



MATJANA PRESCHOOL NEWLETTER

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“OUT OF EXPECTATIONS”- TEACHER LONDIWE IS STARTING UNIVERSITY

“It’s completely out of my expectations.” Those were teacher Londiwe Dlamini’s words, when she shared with us the wonderful news that she had been accepted to study Psychosocial support at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA).

Londiwe has been working at Matjana Preschool since 2015. In her three years she has worked hard to keep the classroom running smoothly when her co-teachers have been away studying. But she has not

yet had the opportunity to do any tertiary studies herself.

She will start studying for a Bachelor of Psychosocial Support at Swaziland’s oldest university, not really knowing what to expect. “I never thought that I would study at university, at least not before I started working at Matjana. I didn’t really think I would be accepted so soon because it usually takes some time in Swaziland, and this was the first time I’d applied. It all comes out as shock but at the

same time I am over the moon”, Londi said

Londi is looking forward to going for orientation on the first week of August and later on she will start her studies. “I’m really looking forward to studying,” she said. “The course is all about children and also the youth, so I see it will help me to be a good teacher.”

The university fees will be covered by a private sponsor who is also a friend of

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MEET THE



MATJANA KIDS



NAME:	Nozwelo Tsabedze	Wakhile Mamba	Cebiswa Shabangu
MEANING:	Sympathy	Made	Wealthy
FAVOURITES AT SCHOOL:	Singing	Constructing with blocks	Colouring in
FAVOURITE FOOD:	Potato chips	Buns and juice	Porridge and beans
WANTS TO BE A:	Nurse	Soldier	Teacher
TEACHERS SAY:	She is very smart.	He is very active and does everything we ask him too.	She’s lots of fun and very cheeky.

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Matjana Preschool. "I could not afford the course fees by myself. What I get from teaching will be just enough for buying what I need and for travelling to the University every weekend. I'm so thankful to the friend who is sponsoring my studies," Londi said. "This will definitely change my life."

To celebrate Londi's success, and to give the students an opportunity to congratulate their teacher, we ate cake. "I've also been waiting for teacher Michelle to buy me a cake. She has always been next to me, encouraging me and the other teachers, but it was the first time for her to buy



me a cake," Londi said. "I thank her very much for the sweet, big and nice cake she bought for our celebration. It

was a nice way to celebrate together with our precious kids and colleagues."

EVERYONE WANTS TO PLAY THE MARIMBA



Everyone wanted to play with our beautiful new present called the marimba. It's a traditional instrument, made of blocks of wood that you hit with a stick. The kids sat together in small groups, all wanting to play the marimba, but also happy to listen to the beautiful sounds while they waited.

The marimba has a very nice and unique sound, which some of the kids said is like a phone ring tone. It was out first time to see it.

And the marimba doesn't only entertain the kids. Even people passing by catch the sound and come over to ask what is it and what for.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We also say a big thanks to Londi's sponsor, and the friend who will be supporting teacher Swane, who has also been accepted to study for a Bachelor of Psychosocial support part time. We're happy to have Qiniso on board to help out, and hope that he will also get an opportunity to study sometime soon. If you can, please help us to continue developing Matjana Preschool, and the teachers who make it possible for the Matjana kids to have fun with the marimba and lots of other things.



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