Donate woollens for tots

Around about this time of year avid knitters in the basin are usually gearing up to cast-on for a worthy cause for Mandela Day.

However, the current coronavirus pandemic has brought Masikhule's annual Mandela Day initiative, Cast On 4 Kids, to a semi-halt, as participants will not be able to gather to knit together at a venue this year.

The organisation, which supports early childhood development centres in the Helderberg and surrounds, is still asking locals to pull together this Mandela Day (Saturday 18 July).

It is appealing for knitted items, such as blankets, teddies, jerseys and warm beanies to be distributed to the children.

Donations of fleecy blankets, soap, sanitiser, tissues, and stationery such as jumbo crayons, paper and glue stick are also welcome.

All these can be dropped off at Sage & Thyme Village Coffee Shop in Caledon Street, Somerset West, where a special offer for all donors will be available as well. They can be dropped off on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 July. The Masikhule team will be present from 15:00 to 17:00, and 11:00 to 13:00 on those days.

Alternatively, people can consider a monetary donation to help the schools with sanitising and educational items, as they have had no fees for some months. To get Masikhule's banking details, or for more details, send an email to info@masikhule.org, or visit masikhule.org.