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Ink-credibly talented Xolani proves the 'Future is Us'



PROUD MOMENT: Honouring creativity with a well - deserved trophy and the passion behind every stroke

Orange Farm Ext 2's Xolani 'X' Maseko (14), a Grade 8 learner at Vulcanindlela Secondary School, won the Visual Art award at Afrika Tikkun's 2025 Talent Day held at Wanderers Stadium in Sandton on 26 July.

His winning piece stood out for its creativity, symbolism and use of vibrant colour while powerfully capturing the theme, "The Future is Us" telling a visual story of progress and hope. The judges were deeply moved by both the technical quality and emotional depth of the artwork. X first discovered his love for art while in Grade R and it remains

his greatest passion today. Last year, he made his debut at the Talent Day but didn't win. Instead of giving up, he dedicated himself to honing his skills and with support from Afrika Tikkun's Ignite Programme at the Arekopaneng Centre and guidance from his facilitators, Ntaoleng Khanye and Kamohelo Rantsane, X grew more confident and expressive in his work. X's peers at the Centre celebrated his victory with excitement and pride, his achievement inspired renewed interest in the visual arts programme and encouraged others to pursue their own talents. X's achievement

is a reminder that with the right support and nurturing, local youth can achieve great things. His growth was made possible by consistent mentorship, access to materials and a nurturing environment that valued his voice. He attends sessions regularly, showing commitment, discipline and a positive attitude.

X dreams of becoming a well-established visual artist, releasing unique works that inspire others, he told **OFN**: "To every young person, believe in yourself and your unique voice. Your talent is a gift, with dedication and passion, you can achieve

greatness." Weighing in, X's father Mpho Maseko, said: "I'm out of words, he made all of us proud, I want to thank his grandparents for always supporting and believing in him and all his instructors at Arekopaneng for all they did to nurture his talent, Asbonge." Afrika Tikkun's Marketing Coordinator, Nkadimeng Mofokeng, told **OFN**: "Xolani is a shining example of what is possible when young people are supported and believed in. His story is a powerful reminder of the future we are helping to build - one filled with hope, creativity and purpose."

Ukubulawa, ukuhlukunyezwa emzimbeni nangokocansi! Yini okufanele igujwe kule Nyanga Yabesifazane?



I-Ningizimu Afrika igubha nyanga yabesifazane, kodwa imizwa ikude kakhulu nokujabula. Uhlu lwabantu besifazane namantombazane abulawa ngendlela enonya luyanda unyaka nonyaka.

U-Olerato Mongale, owabulawa ezikhipha nowesilisa; uNikita, obulewe ngaphansi kwezimo ezisaphenywayo; uJoseline, intombazane encane eyadayiswa ngumama wayo uqobo; uUyinene Mrwetyana, odlwenguliwe wabulawa ehhovisi leposi; owesifazane oneminyaka engu-102 ubudala waseMpuma Koloni, odlwenguliwe wabulawa ekhaya lakhe; nabanye abaningi abangenalo ithuba lokukhulunywa ezindabeni. Uhlu lude, futhi luyanda nsuku zonke.

Phakathi kukaNtulikazi noMandulo 2024 kuphela, kwabulawa abesifazane abangu 957. E-Pietermaritzburg, kwabikwa amacala okuhlukumezeka kwabantu abadala angu 113 phakathi nezinyanga ezinhlanu kuphela, okuhlanganisa nodlame locansi olwenzeka kugogo oneminyaka engu 96. Ngisho nezingane aziphephile – umkhankaso we-#JusticeForCwecwe waqala ngemuva kokudlwengulwa kwentombazane

eneminyaka engu-7 esikoleni sayo. Ucwango lweSouth African Medical Research Council lukhombisa ukuthi amaphesenti angu 44 amacala okubulawa kwabesifazane (femicide) asahlala engaxazululiwe, kusukela kumaphesenti angu 30 ngo 2017. I-UN Women ibika ukuthi abesifazane abathathu bayabulawa nsuku zonke ngabalingani babo, kanti abasindile babhekana nezinhlelo zobulungiswa ezihamba kancane futhi ezivame ukungaphumeleli. Imikhosi yeNyanga Yabesifazane akufanele ibe ngenkulumo engenalutho, izimbali noma izithombe ezihlelwe kahle. Kumele kube wubizo oluqinile lokuthi abahlukumezi nababulali babhekana namacala abo, ukuletha ubulungiswa nokuvikelwa kwabesifazane. Inyanga Yabesifazane izohlala iyinyanga edabukisayo, hhayi yokugubha, kuze kube yilapho abesifazane namantombazane bengaphila ngaphandle kokwesaba mabehamba ngezinyawo, bebuya ekhaya, besesikoleni, emsebenzini noma ngaphakathi emakhaya abo uqobo.

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Some people think God loves them less than others, but that is not true. God's love is equal for all. He sent Jesus to die for everyone, not just certain groups. Just because things may seem to be going better for others doesn't mean God loves you less or favors them more. God loves you deeply and unconditionally.

What makes the difference is how you receive His love. You must understand that God loves you just as you are. You

don't have to earn His love. He chose to love you despite your flaws, not holding your sins against you. To accept His love, first accept His Son, Jesus Christ, into your heart as your Lord and Savior, and believe in what He has done for you on the cross.

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, thank You for loving me unconditionally. Thank You for Your grace and favor upon me and my family. I know You love me as I am, and there is nothing I can do to earn Your love because You've already chosen to love me just the way I am. Amen."



Ps Jim Mofokeng
King of Glory Chapel - 062 184 6956

Street Talk

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Special feature by Mpho Motaung



Roseline Motloug

"Women abuse is one of the most painful and unjust realities in society and it should never be accepted or normalized. It's not just an attack on one person, but the community."



Palesa Mkhwanazi

"Too many women confuse love with pain. Don't let emotions blind you. If he hurts you, it's not love. Real love respects, protects and uplifts. Know your worth before you lose yourself."



Manana Modise

"When a relationship starts showing signs of danger, don't wait for the final blow. Leave before the abuse takes your life. Your safety should never be the price of staying."



Gcinumuzi Gift Motaung

"As a man, I'm ashamed of how women suffer in our hands. We are meant to protect not destroy. It's time we call out abuse, teach respect and rebuild trust in our communities."



Mafusi Tsotetsi

"The first slap is never the last - it's just the beginning. That one slap becomes a punch. Next thing, it's 'Justice for Her.' Walk away the first time. Your life matters."



Zolani Silo

"To every woman living in fear: you are not alone. You are strong. Don't wait for a tragedy. Speak out. Reach out. Walk away. There is life and love after abuse."



Emily Motloug

"Women, stop accepting violence in the name of love. I have seen too many tears. If he hits, insults or controls you - that's not your future. That's your warning. Walk away. Know your worth."



Modiehi Modise

"We stay for the kids but at what cost? Your happiness matters too, mama. A broken home is not better than a broken spirit. Choose peace. Your children deserve a happy and alive mother."



Sphiwe Khanjashe

"To all survivors: you are not what happened to you. You are power. You are grace. You are strength. Keep rising. And to those still trapped there is a way out. Don't give up."

MEC Nobantu Nkomo-Ralehoko leads Measles 2025 Vaccination Campaign at Steve Biko Primary

This is a response to a persistent measles outbreak affecting Gauteng since 2022 – with over 370 confirmed cases since January.

The Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness led this successful Measles & Rubella Mass Vaccination Campaign in Ext 2.

The campaign was launched under the theme "Lifelong Protection against Measles and Rubella Disease." It started on 4 August and will run until 12 September. The campaign targets over 4 million children in schools, crèches and communities across all five health districts in the province. The MR vaccine, which protects against both measles and rubella, was introduced into the public immunisation schedule in late 2024 and is now being rolled out at scale.



Story and pics by JHB Health District

The MEC looks on as a learner receives her vaccine (pictured left) learners showing their marked thumbs after vaccinating

In honour of Tata Madiba, Letsheng Mall brings hope to Thuli Home



Images: Letsheng Mall

Letsheng Mall and Alma Clinic teamed up to donate bedding and a washing machine

In the true spirit of Mandela Month, this Lakeside's mall, extended a hand of compassion to Thuli Home on 31 July donating essential items including blankets, bedding, a washing machine and washing powder.

As part of the outreach, Alma Clinic, a

tenant at Letsheng Mall, joined the initiative and provided free health screenings to residents of Thuli Home on the day. Established in 2025, Thuli Home is a residential care facility for individuals with severe mental disabilities. The home currently supports over 50 male residents,

offering them basic care, rehabilitation and a safe environment. In his speech Letsheng Mall owner, Luca Altini, quoted the words of Nelson Mandela, "It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it". "This quote encapsulates the spirit of Mandela Day, and it's a value we live by

at Letsheng Mall. Giving back to the same community that supports us is both a duty and a privilege," Altini said. Letsheng Mall remains committed to uplifting the Orange Farm community through continued acts of goodwill and support.



DSJ: Fashioning hope beyond the runway



Image: Deep South Jozi

Young models spreading hope, handing over clothing and essentials at Thato Ke Matla

Deep South Jozi (DSJ), a modelling, edutainment and casting agency, is proving that fashion can be a force for change. Since its founding in 2017, the agency has blended youth talent development with a strong culture of compassion, dignity and community service.

In recent months, DSJ has stepped up its outreach through donation drives across Orange Farm's Ext 7b, Ext 9 (including Phase 2 and the Thato Ke Matla Care Centre), Ext 10 and Drieziek 1- the latter still rebuilding after a devastating fire. Clothing, blankets, food parcels and other essentials have reached orphaned children, struggling families and women in shelters like Ekuphumuleni Home of Peace, which praised DSJ for restoring residents' "sense of belonging and dignity." The heart of this work is the young DSJ models themselves. Model Nontle Xanti says the agency has shaped her beyond the runway:

"Modelling builds character and motivation. Being a model means being a role model," she shared, urging youth to "be helpful, not hateful." For beneficiaries like Mpotse Mofokeng, who cares for orphaned children in Ext 10 and Lebogang Silimfe, a mother of two who lost her home in the July fire, the impact is personal. Both expressed gratitude to DSJ and its energetic models for their support in difficult times. Founder Maqhawe Madela says the organisation's mission goes beyond glamour: "We give not because we have it all, but to give hope to the hopeless. These young models are committed to community work and we thank their parents for their support. Unity and humanity are our strength," said Madela. Deep South Jozi continues to prove that style and service can walk hand-in-hand, inspiring a new generation to use their talents for good.

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24⁹⁹

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39⁹⁹

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2 FOR R155



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145⁹⁹



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DARE2B brings hope and hygiene to Thetha Secondary



Joy fills the air as DARE2B delivers smiles and gratitude in Drieziek 4

In a powerful drive to support young girls in Orange Farm, DARE2B Foundation held a sanitary pad distribution event at Thetha Secondary School on 31 July.

The donation of sanitary towels was met with heartfelt gratitude and joy, as both educators and learners warmly welcomed the much-needed support.

Smiles, applause and words of thanks echoed through the school, marking a powerful moment of dignity restored and futures protected. The initiative is part of DARE2B's commitment to fighting period poverty in South Africa by providing free, reusable sanitary pads to schoolgirls who cannot afford disposable options.

"The pads, part of the DARE2B pack, last up to four years and help girls avoid

missing school due to their menstrual cycle – a common challenge that often leads to an average of five days of missed schooling each month," said DARE2B's Dudu Sithole. DARE2B, which stands for Developing Ambitious and Resilient Entrepreneurs, is a South African non-profit that has already distributed over R2.5-million worth of pads across the country.

The products are sewn by previously unemployed individuals trained through the organisation's 12 sewing centres nationwide, promoting both job creation and empowerment.

Alongside pad distribution, the Foundation also runs a Menstrual Health Education Programme to help girls manage their cycles with confidence, promoting a holistic lifestyle of dignity and self-respect.



CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE: Phumeza Pikela, Zodwa Zikhali, Thembi Manana and Khonzaphi Mbele are breaking barriers and helping girls stay in school with dignity

Girls Helping Galz brings dignity to Drieziek 4 - one pad at a time

A community - driven initiative, Girls Helping Galz, made its mark once again in Block 7, Drieziek 4 on 27 July. Led by Thembi Manana, Louisa Selepe, and Noma Zikode and supported by leaders from neighbouring blocks, the group continued their heartfelt mission: distributing sanitary towels to girls in need.

The idea was born from crisis. During a sewage blockage, the team discovered it was caused by items of clothing used as pads. Zikode told OFN: "We were heartbroken by what we saw. We didn't know if they belonged to adults or girls, but we knew something had to be done."

What began as a once-off act of kindness - buying pads from their own pockets - quickly turned into a

monthly act of service. "Girls started coming back, shyly asking if we had more. That's when we realised this was bigger than us," Zikode recalls. Without sponsorship or external funding, the trio consistently shows up - not just with pads, but with empathy, advice and encouragement. Their recent event brought together new and familiar faces, many of whom shared how much the support has meant to them. The group's goal is to expand and reach more girls across Drieziek and beyond. "No girl should miss school or feel ashamed because she doesn't have a pad," Zikode added. In a community where challenges are many, Girls Helping Galz is a beacon of hope - showing how far compassion and consistency can go.

Qiqa_Afrika's unique hip hop is shaking the game!



Image: Supplied by Qiqa_Afrika

Ext 1's Tshepiso Qiqaqonde Basa, is not just another name in the hip hop scene – he's already shaking the game and turning heads with his electrifying sound and unapologetic energy.

Known for his bold presence and lyrical authenticity, Qiqa_Afrika is set to officially release his much-anticipated single "Yoh Whee" a track he has already performed at events across Johannesburg, the Eastern Cape and Cape Town to enthusiastic crowds. "I've taken this song to different stages around the country and the energy is always insane. People feel it. I'm not trying to break into the industry – I'm already here. I'm the game changer," Qiqa_Afrika told OFN. With his eyes set on working with major talents like Sonwabile, the artist behind the chart-topping "Abekho" featuring Blxckie, Qiqa_Afrika is building a powerful brand rooted in originality, hustle and street credibility. Representing Orange Farm with pride, Qiqa_Afrika continues to push boundaries and inspire the culture. "Hip hop is how I speak my truth. I'm here to change the narrative – not just for me, but for the whole game," he concluded.



Image: LAWKIID

LAWKIID blazes his own trail...

unfiltered and unshaken

Lakeside's Thabang Isaac Mosibi, aka LAWKIID, is making serious noise with his raw, unapologetic sound.

At just 24, this hip-hop and African drill artist is blazing his own trail unfiltered, unshaken and unforgettable. Since stepping onto the scene in 2015, LAWKIID has been translating township life into hard-hitting bars and hypnotic beats. His music is a gritty blend of struggle, hustle and street truth served with lyrical flair and fearless energy.

He's graced stages like Unity Fest (Ha Fusi) and Esoteric Experience (Ha Kurula Ext 1), backed by local legends Ematekini Car Wash and Umakhamba Wethu Entertainment. LAWKIID's not just repping the township, he's amplifying it. 27 July, marked a major milestone with the release of his EP, "DIAPARO" a raw, poetic journey through pain, love and ambition. It's more than music it's a statement.

Now, LAWKIID is back with two new singles: the explosive "RE BUSY NQO!!" and the soul-searching "KE CHELLETWE" showcasing both his fire and finesse. "I've faced my share of demons, self - doubt and industry snakes but I keep it 100 with myself. That's what fuels the grind," said LAWKIID. He isn't just an artist he's a movement. His voice echoes through Orange Farm with purpose, power and pride.

"Money Makes Em Dance" delivers hard-hitting message!



Image: Nelson Novunga

Nelson Novunga, better known as KeedBronxDope, delivers a hard-hitting message in his latest single, "Money Makes Em Dance" featuring Western Kidd.

The track explores how money influences power, perception and dignity. Set against a laid-back beat, the song dives into social inequality - drawing a sharp contrast between those battling to survive and those thriving through wealth and status. It's not just music for entertainment, but for reflection and conversation. KeedBronxDope told OFN: "The phrase 'money makes the world go round' is real. But we need to talk about how it also makes people dance, often at the cost of their dignity." This single follows his introspective EP, "I AM WHO I AM" where he opened up about personal growth, pain, and purpose.

"It's about everything I've been through that shaped me into the man I am today," he said. Since 2019, KeedBronxDope has been active in the Johannesburg underground scene, performing at spots like Jimmy's Place and Chilax Lifestyle. Though some label his music "too conscious" he embraces the title. "I'm not here to sugarcoat the truth. I make music for the overlooked and unheard," he added.

125 suspects arrested in Orange Farm and Poortjie during crime prevention operation

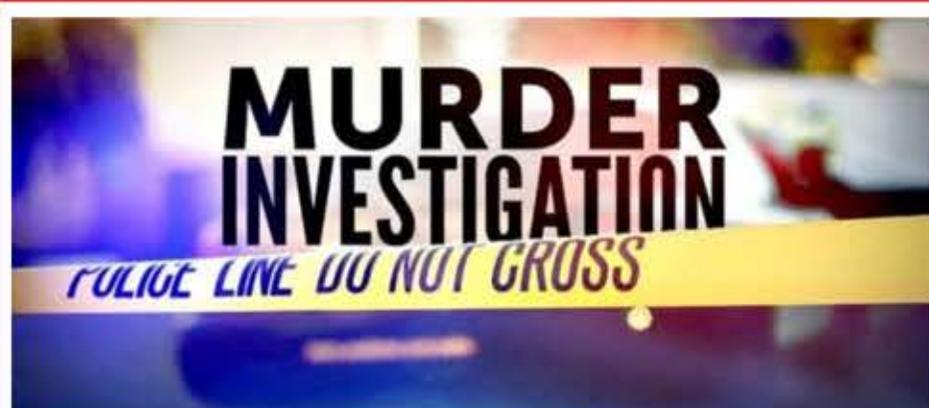


Orange Farm SAPS station commander, Brigadier Manamela, addresses law enforcement stakeholders during the parade

On 2 August, the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Sedibeng District, led a high-intensity integrated crime prevention operation in the Orange Farm and Poortjie policing precincts.

The operation was carried out in partnership with multiple law enforcement and community safety stakeholders, including the Department of Community Safety, Gauteng Traffic Wardens (GTWs), COMPOL, the Department of Home Affairs, Johannesburg Metro Police Department (JMPD), Siyabangena CPF Patrollers and Ward Councillors. The joint initiative focused on proactive policing strategies such as high-visibility patrols, roadblocks, vehicle checkpoints, raids on illegal shebeens, stop-and-search operations and the tracing of wanted suspects. As a result of the operation, 125 suspects were arrested, including 19 for drinking and driving, while 11 AARTO infringement notices were issued for various road traffic offences. Authorities also apprehended eight individuals for illegal immigration. Detective Services played a crucial

role by tracing and arresting suspects wanted for serious crimes including murder, attempted murder, robbery with weapons other than a firearm, rape, assault GBH and common assault. Several illegal, non-compliant shebeens were shut down during the operation. Items seized included ammunition, a gambling machine, illicit medication, illegal liquor and illicit cigarettes. Sedibeng District Commissioner, Major General Nkhensani Mukwevho, commended the success of the operation and expressed appreciation to all stakeholders for their commitment to the ongoing fight against crime in the district. Orange Farms SAPS communication officer, Sgt SJ Motsapi, said: "Our aim is to create safer communities through proactive enforcement and the collaboration of all safety stakeholders. Operations like these send a clear message to those who break the law there is no place to hide." Community members are urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to SAPS Crime Stop on 08600 10111 or via the My SAPS App.



Deadly Kasi - Two murdered, SAPS arrests four suspects

The streets of Orange Farm are becoming bloodstained battlegrounds, as violent crime continues to tighten its grip on the community.

The arrest of four suspects in separate incidents – deepening fears that dying from violent crime in Orange Farm is becoming more likely than from illness or accident.

Three suspects were arrested on 26 July, for a chilling case that unfolded on 23 June, in Ext 3. On that fateful day the police were called to a home where they found the lifeless body of a man in the yard. The homeowner alleged the victim was fatally assaulted by angry community members in a mob justice attack.

On 27 July, another murder rocked the kasi. Police were called to Stretford Clinic, where the body of a man with multiple stab wounds was discovered. An investigation was immediately launched and the suspect was swiftly identified and arrested on the same day.

Station commander Brigadier Mashole Jacob Manamela, strongly condemned the killings and praised the quick work by

investigators. He told *OFN*: "We applaud the Detective Service for their outstanding work. SAPS will continue to work closely with the Prosecutors to ensure that justice is served. We are making a clarion call to Faith-Based Organisations, community leaders and civil society to join hands with SAPS in tackling crime head-on."

Police spokesperson, Sgt Shaan Motsapi, also urged the community to co-operate with law enforcement and take a stand against crime.

"Police will continue putting criminals behind bars and keeping residents safe. Our job is to fight crime and put an end to these murders. All four suspects have appeared in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court facing charges of murder," Motsapi added.

According to Gauteng crime data, Orange Farm recorded 69 murders in just three months of late 2024 an astounding 92% increase, ranking it as the province's murder capital. In early 2025 it remained in the top three precincts for murder, rape (54 cases) and kidnapping (45 cases).

Stakeholders unite to empower Isikhumbuzo and Siyaphambili learners



Participating partners: SAPS, JMPD, EMS, Department of Health, Nedbank, PCO, OFUTA, NGOs and Disaster Management unite to empower and uplift the youth

Late last month, Orange Farms SAPS, in collaboration with various government departments and GBV stakeholder forums, hosted a vibrant Career Day

Exposition at Skhumbuzo/Siyaphambili Secondary Schools in Ext 2.

It was a red carpet rollout for the future a day dedicated

to inspiring hope, igniting the desire to learn and encouraging learners to become the best version of themselves.

"Learners received valuable guidance on a wide range of career paths, especially within SAPS. Key divisions showcased their work included the K9 Unit, Flying Squad, Forensic Services, Criminal Record Centre and Crime Scene Management," said Orange Farm SAPS communication officer, Sgt SJ Motsapi.

Support services such as Supply Chain, Human Resources and Legal Services were also highlighted that SAPS offers more than just frontline roles. Orange Farms GBV Coordinators and Sedibeng FCS engaged directly with learners, providing insight into their work and community impact. SAPS team also outlined the application process, entry requirements and training programmes for those aspiring to join the police service.

The event concluded with learners enthusiastically visiting various exhibition stalls by sister departments and NGOs, asking questions and explore their future possibilities.

LFA hosts powerful coaching seminar with FARPost



Proud moments for local coaches as they successfully complete an empowering coaching seminar aimed at building stronger football mentors in the Orange Farm

From 26 to 29 July, the Orange Farm Local Football Association (LFA), in partnership with FARPost, hosted an impactful weekend of football development and youth empowerment.

The three day programme included coaching seminars, clinics and school visits, with the goal of uplifting both coaches and learners in the community. The event kicked off with motivational visits to two schools – Theta Secondary School and Masibambane College where learners were encouraged to stay focused, avoid drugs, gangsterism and believe in their potential. One of the highlights was the presence of former Bafana Bafana and Orlando Pirates legend Edward Motale, who shared his personal journey and inspired the youth. Saturday's focus shifted to developing local coaches, with a dynamic coaching seminar led by former SAFA Technical Director Sudesh Singh Steenbok. The workshop offered practical insights, technical guidance and modern strategies aimed at enhancing coaching standards in the region. LFA chairperson Patrick Mokwena, praised the initiative. He told *OFN*: "Our mission is to build more than just players we are building a future. By investing in both our coaches and our youth, we are creating a stronger, safer and more empowered community through football."

The event was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from local coaches, learners and community members alike. Orange Farm LFA continues to lead the way in using sport as a tool for education, transformation and hope.



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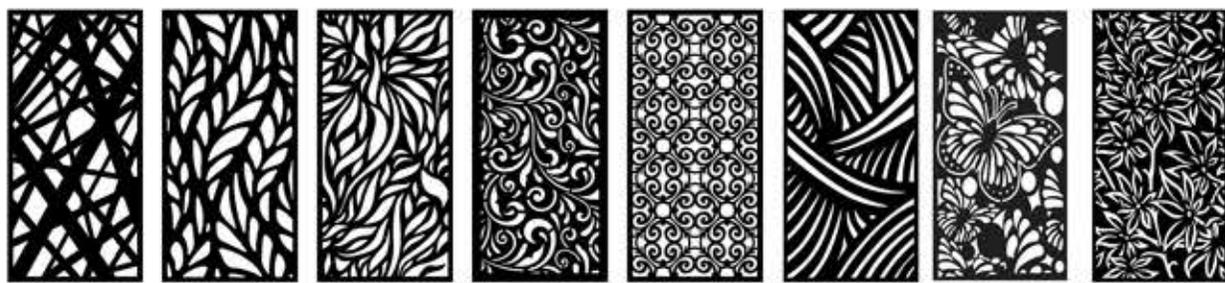
Halala! Thamsanqa Secondary wins SA Schools Netball Championships!

Under the passionate guidance of educator and coach Princess Nchabeleng, Thamsanqa Secondary School delivered a showstopping performance at the SA Schools Netball Championships, held at EG Jansen in Boksburg on 1 to 2 August. On the opening day, Thamsanqa played four pool games – winning all and securing their spot in the knockout rounds. Day two brought even tougher competition. In the semi-finals, they faced Buhlebemfundo from Soweto in a nail-biting clash. After a 7-7 draw in regulation time, Thamsanqa powered through extra time, scoring three more goals to seal the game 10 - 7. They then went on to defeat Luhlaza, a Cape Town-based school, with a convincing 5 - 0 win. The U17 SA Schools Netball Championships final was a thrilling all-Gauteng derby between Thamsanqa and Chipa Thabane from Pretoria – described by Nchabeleng as the “toughest game of the tournament.” Thamsanqa held their nerve to claim victory with a final score of 11- 9. In total they played eight matches undefeated throughout the tournament and proudly walking away as national champions. Nchabeleng told *OFN* “We went into the tournament focused and determined. The team gave everything on that court and it showed in every game we played.” Match results went as follows: Thamsanqa vs Portland (Cape Town): 11- 8; Thamsanqa vs Bukit Jalil (Malaysia): 13 - 11; Thamsanqa vs Diamant (Kimberley): 19 -7; Thamsanqa vs Voortrekker (Free State): 19 -11; Thamsanqa vs Loalane (North West): 15 - 4; Thamsanqa vs Buhlebemfundo (Soweto): 10 -7; Thamsanqa vs Luhlaza (Cape Town): 5 - 0



Image: Princess Nchabeleng

Orange Farm's pride reigns supreme as the queens of netball bring the title home!



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