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## A night to remember

By Wamukelwe Maziya

The grade 7 movie during Hlanganani Primary School's annual concert was great and important because it was the first to be made at school.

The concert was held on Thursday, 28 November at Mhlatane Hall. Each preschool and primary school class performed, as did the choir. The Grade 7 movie, its performance, was student Tiyandza Dlamini's Practical Arts project.

"I really enjoyed it and it talked about education," Grade 1 teacher Mrs. Sithembile Chemhuru said about the movie.

School Manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie said Hlanganani had concerts since the school started.

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“It’s a good way to showcase the students talents at the end of the year, to showcase the talent of the students in Hlanganani,” she said. “And it’s the last function of the Grade 7s.”

In addition to the performances, Hlanganani gave awards and certificates to students including the Grade 0 students at the preschool who will move up to the the primary school next year. And Mrs. Fourie gave gifts the Grade 7 students, who graduated.

Next year’s prefects were also named. They are: Thembela Ndlovu, Tandiwe Chagwinya and Mukelwe Dlamini.

Students said their favorite performance were grades 5 and 6.

“Grade 5 because it was 100 percent very awesome,” Grade 1 student Vile Dlamini said.



Preschoolers Strawberry Mashwama and Sikelelwe Masinga perform with their classmates during the Grade 0 concert performance. The concert, “A Night at the Oscars,” included performances by each class in addition to awards, graduations and naming of prefects for next year.

Many students said their parents also liked the concert.

“Yes, they enjoyed when they saw me getting a trophy and when I was dancing,” Grade 2 student

Nkosivile Mdlethe said.

We asked what next year’s concert theme will be. Mrs. Fourie said, “It’s a secret.”



### From the School Manager’s desk

Dear parents/guardians,

As we are about to close for the 2013 school year, I would like to look back on some of Hlanganani’s accomplishments this year.

We had a number of very successful events: Sponsored Swim, Family Fun Day, Cultural Evening, Soccer and Netball Festival, Cricket Festival, Innovation Day and the concert.

We introduced this newsletter and a Facebook page to keep you more informed.

Also new this year were our monthly cinema evenings.

Again, our students fared well at the National Science Fair. Half of the students who competed in the regional event went to nationals. Of those 17 students, 13 placed first or second.

Hlanganani bought its first five

computers for a lab that will be fully functional next year. We’ve added computers to the curriculum and all grades will have weekly computer lessons taught by a volunteer.

With a successful year in the books, we look forward to 2014 being even better.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in January.

Yours faithfully,

Bernadette Fourie  
School Manager



# Hlanganani students and teachers donate gifts

By Wonder Mavuso

Hlanganani Primary School students and teachers are participating in the Santa's Shoebox program again this year.

Santa's Shoeboxes are presents that will go to children who don't have parents. The name of the school that the Santa's Shoeboxes are going to is El Shaddai Children's Home.

"I heard about other counties doing Santa's Shoebox and I thought it was going to be a good thing to do for children in Swaziland," Mrs. Fourie said.

Santa's Shoeboxes contain sweets, toys, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap and a washcloth, stationery and clothing items.

"I brought a ball, sweets and clothes," Grade 3 student Minenhle Dlamini said.

Students and teachers could bring Santa's Shoeboxes anytime, but the due date was 30 November.



The Santa's Shoebox program provides Christmas gifts for children without parents. This year, Hlanganani students and teachers will donate 50 Santa's Shoeboxes to El Shaddai Children's Home near Maguga.

Why are we doing we doing this? Shoeboxes to El Shaddai Children's Home.

"Because we will want to help poor children that do not have parents," Mrs. Fourie said.

Mrs. Fourie said Hlanganani students and teachers are donating 59 Santa's Shoeboxes this year.

She will take the Santa's

## Cake sales put smiles on faces, raise money for Grade 7 gift

By Simsile Ndlovu

Children were happy about the cake sale that started on 9 October.

"We made the cake sale because we want to buy the Grade 7s something nice," said School Manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie said. "We are going to buy for them a present."

The present turned out to be

jackets embroidered with "HPS" and "Class of 2013" for the Grade 7 students.

The dates of cake sale were 16 October, 23 October, 5 November, 20 November and 27 November.

The cakes were nice, students said. Students said they bought more cakes and muffins than they expected to buy.

"I like the cake sale because they were selling chocolate cake, my favorite," Grade 3 student Langelihle Nkosi said.

Grade 3 student Sethu Ndlovu said she loves the cake sale.

"I enjoy the chocolate muffin and chocolate cake," she said.

Mrs. Fourie said she expects the cake sales to return next year.

## Santa visits preschool, hands out presents to students

By Sethembile Magagula

Santa Claus visited Hlanganani Preschool at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Santa will arrive with lots of presents and lots of goodies to share with the children. Grade 1 and 2 students will also join the preschoolers for the party.

Preschool teacher Futhi Kunene said the children would bring a lot of sweets in their lunch boxes. The teachers will be there so they can guide them and help with presents. They want the children to take Christmas as a special day and that's why they have Santa visit. There will be music and a lot of dancing.

"I won't miss the day," preschooler Nhlelo Vilane said. "It will come. I will hide my presents at night. I like Santa giving me presents and I will show my mom and dad."



The Grade 1 and 2 students also joined the preschoolers for the presentation of gifts from Santa. A very special thanks to our Santa.

Several other preschoolers said they wouldn't miss the party.

"I will come to school," preschooler Yolanda Mabuza

said. "I will play with my present. I will be over the moon that day and I can't wait for that day. And I will show my mom and dad my present."

## Pool party canceled, but seniors still celebrate end of year

By Kwezi Shongwe

On Wednesday, the seniors were supposed to have a pool party, but the festivities were moved to Hlanganani because the pool at the Pigg's Peak Club wasn't ready.

School manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie said the point of the pool party is for the enjoyment for everybody.

"We're having a party every year now and it would be nice to have it at the pool," she said.

Mrs Fourie said the Grade 7 students were also invited.

Grade 4 student Carl Bothma said he had been excited for the pool party.

"Yes, I am very excited about the party," Carl said. "I cannot wait for the pool party."

When the pool party was canceled, students danced and had snacks in Mr. Mlotshwa's classroom.

Students seemed to enjoy it.



Students had an impromptu dance party in Mr. Mlotshwa's classroom when the pool party was canceled.

### Calendar

Thursday, 5 December • End of year  
Wednesday, 25 December • Christmas  
Monday, 6 January • School



# Hlanganani students participate in bee

By Sizolwethu Dlamini

Hlanganani Primary School had a spelling bee on Tuesday. Students competed to see who the best spellers were.

Grade 5 teacher Mr. Jack Weinstein organised the spelling bee because he thought it would be a good way to practise spelling while having fun during the last week of school.

"Next year there is a national spelling bee that Hlanganani may participate in and I thought this would be a good practise," he said.

Juniors and Seniors will have

their own spelling bees. The way it will work is that every one will take a turn. Students who spell words correctly will advance to the next round while students who misspell words will be eliminated.

Students said they were looking forward to the spelling bee.

"Yes, because it will help me in spelling difficult words," Grade 3 student Langelihle Nkosi said. "When a teacher asks me a word I don't know and I will be able to answer it."

Each grade's top speller was awarded a prize. The overall winner for seniors was Grade 6 student Mukelwe Dlamini.

"I felt happy and proud of my self and I would like to thank my English teachers Mr. Jack and Miss King from UPS," Mukelwe said.

Some of the junior primary students also had people to thank for their victories.

"I want to thank Vile Dlamini and Muziwethu Ndlovu for supporting me," Grade 1 student Mercy Chikwanha said.

Others were more direct.

"I won because I can spell difficult words and easy ones said Langelihle, who tied for first with two classmates.

# Innovation Day sparks creativity

By Owethu Motsa

On 22 November, Hlanganani Primary School held its first Innovation Day. On that day, students made projects such as games, dresses, robots and perfumes.

School Manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie said Innovation Day is very important for students so they can learn to make new things.

"I was very happy about the Innovation Day because it was successful," she said.

Innovation Day was intended to make students responsible for their own learning. They had to

come up with a project, find materials and create something with little guidance from teachers.

Grade 3 student Sethu Ndlovu said she had fun, but at the same time, she and some other students were punished for eating some spaghetti because it was a project.

"I like the Innovation Day because we get to be in groups," Sethu said.

Grade 6 student Tandiwe Chagwinya was making a dress out of plastic as her project. She designed the plastic dress on her own.

"I made a dress because I wanted to learn how to design," she said.



Grade 2 student Phiwokuhle Nkambule builds a microwave during Innovation Day.

## Term 3 afternoon activities change

By Luyanda Dlamini

Swimming returned during third term at Hlanganani.

Swimming is one of several afternoon activities and is the most popular among students. Swimming takes place on Thursdays. Other activities were: news club, book club and remedial lessons on Mondays, choir on Tuesdays and concert practice on Wednesdays.

“It is important to have many activities to teach students new

skills,” School Manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie said.

Children like to swim on hot and sunny days.

“I like swimming because I like water, and like to know all about water,” Grade 4 student Sinegugu Tumaletse said.

Grade 2 student Nkosivile Mdlethe had a different reason.

“I like swimming because I am taught by Mr. Simon and Katie Walters,” he said.

### Hlanganani Birthdays

#### Grade 1

Ziyanda Thwala, 23 December  
David Ndwandwe, 26 December

#### Grade 4

Sinegugu Tumaletse, 19 December

#### Grade 6

Mandisa Dlamini, 2 January

#### Grade 7

Catherine Chagwinya, 8 December

## Hlanganani donates books to the Pigg's Peak Library

By Lethokuhle Magagula

On 8 October, the Grade 5 students went to the Pigg's Peak Library to donate books.

“The books were old and we do not use them anymore so it would be nice if we give the books to other people,” School Manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie said.

Ncamsile Dlamini, who works at the library, accepted the books.

“I appreciate Hlanganani donating books to the Pigg's Peak Library,” she said.

After making the donation, the class read books before heading back to school.

“I enjoyed reading books,” Grade 5 student Sethembile Magagula



Grade 5 students, from left, Kwezi Shongwe, Wamukelwe Maziya and Wonder Mavuso read at the Pigg's Peak Library after donating books with their classmates on behalf of Hlanganani.

said. “I read a lot of books.”

Grade 5 student Simsile Ndlovu also took advantage of her time in the library.

“I enjoyed reading magazines and

reading some troublesome books,” she said.

When the students were going back to school, they stopped by the spaza and bought snacks.



# Grade 7 Leadership Camp teaches valuable skills

By Motshidiso Shongwe

The Grade 7 students went on a trip to Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Hawane Nature Reserve and Malolotja Nature Reserve. It was the Grade 7 Leadership Camp.

“Every year, there is a leadership camp for the Grade seven students to be taught about leadership skills,” School Manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie said. “They are taught about leadership skills because next year they are going off to High School and there are many more pressures and leadership helps them to deal with those pressures.

“They will be in bigger classes and they need to learn to work with other people,” she said. “As they get older they are faced with many more problems.”

“It was one of the best things I have ever experienced. I got to know my classmates more and very well.”

- Tiyandza Dlamini

The Leadership Camp teaches the Grade 7 students about problem solving, teamwork and working under pressure. It’s also the last year that the Grade 7 students will be together as a group and the trip was educational.

The students were away for two nights and three days.



“I enjoyed myself very much,” Grade 7 student Catherine Chagwinya said. “We ate salads, yoghurt, braai meat, rolls, chips, sweets and chocolate. The most interesting things I did were zip-lining, playing puzzles, eating competitions and sliding on corridors.”

Grade 7 student Tiyandza Dlamini also said she enjoyed herself.

“It was one of the best things I have ever experienced,” she said. “I got to know my classmates more and very well. I did not miss Pigg’s Peak because it turned out to be the most boring place ever.”

Grade 7 student Lungelo Khumalo said the trip was “awesome.” The most interesting things he did were zip-lining and horse riding.

“We saw wild pigs, kudus, inyalas, wildebeests and baboons,” he said.



Top: The group poses before the Malolotja Canopy Tour. Front row from left, Grade 7 students Mihlali Noqayi, Lungelo Khumalo, Tiyandza Dlamini, Catherine Chagwinya, Babongile Mlotshwa and El Shaddai Children’s Home student Nokhanya Shongwe. Back row, from left, volunteer Simon Funken, School Manager Mrs. Bernadette Fourie, volunteer Naeem Abdul-Kareem and Grade 7 student Hiram Nkhoma.

Bottom: Lungelo Khumalo at Hawane.

# Hlanganani Primary School



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Success through Integrity



Your *Hlanganani News* staff, back row from left: Luyanda Dlamini, Lethokuhle Magagula, Sethembile Magagula, Kwezi Shongwe, Wamukelwe Maziya, Wonder Mavuso, Owethu Motsa and Sizolwethu Dlamini. Front row from left: Mr. Jack and Simsile Ndlovu. Not pictured: Motshidiso Shongwe.

## Mission Statement

The vision of Hlanganani Primary School is to provide each individual child with the opportunity to reach his/her full potential – both academically and holistically.

## Vision and Values

Our objective here at Hlanganani Primary School is to provide an excellent standard of education and, the same time, equip each child with the skills to live confidently and successfully as individuals in today's changing world, respecting, appreciating and freely interacting with the diversity of all those within the global community – hence the name Hlanganani, which translates as “Let's come together.”

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