

Vuleka Randburg Assisted Learning Centre Annual Report 2017

“ ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’ ”.

Jeremiah 29:11

Vuleka Assisted Learning Centre has been blessed to have committed and thoughtful teachers, who go the extra mile in ensuring that our pupils get the best out of the curriculum. Vuleka Randburg Assisted Learning Centre had a successful year and the staff brought new and exciting ideas into the classrooms. We are finding that there is a great need for affordable schooling for pupils with learning barriers and Vuleka Assisted Learning Centre is meeting the needs of the community.

Pupil Development

Academics

Our focus on learning and developmental barriers has driven us to reinforce concepts taught in class using technology. The teaching and learning through technology allows our pupils to learn at their own pace and level. Our main aim is to improve our pupils' numeracy and literacy skills, along with the introduction of cooking and knitting skills, arts, music and various crafts.



Thank you to the **Randburg Tech-centre** for supporting our technology needs for so long. A donation of 25 tablets and **Knowledge Network** software has changed the way our pupils think and learn.

Our annual invitation to **HTA** (a local chef school) to celebrate World Chefs' Day taught our pupils about healthy eating habits and gave them a chance to choose from a variety of healthy ingredients to make their own meals.

Heritage Day celebrations on 24th September brought the school alive with traditional song, dance and music whilst enjoying traditional food and dress up.

Sports and Culture

One of the highlights of the year was our successful Fun Day at Zoo Lake on 4th November. Children took part in the egg race, tug of war, the three legged race and many more happy activities. At the end of 2017, all the Vuleka grade sevens' enjoyed an annual farewell party at Buksies Resort.



Our pupils continued to play Tennis every Tuesday at Blairgowrie Tennis Club where they receive excellent coaching, thank you for your dedication to Vuleka. We took part in our annual Derby Day at St Michaels, Weltevreden Park, where we played soccer, netball and chess against other Vuleka Schools. We encouraged our pupils to learn Chess during break time lessons. Swimming took place in the first and last terms at Kensington B swimming pool, our senior pupils took part in the swimming gala at Rosebank Primary School where they enjoyed the competition. Every Wednesday our pupils took part in Martial Arts.

At the end of the year our Prize Giving became a bigger affair, giving pupils a big self-esteem booster to see their parents and families arrive in large numbers to celebrate their academic, sports and cultural achievements. The majority of our pupils were accepted at Sparrow, Gresswold and Roodepark Technical Schools to continue their education.



Staff Development

Mosale Rakgwale joined us from St Mark's as an intern and brought a wealth of experience as a fourth year intern teacher studying B.ED with Unisa. We also welcomed Ryan Horsley, and ex Vuleka SSB pupil, as an intern. We were fortunate to employ Eugenia Nhlapo as a full time teacher to replace Brett Atkinson. Sanah Mokope, our teachers' assistant, registered for her third year teaching module with Unisa.

It was also an exciting year for me as I registered for my Honours in Inclusive Education with Unisa. The year became better for me when I was awarded a bursary by ISASA (the Independent Schools' Association of Southern Africa) to study in the Leadership and Development Programme at Wits Business School. I completed the course and I was selected as one of the top four students.

During the year Emily Kapuya, Eugenia Nhlapo and I attended a core thinking skills workshop at Vuleka SSB. Emily Kapuya, Joyce Peters, Ryan Horsley and Eugenia Nhlapo also attended knowledge network training.

It's encouraging and motivating to see our staff members enrolling for different courses. This will benefit our pupils at Vuleka Randburg ALC.

Joyce Peters Farewell

We bade farewell to Mam Joyce Peters who has been with Vuleka since its inception, the longest standing employee of Vuleka. We thank her for the immense contribution she made at Vuleka, especially at our school, we wish her all the best in her retirement.



Financial Sustainability

Playground

The jungle gym and playground which was financed by **Multichoice** was completed, our kids were so happy to finally have a proper playground. Multichoice also laid astro turf which makes the playground beautiful and safe. They strengthened the wall in the same playground with pillars to ensure the safety of our children. My sincerest thanks to **Multichoice** for their continuous support in making our school a safer and more beautiful environment.



Parent and Community Partnership



We could not achieve what we do without the kind attentions of our parents, volunteers and the community as a whole. Thank you to our parent representative Mrs Madelein Heyneke and the parent group for your drive and assistance.

The Vuleka Randburg Assisted Learning team would also like to thank our volunteers for giving up their free time to help our children:

Mrs. Annette King, who spent hours helping our children with reading
Ms Suzan from Blairgowrie tennis club and her team for offering our children free Tennis lessons. We thank her for her continued commitment. Lastly we thank **Multichoice** for continuously supporting our school.

Our sincere thanks go to the **Randburg Methodist Church**, Revd Sikawu Makubalo, Anne Blake, all the staff, parishioners and community for their continued support and encouragement they offer our school.

In conclusion I would like to thank the dedicated staff at Vuleka Randburg for putting so much time and effort into making sure that our pupils get the education they deserve.

Mr Peter Mmirwa, Headmaster.

