



St Mary's School
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IKUSASA LETHU PROGRAMME



Our vision

Our vision is to share the skills and resources we have at St Mary's School with senior school pupils from schools in Alexandra and elsewhere who show academic potential. Equally, our vision is to develop a proactive and sensitive approach within the St Mary's community to issues of historical inequality.

Aims

The St Mary's community of staff, parents and pupils are given the opportunity to participate actively in the Ikusasa Lethu programme and help others succeed. Academic and social skills developed on the programme enable the pupils to achieve the marks required to attain access to the faculties of their choice at universities and colleges.

Finances

The programme director and head of the St Mary's Foundation source donations and funding to ensure the sustainability of the programme. We are grateful to those companies and individuals who have made donations in the past. The major cost incurred is the payment of experienced and qualified teaching staff. Members of St Mary's staff teach Mathematics, Geography, Accounting, Economics, Computers, Coding and run the library. The other teachers are drawn from Johannesburg independent and state schools. Other costs include books, stationery, notes, study guides, sandwiches, fruit and drinks and the transport of the pupils to and from the teaching venues. Our buses are partly funded by the PUTCO Foundation.

St Mary's scholarship

Precious Monyela joined St Mary's on a full scholarship in September 2018. Dineo Mashimate was awarded a full scholarship in 2017. Both girls were top Ikusasa pupils.



Precious Monyela and Dineo Mashimate

2017 matriculation results

The class of 94 pupils in 2017 achieved a 98% pass rate. 5As each were achieved by Disebo Mapole and Pinana Ayabulala. Disebo scored in the 90s in four subjects. Seventy-five pupils achieved Bachelor degree passes and 17 others achieved Diploma and Higher certificate passes. A total of 61 distinctions were achieved with 172 Bs and 182 Cs for various subjects.

Forty-five students are enrolled at the University of Johannesburg, others are at the University of the Witwatersrand, the Belgium Campus in Pretoria and other colleges and universities around South Africa.

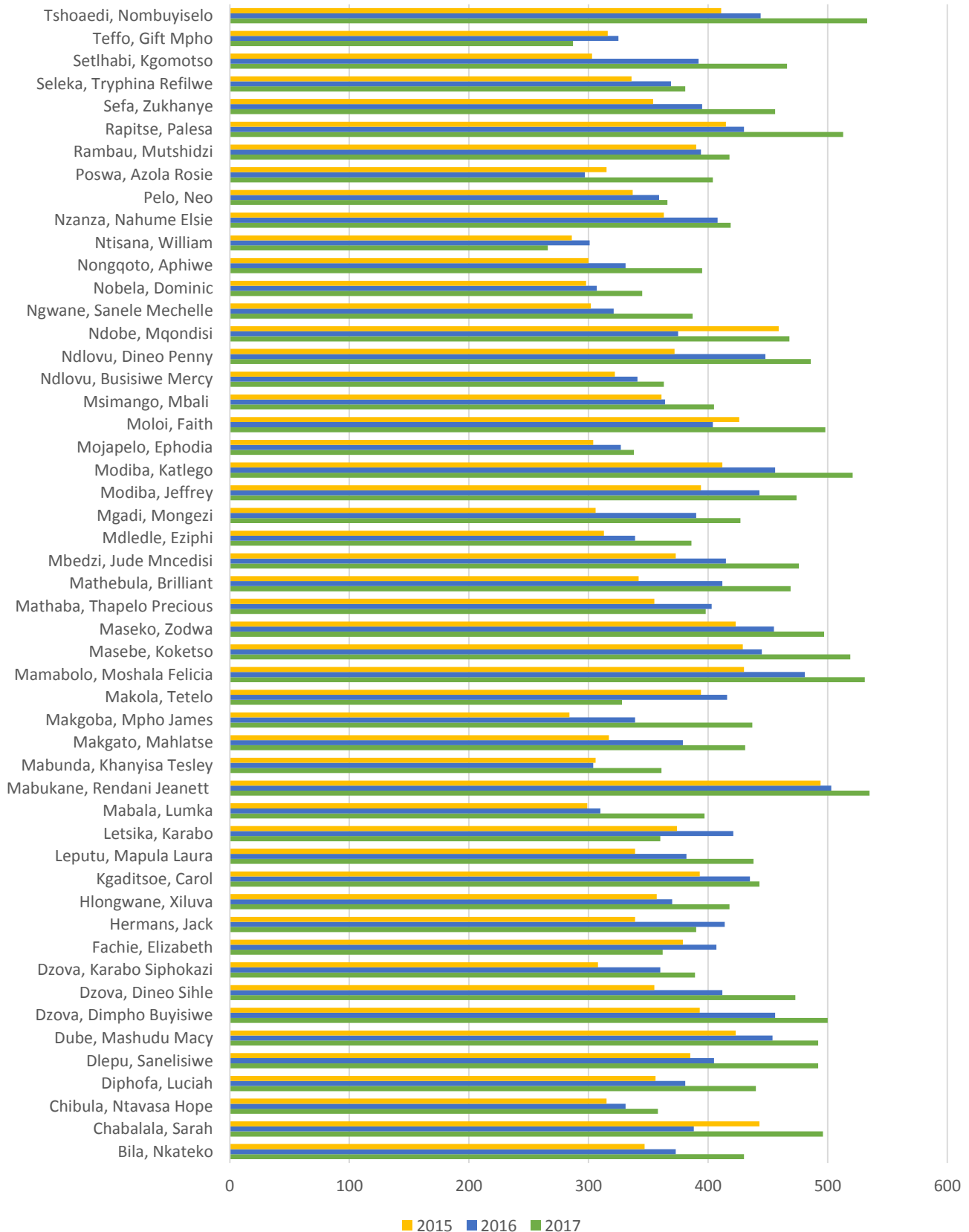


Disebo Mapole and Pinana Ayabulela



Ikusasa Lethu Staff of 2018

Results achieved from 2015 to 2017 for Grade 12 pupils who attended the Ikusasa Lethu programme for three years



Some of the courses being studied by the 2017 Ikusasa Lethu matriculants

Degrees in:

Bachelor of Accounting
Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Business Admin
Psychology
Forensic Sciences
Mathematical Sciences
Metallurgy
Medicine
Biological Sciences
Biodiversity and Conservation
Computer Sciences
Teaching
Arts
Politics
Occupational Therapy

Chemistry

Nursing

Civil Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Diplomas in:

Accounting

Business Management

Food Technology

Public Relations

Management Services

Media practices

Tourism

Water Care



The parents attended a meeting during the year and were given a tour of the classrooms and facilities used by Ikusasa Lethu at St Mary's School



Grade 12 academic programme

*Job shadowing has helped
me in choosing a career,*

Zanele Mashele

The Grade 12 pupils received an average of 200 hours of extra tuition during the year. Subjects included English, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Geography, Business Studies, Economics and Accounting. They attended both Saturday school and classes in the school holidays at the Jabula Recreation Centre in Sandringham. Pupils who attended the extra Mathematics classes during the week had 160 hours of extra tuition. These classes were held at Kwa-Bhekilanga and were run by Isaac Wilmot. St Mary's Physical Sciences and Life Sciences laboratories, with equipment and interactive whiteboards, were at their disposal on Saturdays.



Grade 11 Academic Programme



The Grade 11 pupils were also given an average of 200 hours of extra tuition. They did the same subjects as the Grade 12s but they also had study, computer skills and computer mathematics lessons.

Extra Mathematics was offered during the week at Kwa-Bhekilanga taught by Isaac Wilmot.

This group enjoyed the St Mary's careers evening and expo in July. A group of girls went to an engineering workshop at Wits University.



The Grade 11s at the
Careers expo at St Mary's
school

*Thank you for encouraging
us to study and have a
better future,*

Jose Bila

*My marks have improved
and I am now a top
achiever at my school,
Thulani Chauke*



A group of Grade 11 girls
went to an engineering
workshop at Wits
University

*I did not love reading but
now I am a bookworm
reading from our library
at St Mary's. I have
learnt to speak for myself
at St Mary's,*

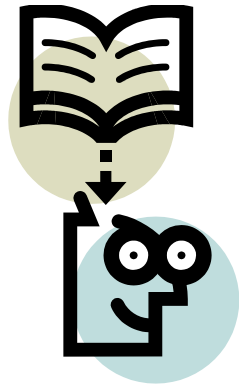
Primrose Dube



Grade 10 academic programme

Study skills, computer skills, public speaking, music and Life Orientation sessions were available in addition to lessons in English, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Geography, Accounting, Business Studies and Economics. The pupils were encouraged to begin thinking about possible career choices and study at tertiary institutions. The Grade 10 pupils were also encouraged to read novels from our Ikusasa Lethu library. This library is well stocked with donated novels.

An enrichment programme offered tennis coaching, chess lessons, drama, robotics and art lessons during the year. This was arranged by St Mary's staff and senior pupils. The Grade 10s enjoyed the St Mary's cultural festival in September.



Grade 10 enrichment programme



Drumming at the Cultural Festival



Tennis coaching



Robotics

Excerpts from the Grade 10 class magazine

"It is all possible" by Maake Keabetswe

It is never too late till you have tried,
It always seems impossible till it is
done, It is never impossible till you
have tried, Let us explore our talents,
Let us reveal our true characters.
A positive attitude enables you to see possibility
in every challenging situation.,
Keep your dreams alive and conquer it all
I have seen it and I say that IT IS ALL POSSIBLE!



"My ambition" by Yonga Menze

Ever since I was young and saw perhaps a child cut and bleeding or an old woman suffering from an incurable disease, I have always hated the pain and human suffering that it causes. It has, therefore, always been my ambition to become a doctor and to ease pain. Many count riches, power and glory among their ambitions but, for me, to serve humanity through medicine is the highest ambition of all.

Being a doctor is not an easy thing to do but, when I grow up, I really want to help people who can't help themselves. If I study hard, I know I can reach my goal. I really can't see the world suffering while I am still alive.



"Why should I be silent?" By Sarah Ramogale

Why should I be silent when you ignore my feelings?
When you break my healing?
"A generation makes a nation", you said
What happened to Ubuntu? Lately it's just about "umuntu". One person!
One person who can kill to make a lesson
who gives terror, torture and trauma to the people.
Why should I be silent when there is rape, crime, violence?
All that matters is arrogance not to talk about ignorance
You kept quiet Afrika. Why?
Why should I be silent? Goring ke nomala?

"Love" by Thobeka Siyaya

There is something we call love
We know what it's like
It breaks many hearts
But we still love
Even though hearts bleed
Even though hearts hate
We still carry on
Coz of being afraid of being alone
Alone to walk the journey of life that is long
We just want someone to come along



“Dirty Alex become hygienic” by Baxole Witbooi

I am 15 years old doing Grade 10 at Realogile High School in Alexandra. I am a science girl who cares about environmental health. When I grow up, I want to be a medical technologist, zoologist or an environmental analyst. I care mostly about environmental health. I wrote this poem to express my feeling about my community which is Alexandra. I wrote this poem to represent Alex, what it is like to be in Alexandra and how people live in the community of Alexandra.

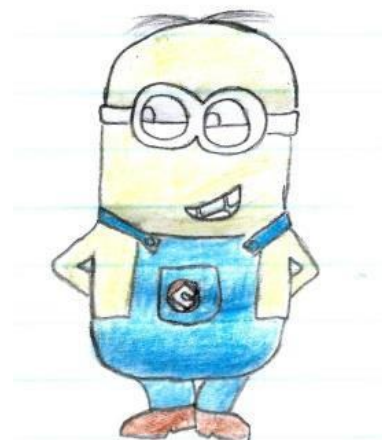
I'm crying as Alex
I'm dirty
Nobody cares about me
I'm full of litter
Ngiyakhala ngoba ngincolile.
(I am crying because I am dirty – in IsiZulu)
In the afternoon when you move around
There's dumping everywhere
The air is full of smoke
Smoke from factories, stations and cars
Ngiyakhala ngoba ndimdaka.
(I am crying because I am dirty – in IsiXhosa)
The river is full of chemicals
Chemicals from factories
Plants and animals suffer
They also die from these chemicals
Kiyala kgoboni kiditsila.
(I am crying because I am dirty – in Sepedi)
Alex, I give you a home I give you jobs
I give you everything you ever wanted
Pick it up and make me hygienic.



True friends” by Shaun Letsoalo

Always there when you need them.
They give you a shoulder to cry on when you need it.
They do not judge you for who you are.
They are with you through the bad times and the good times.

True friends are those who say bad things
about you in your face
and will say good things about you behind your back.
They accept you for who you are whether you
are a beggar or a rich person. True friends are
always there. We just have to find them.
Forever dedicated to my friend.



Annual prizegiving

Certificates, trophies and cash prizes were awarded on Saturday 14 October for outstanding effort and achievement.



Grade 10 from left to right: Keabetswe Maake, Makhosazama Dhadla and Promise Khosa



Grade 11 from left to right: Yanga Prusent, Daniel Moyo, Chantall Chilloane, Oyma Sindelo



Grade 12 from left to right: Basetsana Makgamato, Khathutshelo Mashiane and Lebohlang Ramokonopi

Pupils at work



Some of the teachers in the classrooms



Sharonne Isack

Sharonne sadly passed away in 2018. She taught Mathematics to Grade 11 and 12 at Ikusasa Lethu.



Tavengwa Mudzongachiso



Above left: Shaun Naidoo, bottom left: Bruce Margolis and above right: Alexandra Braykova

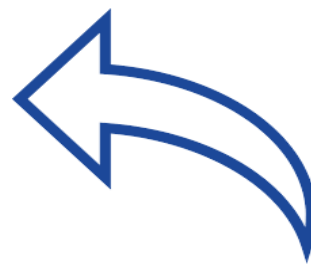
Professional development

Thirty-three teachers from the high schools in Alexandra attended monthly Mathematics and Physical Science workshops at St Mary's. Herbert Mudzingwa, our Science facilitator, visited the schools and assisted the teachers with practical work. The Science teachers also spent a day in the classrooms at St David's College in Inanda. The Mathematics workshops were facilitated by Ceciliah Chigumba and Ingrid Zlobinsky-Roux from St Mary's.



Sizanani Mentorship programme

This non-profit organisation was established 11 years ago and has a B-BBEE Level 4 certificate. The 117 mentors on the programme assisted 140 pupils by organising individual and collective outings, life skills development, career guidance and job shadowing opportunities. Forty-five students were admitted to colleges and universities in 2018



Collective outings for mentors and mentees were organised to Maboneng and camping in the Magaliesberg. Presentations were made by motivational speakers during Life Orientation lessons. Topics covered were reproductive health and information on a variety of careers. Groups of pupils visited St Augustine's College, the World Bank, Bombela Operating Company, The Wits Digital Innovation Hub, Tutuka, a farm, St Gobain, Decathlon, the Sunninghill Hospital, Wits University campus and Momentum.

A visit to the World Bank

During the Life Orientation sessions, Grade 12 pupils completed university applications online. They were encouraged to apply for degree and diploma courses at tertiary institutions and for bursaries and NSFAS loans. A variety of speakers provided them with an understanding of future career options.

Right: A mentor on an outing with her family and mentees



Some past pupils were given laptops and computers to use at universities. Thirty students were given financial assistance and some bursaries from Sizanani sponsors and donors.



Thapelo Chabalala, Sarah Kyamulesire (mentor) and Zanele Mashele



A visit to the Sunninghill Hospital



Samelese Jama, Lien Delvoye (mentor) and Thobeka Siyaya



Pupils visit Bombela



Learners sponsored by Tutuka



Karobo Moshadi, Francine Declerq, motivational speaker Molefi Nyofane and Valerie Hirsch

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Sunninghill Hospital
ABSA Bank

St Mary's School

St Mary's pupils assist with invigilation, packing stationery, making and serving sandwiches and covering books. Girls also assist in the computer room and library. St Mary's girls give new pupils tours of the campus, assist with registration and offer their services at the annual prizegiving.

The programme director communicates with the Alexandra schools and funders. The venues, resources and accounting services are provided at no cost by St Mary's School.

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Jabula Recreation Centre
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Seventy-four pupils did a five-day coding course sponsored by Telkom in December



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