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THE COMMUNITY SAYS NO TO POTHOLES

Potholes are a growing concern for the residents of Thabazimbi. *Platinum Bushvelder* took to the streets to find out what the community has to say about this ongoing problem.



“The potholes in Thabazimbi is out of hand. My car has been damaged by the potholes and I feel that the people that oversee the fixing of potholes must have the necessary skills and equipment to do so.
Sampie Matlou, Thabazimbi community member.

I always only see Lucas Seele who is working for the Thabazimbi Local Municipality fixing the potholes. He needs help. I am grateful for his dedication towards fixing the potholes and I want to thank him for always trying to fix the roads. I had to spend a lot of money for the repairs to my vehicle because of the potholes.
Lize Prinsloo, Thabazimbi community member.



“The people who are responsible for the potholes should sit together and work on a strategic plan to fix the potholes properly and on a regular basis.
Reiner le Roux, Thabazimbi community member.



“I have to drive home late at night. It is dangerous driving on the roads especially when it's raining and you can't see the potholes. My car is still new, but I had to take it in for repairs already because of the state of the roads.
Monicca Modisane, Thabazimbi community member.

If you would like to have your say contact Platinum Bushvelder on 081 309 3876 or email us on reinette@platinumbushvelder.co.za.

GROWSMART LAUNCHES IN LIMPOPO

Limpopo – The Growsmart Educational Programme, which has a vision to enrich the lives of South African youth and sow seeds of success through education, was launched in Limpopo on Tuesday 28 January.
An initiative by Growthpoint Properties in collaboration with the Limpopo Department of Education, the programme is supported by the Dwaarsrivier Chrome Mine and sponsored by the Boleng Trust.
Despite the insurmountable challenges being experienced by the South African educational arena over the past 11 years, the Growsmart team have proved that anything is possible if you are willing to go the extra mile to promote lifelong learning and improve the livelihoods of the next generation.
Limpopo is the third South African province where Growsmart is working to have a meaningful and positive impact on the performance of primary schools.
“We are elated to continue the Growsmart journey and welcome every learner, teacher and school that returns and those who will be participating this year for the first time. We know that the educational rewards will be felt for many generations to come and expanding the programme to reach more communities has always been an integral part of our vision,” said Growsmart Educational Programme founder Jewel Harris.
The initiative started 11-years ago in the Western Cape, where it established a strong, successful track record and

has further expanded to the Eastern Cape in 2018. To date, the programme has impacted more than 69 000 primary school learners from the Western and Eastern Cape and further develops educators through teacher workshops and a programme based on the current curriculum which is fully aligned with the provincial education departments.
As a measure of its success, its story writing initiative has already produced 140 published authors under the age of 13 whose books are now being used in the school system.
“Our aim has always been to enhance learning and provide quality education for every learner in every classroom,” explained Harris.
As a community-centred project, Growsmart equips learners to face educational challenges head-on, empowering the youth and strengthening communities through quality education. They are consequently effecting change on multiple levels in society as learners, teachers, parents and families all reap the rewards of improved learning – inside and outside of the classroom.
Several Growsmart learners have also gone on to receive full scholarships to high schools. Many have matriculated with distinctions and confidently ventured into tertiary level education.
Growthpoint Properties head of corporate social responsibility Shawn Theunissen said: “For Growthpoint Properties, Growsmart helps us to give primary school learners access to quality education. Growthpoint

Properties is not only invested in our property assets in South Africa; we are also invested in communities. Growsmart is an effective way of creating social capital for our business and stakeholders alike.”
The competition's programme will be presented to teachers, mentors, principals and senior members of the Department of Education at the launch and all participating schools will receive the Growsmart curriculum-based education newspapers together with story writing kits, dictionaries and a manual explaining the mechanics of the competition.
Growsmart press release extract, 27 January 2020.



HELP BABY BARNARD

Thabazimbi – Little Jhuan-Lee Daniel Barnard was born on Friday 8 November. This little bundle of joy came into the world with serious kidney problems.
Parents of children who suffer from chronic kidney diseases have many questions and fears.

For Jhuan-Lee's parents, JP and Nelia Barnard his well-being is their number one priority, so they took him to see to a urologist in Pretoria.
Thanks to God and all the donations Jhuan-Lee is almost three months old now, and his parents are grateful for every second they have with him. Unfortunately, he is currently very sick and must spend a week in the hospital every month where he receives the necessary medication. He currently weighs approximately 2.6kg and only when he reaches the 10kg mark will he be able to undergo a kidney transplant. Fuel costs to and from the hospital is a grave concern to the Barnard-family, not to mention the various medical equipment and medicine the parents simply cannot afford.



The three-month old Jhuan-Lee Daniel Barnard.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST THIS FAMILY, CONTACT JP ON 082 826 0718 OR OF ANTOINETTE GREYLING ON 066 109 6697.

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