreciated  
donations in kind

Alet de Witt of Y-Knot  
Embroider It for embroidering  
our logo onto our table cloths  
for events at no charge. They  
look fabulous!

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Ada Buys for donating  
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of the ECD Centres we  
mentor.

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Ntulini, Masikhule Project  
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Bruce Hedenskog for making  
our fabulous reading corner  
units.

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Development (ECD). We feel however, that the nutritional status of many of the children is hampering the full learning experience and potential to develop. We need to ensure the children receive the best nutrition possible within the existing severe budget constraints at most of the ECD centres.

We also want to ensure that the ECD kitchen staff realise what an important role they play in the children's development and learning potential. Under the expert guidance of dietitian, Deborah Hoepfl, the Best Nutrition training, mentorship and monitoring project will be launched in March 2017, with a second Workshop in August.



## Events

Huge thanks to Balwin Properties for their wonderful donation of R40 000 to each of the charities involved in the 2016 Balwin Charity Hat Walk! Masikhule was thrilled to be involved for the second year in this festive, family and furries event.

Strand Signs for producing and donating branded, magnetic vehicle signage - they look great!

### *For ongoing support:*

**Bernd Holtkamp**  
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**Volunteers**

Masikhule Relate Bracelets



This year we had support from a number of the Early Learning Centres we mentor as Principals, teachers and children all joined in the fun - thanks to you all for being there and being part of the Masikhule family.

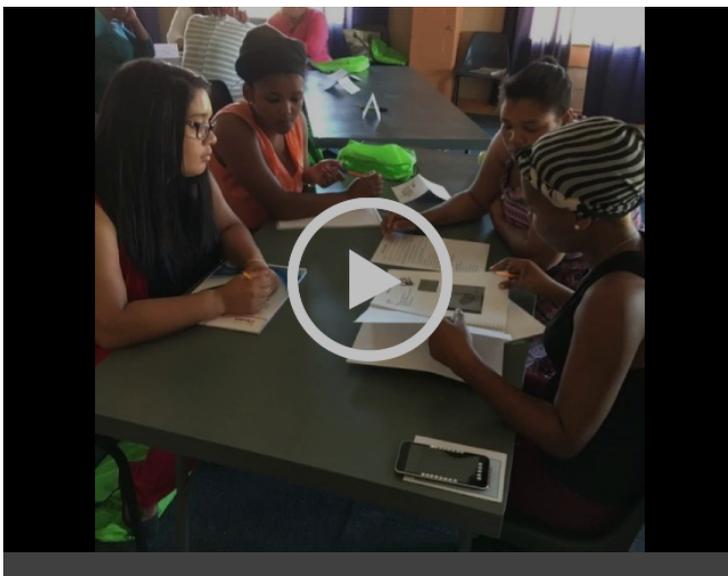


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## Masikhule Course Schedule 2017

Our ECD Courses for 2017 are filling up quickly - so please contact [karen@masikhule.org](mailto:karen@masikhule.org) to book a place. Note that training for those who are unemployed is at no cost - should you wish to book your domestic staff for an ECD Course then there is a fee.



The perfect gift is now available online! Please order and share to support [Masikhule](#) [Relate Bracelets](#) and the women who make these.

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Thank you to everyone who supported our MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card drive at Woolworths Waterstone.

Remember that your card never expires so if your children have left their school, you can change your beneficiary to a charity organisation close to your heart - namely Masikhule Childcare! You can

First Advanced ECD Group for 2017  
making every moment count.

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