

## **Friends of Amasango**

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## Update on Amasango's former pupils - now at work or continuing further studies

The Friends of Amasango does not only support children and families currently at Amasango. We also support those who have continued onto high school, further education and employment. Much of the support is pastoral with past pupils welcome at the school for advice, but the Friend's provides food parcels, help towards accommodation rent and uniforms. Here are the profiles of some of our past pupils who have moved onto to secure jobs or further study.



Lindokuhle Tyota Currently Head Boy at Khutliso Daniels Secondary School



Thembelani Kima (left) Samkelo Maqanda (right) They both work at The Fish and Chips Company



Misiwe Chibi Working in Checkers supermarket as a shop assistant



Simphiwe Matina Works cutting metal at Albany Engineering



Sarah Booi Cashier at a Fishaways take away



Phakamani Fanga (left) Studying second year Hospitality at East Cape Midlands College Xabiso Mali (right) Studying for Matric in Grade 12

Your support goes a long way and the impact lasts a lifetime

## **Food parcels**



Each weekend parents or carers collect a food parcel containing cooking oil, 2 x beef stock cubes, sugar, rice, maize meal, soap for clothes. Toiletries come once a month. In time for the school holidays a more comprehensive parcel is put together. The school has a committee who organise the packets and the distribution of it. Families are very grateful.

## Distribution of donated hats and scarves – in school colours

Each year various volunteers in the UK knit countless hats and scarves for the learners at Amasango. And each year they are gratefully received by the learners. A careful log is kept of who has been issued what. The learners definitely appreciate the extra warmth during the winter months when the temperatures at night are often around freezing. Thank you to all who knit – not just these hats and scarves but baby clothes and blankets too.





Educational outing to Shamwari for all learners at Amasango



Throughout Term 2 all students attend a workshop and safari at Shamwari Game Reserve. This elite, private reserve opens its doors every year free of charge to Amasango. The outing begins with questions and quizzes identifying animal skulls, antlers and horns – also discussing their uses. Then, learners are introduced to the Born Free Foundation which rehabilitates and rescues large cats from all over the world. The highlight of the day is the 2 hour game drive where anything can be seen including antelope, zebra, elephant, giraffe and rhino.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the children and young people at Amasango If you'd like to get involved or require a speaker, please email <u>amasango.news@gmail.com</u> and a Trustee will be happy to help. We look forward to hearing from you!