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The small steps of giant leaps

Skyler Barnard and Omphile Modise are excited about school.

Thabazimbi – Ruddell's playful poem came to mind when we visited Thabazimbi Primary to witness the first day of school for many of our little ones on Wednesday 11 January 2023.

While proud – and perhaps a little nervous and tearful – parents waved their kids goodbye. Some of the kids bravely stepped through the gates of 'the big school' while others refused to cross the line without mommy holding their hand. For all of them, these little steps they took, brought about a giant change to their everyday lives! *Platinum Bushvelder* spoke to some of Thabazimbi Primary School's newest additions and were met with broad smiles and sharp pencils.

Omphile Modise aims to be very diligent. "My teacher is teacher Melinda and I am

very ready and excited about Grade 1! I'm not scared because soon I will graduate from Grade 7! I have two older sisters and they have already prepared me for Grade 1, and I am going to follow their advice. They told me that I should always listen to the Lord and listen to my teachers, and when my teacher speaks to another teacher, I should keep quiet."

Skyler Barnard is excited to start making new friends.

"I have waited every day of my whole life for Grade 1! I never want to stop going to school! The school is exactly what I thought it would look like! I'm in teacher Kayla's class and I like her a lot. I'm excited to start making new friends. I think that Grade 1 will last a week or something..."

Today is the day ... a really big day ... the very first day of school! A get-yourself-dressed day, a looking-your-best day! The very first day of school!

Today is the day ... a really big day ... the very first day of school! A brush-your-teeth-quick day, a camera-click day! The very first day of school!

- Deborah Ruddell

'No good deed goes unpunished'
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Help find Junior!
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- Interviews will start on Friday 13 Jan 2023

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**THE DIFFERENCE A
WHEELCHAIR CAN MAKE**

Thabazimbi – A girl in desperate need of a wheelchair received one on Thursday 5 January 2023! A benefactor in the Thabazimbi community approached Thabazimbi Feed the Poor and informed the NPO that he had wheelchairs to donate.
His words were barely cold when an 8-year-old disabled child was identified. The girl was in dire need of a wheelchair that would make her life easier. Because she didn't have a wheelchair, she had been crawling for the past seven years.
Emotions were high for everyone who attended the handover. At first, the girl was unsure of what was happening, but her fear soon turned to joy as she was lifted into her new chair.
The family aims to send the youngster to a special needs school with a hostel in Bela-Bela and having the wheelchair will certainly help to make this transition a lot easier.
If anyone wants to donate anything to help this girl, please contact Thabazimbi Feed the Poor at 082 893 4208. There are many stories like this in the community and any donations that could ease the burdens of people living with disabilities are welcomed.



The wheelchair that the 8-year-old received.

**‘NO GOOD DEED
GOES UNPUNISHED’**

David Molaku sustained a head injury while trying to stop a fight.

Thabazimbi – On Wednesday 11 January 2023, a concerned resident took to emergency groups to report that a fight broke out near Shoprite. The Thabazimbi Community Policing Forum (CPF) and RRM Security immediately responded to the scene and held the perpetrators until the police came to take them into custody.
In an interview with *Platinum Bushvelder*, David Molaku explained that he saw two men fighting and stepped in to stop the fight. “While I tried to stop the fight, one of the men hit the other with a stone, and as I tried to intervene and make peace, I unfortunately also got involved in the scuffle and was injured.” David sustained a head injury after which an ambulance was called to the scene. At the time of going to print a case of assault had not yet been opened.

**Placing an
obituary**

Announcing the death of a family member is a time-honoured tradition as life should be celebrated and never forgotten. To help you to celebrate the life of your loved one and share details about the upcoming funeral, place an obituary in our newspaper, free of charge.
You can include the date of death, details about their life and surviving family members. You can also write a special message, a poem or a prayer. Please include a photo and the date, time and place of the memorial service.

If you would like to place an obituary in *Platinum Weekly / Platinum Bushvelder*, send the information via WhatsApp to 072 482 6871 or email news@platinumweekly.co.za / news@platinumbushvelder.co.za.

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A breath of fresh air
[Letter to the editor]

Thabazimbi – I would like to thank *Platinum Bushvelder* who voiced the concerns of Thabazimbi residents, and I would like to thank Thabazimbi Mall who addressed their concerns regarding the state of the bathrooms in the mall.
Platinum Bushvelder reported on 28 October 2022 that the community had been appalled when using the mall's bathrooms; shoppers complained about dirty floors, a foul smell, and toilets that weren't in a great state—to name but a few issues.
I was pleasantly surprised after a recent visit to the Thabazimbi Mall. The floors were clean and there wasn't a fly in sight. The horrible smell was gone, and a hint of air freshener was in the air. Well done to the cleaning staff who stepped up and please keep up the good work!
#ReturningCustomer

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

KIDS!
FILL IN
AND KEEP
CLOSE!

My Mommy's number:

My Daddy's number:

My Doctor's number:

Friend/ Family member's number:

POLL

Did you stay up until 00:00 on 1 January 2023?

Some people hold the tradition of staying awake until after midnight to greet the new year. On the other hand, others see it as just another day, so why stay awake? Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or send us a WhatsApp at 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Monday 16 January 2023:

- Yes, I stayed awake for the new year.
- No, I didn't stay awake for the new year.
- Remember to give a reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself—so that we can publish your pic with your answer.
- Your contact details.
- The results of the votes will be published in our next issue.

P.S. You can also give your opinion by commenting on our Facebook post.

YOUR FRIDAY FUN FACT

Did you know?

Lots of things happened that day... just like any other... But a computer search program determined that 11 April 1954 was the most boring day in history. This program could calculate the number of important events that occurred all over the world simultaneously and statistics indicated that there were no significant occurrences that took place in the world on this day.

Help find Junior!

Thabazimbi/ Regorogile – Oreabetse Junior Sesoma (6) went missing on Thursday 22 December 2022. His grandmother was taking care of him for the day while his father was at work and his mother was attending a funeral. On the said day Junior was playing in Regorogile in extension one (also referred to as Mountain View) in the streets with two friends. His friends returned to his grandmother's home without him as he got lost on the way home. Junior, who is mute and mentally disabled, was immediately reported missing and SAPS, along with Thabazimbi Community Policing Forum (CPF), Thabazimbi Fire and Rescue, and Dinare Security started searching for Junior. They searched through homes, and through the streets with the dog unit. SAPS captain Ananias Modise has confirmed that Junior's absence was reported and that he has not yet been found.

If anyone has any information, please contact the Thabazimbi SAPS at 014 777 3500 or 014 777 3504.

MISSING CHILD

HELP US FIND A 6 YEAR OLD OREABETSE JUNIOR SESOMA

HE WAS LAST SEEN ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 22ND) AT REGOROGILE, MOUNTAIN VIEW THABAZIMBI

OREABETSE JUNIOR SESOMA

HEBREWS 13:5

FOR MORE INFO OR ANY LEADS 0787202776 . 083610788 . 0783072342 . 0147773504 (SAPS)

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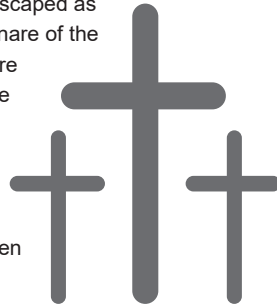
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PSALM 124

The Lord the Defense of His People
A Song of Ascents. Of David.

124 "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side," Let Israel now say—
2 "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, When men rose up against us,
3 Then they would have swallowed us alive, When their wrath was kindled against us;
4 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have [a]gone over our soul;
5 Then the swollen waters Would have gone over our soul."
6 Blessed be the Lord,
Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.



NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

WEATHER REPORT LIMPOPO

THABAZIMBI

Thursday	12 JAN 2023	34°C -15°C	0%
Friday	13 JAN 2023	33°C - 18°C	0%
Saturday	14 JAN 2023	34°C - 19°C	0%
Sunday	15 JAN 2023	35°C - 19°C	0%
Monday	16 JAN 2023	34°C - 19°C	8%

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THABAZIMBI PRIMARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Thabazimbi – Welcome to the new members at Thabazimbi Primary School;

- Teacher Stephanie Welthagen (Grade 4 Afrikaans)
- Teacher Samantha van Zanten (Grade 6 English)
- Teacher Chanté Brand (student)
- Teacher June Annandale (student)
- Teacher Carina du Preez (student)
- Mr Jean Engelbrecht (student)

May 2023 be a new beginning for you and may you quickly feel at home!



THABAZIMBI PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERS PREPARE FOR 2023



Thabazimbi Primary School leaders were excited to hit the road for their leadership camp.

Thabazimbi – Thabazimbi Primary School's 2023 leaders left with great excitement for their leadership camp in Fraaibos on Friday 6 January 2023.

The three-day leadership camp taught the learners skills such as conflict management, communication, and teamwork and taught them to identify and manage bully behaviour.

Mr Werner Breytenbach, Ms Michelle Breytenbach, and Ms Kayla Watson accompanied the leaders and made sure that the camp was a success.

HFM SE NUWE BESEMS, BAIE WELKOM!

Thabazimbi – Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) het die volgende nuwe personeellede verwelkom op Maandag 9 Januarie 2023:

- Mnr. Thinus Pienaar
- Me. Melissa Oosthuizen
- Mnr. Hannes Oosthuizen
- Me. Sumari Schutte
- Me. Hester Erasmus
- Me. Simone Pienaar
- Me. Nelré Benadé
- Me. Christine de Lange (aflos)
- Mnr. Pieter Reichert (aflos)

HOËRSKOOL FRIKKIE MEYER READY FOR 2023

Thabazimbi – Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer was privileged to receive a visit from Thabazimbi circuit manager MP Molapisi on Tuesday 10 January 2023 where he declared the school ready for the new year.



HFM se nuwe personeellede is reg vir die nuwe jaar.



From left: HFM chairperson Mrs Sonja Riekert, Thabazimbi circuit manager MP Molapisi, and HFM vice-chairperson Mr Dirk Coetzee.