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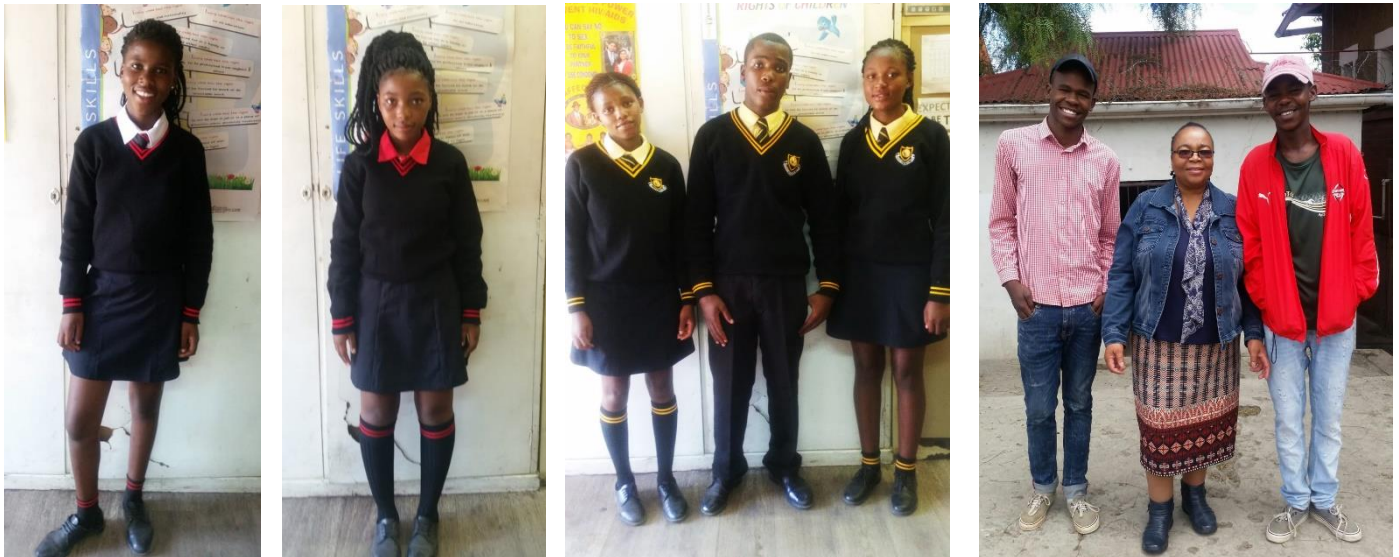
Friends of Amasango

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News from Amasango Career School

Here are some of the highlights from the 2018 school year at Amasango Career School. Your donations continue to make a huge difference to the lives of many children, young people and their families in Grahamstown, South Africa. Without your support, prayers and fundraising we would not be able to continue with the work that we feel is vital to the long term achievement of the students.

One of the highlights of being a Trustee is hearing about student progress over the years – every year students graduate from Grade 7 at Amasango to begin a new chapter at one of the secondary schools in the area. This is a very challenging transition and the staff at Amasango keep in close contact to enable a smooth transition; food parcels are maintained and uniform is provided in addition to moral support.



The right hand photo shows two young men who have made exceptional progress. They have succeeded in completing Grade 8 – 12 at high school. Standing to the right of Principal Linda Ngamlana is Sive Bavuma who has passed the matric exams with a Bachelor Pass. Having applied to Rhodes University, they have accepted and offered him a place. On her left is Nkosinati Sododo who has obtained a Diploma Pass in the matric exams but decided to improve his performance in three subjects at GADRA finishing school. He will be receiving the necessary support to qualify for a Bachelors Pass. The school will continue to support and mentor both students.

In addition to the academic successes at Amasango, there are always a huge amount of extra-curricular activities to enhance the students' experiences. These have a huge impact on their wellbeing, social skills and integration into society. Of particular note is Oyisa Bashe, who progressed to the Athletics National Championships Cross Country which was held in Bloemfontein in 2018. The students tend to excel in athletics across all disciplines and age groups. There will no doubt be more successes in 2019.

Furthermore, the Marimba Band once again trumped their opponent to achieve 1st position in the provincial competition. For their efforts they brought home a huge trophy and an even better reputation!

Skills training at Amasango Career School



The children and young people at Amasango come from families where often life has been chaotic and unpredictable. For some students, academic study is extremely difficult to access for a variety of reasons. In conjunction with the academic teaching there is a dedicated skills training section where students learn vocational skills and apply these to crafts which can later be sold. In this case, these items were sold at the prize giving ceremony – when students leave the school without progressing to high school they are equipped with vocational skills instead.

Linda Ngamlana's fundraising trip to the UK – September 2018

Linda toured the country giving multiple talks and presentations about the work of the school and the vital support of the Friends of Amasango that it relies on to continue this work. Below are some of the organisers and donors, we know there are many more, so we would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank you" to you all, and to Linda for your generosity of time and money.



Thank you for your ongoing support for the students and staff at Amasango. Your donations make a huge difference to the lives of many families in Grahamstown. www.amasango.org.uk

