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1. Introduction

Ubuhle School is an independent, non-profit school registered with the Department of Education and the NPO Directorate. The school provides quality education to farmworkers and farm-dwellers children surrounding Bronkhorstspuit.

The school started as a community development project and developed into a full-primary school from grades 1 to 7, as well as three classes for children with barriers-to-learning.

The school prides itself in the fact that all children progressing from Grade 1 can read and study independently.

The school is a legal body with full registration, including being a **Non-Profit Organisation** as well as a **Public Benefit Organisation**.

2. Location

Vlakfontein Farm is in the Tshwane Municipal area and situated in the North-Eastern corner of the Gauteng Province of South Africa. The area is in close proximity to the economic areas of Pretoria and Johannesburg, and easy access is provided via freeways.

Ubuhle School is an independent school and serves the children living on farms and townships surrounding Bronkhorstspuit town.

3. Impact

The school has made a huge impact on the development of the farmworker community. Most of the learners come from vulnerable backgrounds and some are orphaned. These children would be traveling 20 km daily to go to township school where they are taught in isiZulu from grade 1 to 3. They are then expected to learn six subjects in English from Grade 4 and many of them fail because some for the parents do not speak a word of English and are sadly illiterate, due to the painful history of farmworkers. There was no hope at all for children with barriers-to-learning, since there are no schools in the community or nearby townships that serve their needs. With all these challenges many of farm-children do not progress far in their high school education.

Ubuhle School has a been game-changer and provides our children with quality education that prepare them for high-school and for life in general. The educational model and curriculum prepare them to be independent thinkers and to be self-motivated.

We are hopeful that the education we provide will assist our learners to complete high school successfully and to go on to be employed successfully that can help provide for their extended families and break the cycle of poverty.

Our learners with barriers-to-learn includes children who are deaf and could not sign and had no other means of communication and now they can use sign language. Our intermediate learners with barriers have minimum literacy skills to read and write.

4. Message from the Chairman

The school has demonstrated resilience on challenges such as COVID 19, load shedding and the economic downturn affecting donations. We thank the parents, school community, sponsors and funders that made it possible for the school to reach its goals and objectives in academic year of 2022.



We would like to thank the support of parents with continuous payment of school fees and sponsors such as Jackalberry MBT events, which was successfully held September and November 2022. The Gauteng Department of Education and notable continuous contribution from community individuals and businesses have made it possible for the school to improve quality of education, renovate bathrooms and classrooms, build a school hall, rewire the electricity grid, and upgrade the sports facilities.

Year 2022 was successful with 263 learners that were registered with a 99% student pass rate. We are proud that learners participated in Gauteng Department of Education District competitions in athletics and gymnastics and performed well. We were able to continue offering a nutritional support for orphan and vulnerable learners.

We are grateful that selected staff could receive training in the ACE curriculum and first aid practices. Parents received reports every term and our year-end prizegiving was successful.

We proudly received a 10-year award from Accelerated Educational Enterprises and celebrated this milestone with the children and parents in our first ever Fun Day.

Thank you to those who brought joy to the hearts of our learners by providing handmade dolls and teddies for Christmas gifts.

We remain mindful of the goodness of God, His direction and provision lie at the heart of the mission of Ubuhle Christian School with massive challenges such as funding to sustain the learners from farming community.

Silumko Mfene

5. Message from the Founder

We thank all our donors for their steadfast and significant support of Ubhle Christian School in 2022.

We are grateful that we achieved the following in 2022:

- ❖ 263 learners registered
- ❖ Quarterly parents' meetings and reports issued
- ❖ Parent orientation and phonetic reading workshop
- ❖ 99% student pass rate
- ❖ Successful Jackalberry MTB Xtreme event in September and the larger MTB November event.
- ❖ Renovations of bathrooms and classrooms
- ❖ AGM held in Feb 2022 with excellent parent attendance
- ❖ Building of school hall
- ❖ Grade 1 educational activity centre built and launched
- ❖ Learners participated in district competitions in athletics and gymnastics
- ❖ Nutritional support for orphan and vulnerable learners
- ❖ Rewiring the electricity grid of the school
- ❖ Sports facilities upgraded
- ❖ Heritage Celebrations with song and dance
- ❖ 10-Year celebration and fun day
- ❖ Staff training in ACE curriculum and first aid
- ❖ Successful prizegiving
- ❖ Extra reading classes in the library for 51 learners
- ❖ A Christmas gift for each learner
- ❖ Grade 7 Farewell



I praise the Lord for His protection of our management, staff and learners and for His endless provision.

Melanie Prinsloo

6. Achievements

Number of learners - 2022

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
1A	9	12	21
1B	10	12	21
Total	19	24	43
2A	8	13	21
2B	9	12	21
Total	17	25	42
3A	8	14	22
3B	14	9	23
Total	22	23	44
4A	7	12	19
4B	12	5	17
Total	19	17	36
5A	11	10	21
5B	16	3	19
Total	27	13	40
6A	12	7	19
6B	14	4	19
Total	27	11	38
7A/B	8	12	20
TOTAL	138	125	263

Includes 40 LSEN Learners (Learners with Special Educational Needs)

Buildings and Grounds

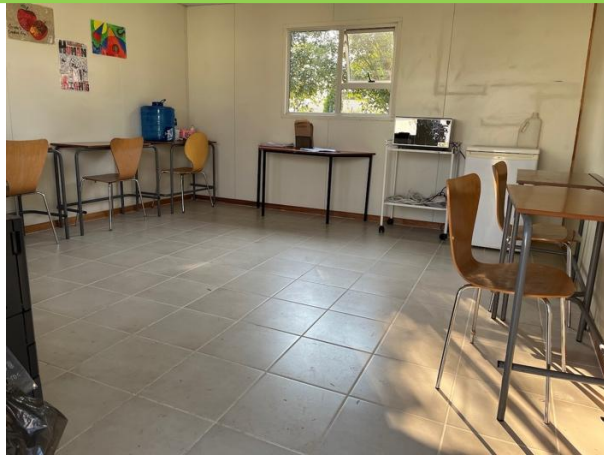
Maintenance

Maintenance on the existing building included re-tiling the kitchen, painting the kitchen and bathrooms and brick classroom floors.



Ablution tiled and painted

Desks painted



Staffroom – newly tiled



Brick classroom – floors repainted

School/Sports Hall

The school hall foundation and roof structure are complete, and we thank the Jackalberry Cyclists for raising the funds that enabled us to build the hall.



Open Hall Structure



Hall under construction

Electricity Installations

The entire electricity grid of the school was rewired, and a Certificate of Compliance were secured. Thank you to the Bien Donne Trust for providing the funding.

New Grade 1 Educational Activity Centre

The educational activity centre contains books, puzzles, building blocks, skipping ropes, beanbags, and many other educational toys.



Feeding Scheme

Orphan and vulnerable learners are served breakfast and lunch. We thank Futurelife for their donation.



Valentine's Visit

Selected Grade 2 learners visited one of our major donors, Refinex. They assisted us in so many ways in 2022. Thank you!



Merit Shop

Learners earn points for academic excellence, good behaviour and character and can purchase items at our monthly merit shop with their points.



Commercial Garden

A group of five youth is managing the commercial garden.



Seedlings Planted



Growing



Harvesting



Selling

Vegetables were harvested and sold to parents, school staff and shops in Bronkhorstspuit.

We thank John Deere for funding a rotovator and other equipment for the vegetable garden.



Rotovator & Lawnmower

7. Sport and Events

Athletics

In-house athletics was fun, and learners also participated in the Gauteng North district competition.



Events included sprinting, long distance running, high jump, far jump and discus.



Gymnastics

Every learner at school participates in gymnastics. A team is then selected to participate in school competitions on district, provincial and national level.

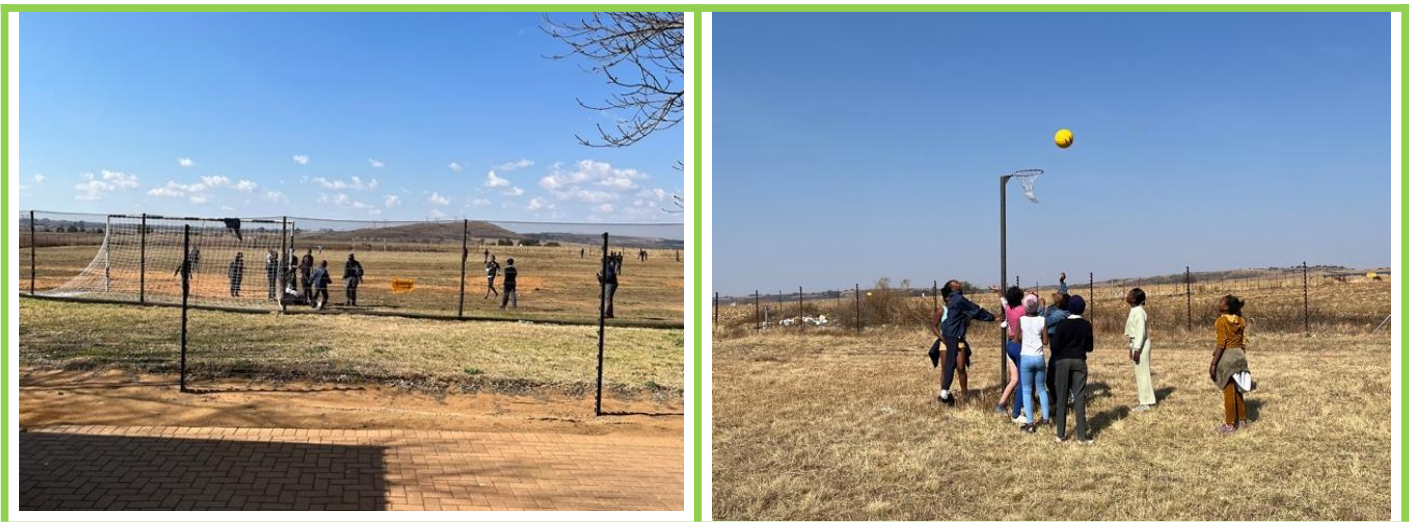


Selected learners participated in a provincial school gymnastics competition.



Soccer/Netball

Learners are enjoying our newly developed soccer & netball field. Poles and nets are in place, but there is still a lot of work to be done on the ground itself including grading the fields, planting grass and a cement slab for the netball field.



8. Training and Activities

Parent Phonetic Reading Workshop

All Grade 1 and new parents attended a Phonetic Reading Workshop early in the year to equip them to assist their children with reading.



ACE Convention 10-Year Award

We received our 10-year award ACE's Convention from the ACE Head Office with thankful hearts.



Left: ACE CEO S

Right ACE CEO USA



Left: Principal Anna Kaura

Right: CEO: Melanie Prinsloo

First-Aid Training

Two staff members received training in First-Aid.



Heritage Day Celebration

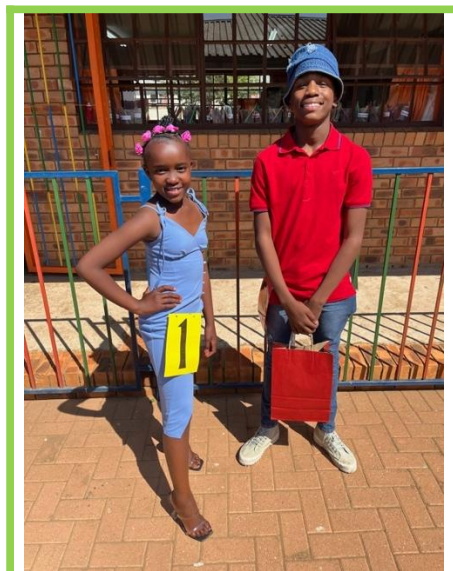
Heritage Day was celebrated with song and dance.



Best dressed learners received prizes.



A Mr. & Miss Heritage was elected. Congratulations!



10-Year Celebration and Family Fun Day

We celebrated the school's 10-year birthday with staff, parents and learners on 1 October.



Fun walk



Boerewors braai



Water slide



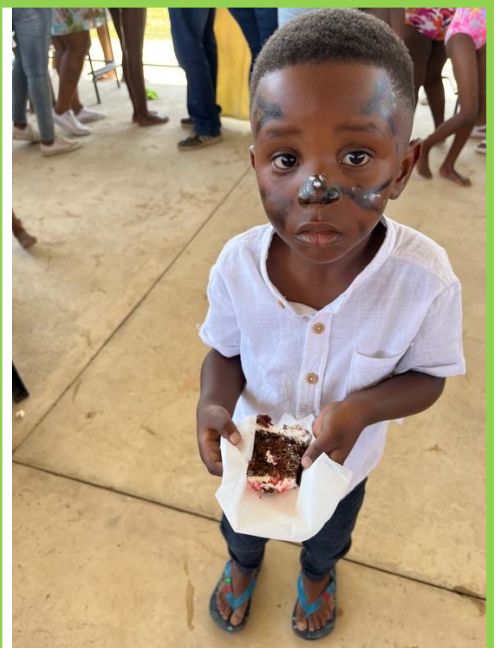
Trampoline jumping



Face painting



Family fun



Thank you to the staff for their hard work and all the parents for supporting the event. We love each and every one of our beautiful children.

Jackalberry MTB Challenge

The Jackalberry mountain-biking cyclists have been supporting the school for the past eleven years by cycling to raise funds to build classrooms for our learners. This year their funds built a Grade 5 classroom and there were also funds left for the foundation for our school hall.

Xtreme MTB Event – September 2022

Fifteen super-fit riders cycled 248 km in **one** day from the school to Machadodorp.



*A big thank you to our Primary JBX Sponsor – **Foxy Stationers***



Jackalberry MTB Event – November 2022

The riders cycle 277 km in **two** days from the school to Machadodorp. These cyclists have literally built the school one classroom at a time. This year their contribution went towards completing the school hall.



A big thank you to our Primary JB Sponsors:
- 4PL Logistics, Six Square Network & Rototech/Rotosure -

We also thank our Hotspot Sponsors



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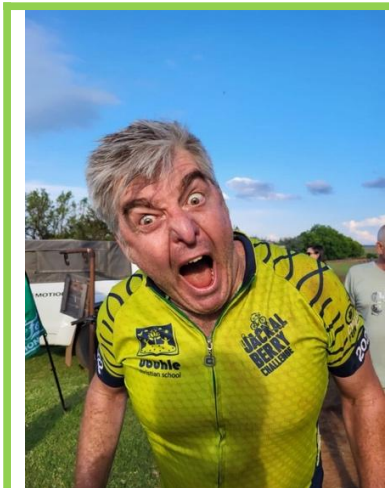


Foxy Stationers

Highlights of the ride...



Two of the main organisers...**well done**... for always making sure it is a **FUN** ride!!



Grade 7 Farewell

The Grade 7 learners enjoyed their farewell party, and we wish the all the best for high school.



Go teachers!!

School Prizegiving

We are proud of our learners and their achievements in 2022.





Parents and learners in our new hall



Dancing



Goodbye Grade 7's

9. Donors and Volunteers

Planting Trees

The staff of 4PL Logistics planted trees on our sports field.



Mali Martin and City of Tshwane planted trees on our school grounds.



Laptop Donation

We thank Radio Pulpit / I am Youth for donating 15 laptops for our computer centre.



Volunteer from the UK – Leanne Freeman

Leanne Freeman volunteered at the school handing out clothing to the community and assisting learners with reading.



Handknitted Beanies

Each Grade 1 learner received a handknitted beanie.



Refinex staff knitted teddies

Teddies for Christmas gifts knitted by Renifex staff members brought joy to the children.



Seven Rivers Ministry

USA missionaries Dave and Karin Brown is part of a ministry in Kwazulu Natal and the Seven Rivers knitters sent dolls to our children to bless them for Christmas. Teachers hand-picked a unique doll for each learner.



Kinder Unser Welt (German Donors)

Bernhardt and Claudia visited our project in November. KUW has been a faithful donor since the inception of the school. Thank you for your faithfulness. They assisted with the school bus transport and feeding scheme in 2022.



10. Testimonies

Staff

Afrikaans Teacher

I began working at Ubuhle School in May 2021. I did not know what to expect since they use a different Curriculum from what I knew. I found it challenging, but quickly adjusted, especially after attending and ACE training in which I received a 100% mark in all my tests. The main thing I love about the school is the core Christian values.

We are fortunate enough to meet as a staff for devotion which is always spiritually uplifting. We are under the great leadership of Mrs Anna Kaura our principal and our CEO, Mrs Melanie Prinsloo, which makes this a beautiful environment to work in and it feels like we are one big family.

Busisiwe Zwane



Teacher – Grade 5

Ubuhle Christian School is a good school and a safe place where children learn things that will help them make a strong start in life. A foundation is laid where children develop the desire to learn and a where they are given the tools to develop a strong faith.

We work together as team who are positive as strive to improve the school. As teachers we are blessed to be given an opportunity to work with such beautiful children.

Kate Mahlangu



Assistant Teacher – Grade 6

I started at Ubuhle Christian School in May 2021. I was introduced to the ACE Curriculum which was challenging at first until I attended a training with the Curriculum provider.

The school has helped me to grow spiritually, and I love the fact that the ACE Curriculum teaches learners the Godly way of doing things. Ubuhle had a great impact on all aspects of my life. I am grateful to be part of the staff.

Boitumelo Ndubeni



Afrikaans Teacher

My life changed slowly as I got more involved with Ubuhle Christian School. From day one I could feel the love, love for God, love for each other, and a great love for the children. In the mornings we start the day with devotion where we read the Bible, sing and worship our Father in heaven. The perfect way to start the day.

I have learned so much from my colleagues and the Head of Departments. My lesson plans and projects have improved. The school is making a difference in every child's life.

Rika van Wyk



Teacher – Gr 2

I am very pleased and thankful for being in this school, especially for working with the smaller kids. I am impressed with the way classes and teaching happens and that the learners are taught independence and responsibility.

I feel fortunate to be part of this encouraging and supporting environment filled with kindness, patience, understanding and advice. The staff is bound together by love and we do things through Christ who gives us strength.

Nonhlanhla Skosana

Learners

Kgathontle Mathibela

Ubuhle school is a good school. I love the school because we work hard, and the teachers work hard too.

In Grade 1 my teacher was Gogo Nube, in Grade 2 it was teacher Thobeka, and now in Grade 3 it is teacher Hellen. Our principal is Mam Anna, and our CEO is Mam Melanie Prinsloo.

Grade 3



Andile Mbambo

I would like to thank the teachers of Ubuhle School for treating us like children of God, worthy of respect and dignity.

Ubuhle School encouraged me to put my faith in Christ in good times and in hard times. I have learned about God's grace, and I am a child of God today.

Grade 4



Kunashe Chifamba

My school is very nice and I am enjoying it. Every day we write in our books, score our work and do sports.

My teachers are kind and I like all of them. We learn many things about God, and also about life.

I have so many stars in my office for completing my work every day and complete my goals.

Grade 5



Rulph Tau

Ubuhle School helped me to work well in class and to feel happy.

I learned how to obey my teachers and read the Bible.

I understand my work and finish my goals every day.

Grade 6



Donovan Mahlangu

Ubuhle School has helped to conquer and finish the goals I set every day. I love the school since the first time I came here. The school makes me feel happy and safe and I understand my work.

The school taught me how to listen to teachers and how to plan my work. I received a prize at the prizegiving and I was very happy.

Grade 6



11. Governance

School Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

CHAIRPERSON

Silumko Mfene
Community Member

VICE CHAIRPERSON

Zintle Mokgapa
Director

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Melanie Prinsloo
Founder & Director

NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Jabulani Mthimkhulu
Parent

Faith Dlamini-Mnyathe
Parent

Pinky Mayisa
Parent

PRINCIPAL (Ex Officio)

Anna Kaura

Faith Dlamini-Mnyathe
Parent

Phindile Motha
Parent

Johannes Gama
Community Youth

Staff

PRINCIPAL

Anna Kaura

OFFICE SUPPORT

Angel Lukhuleni
Sarah Mgidi

FINANCE/PROCUREMENT

Eunice Ndala

PHASE LEADERS

Thobeka Masondo (GR 1-3)
Lebo Mabona (GR 4-7)
Rose Chiloane (LSEN)

TEACHERS

Foundation Phase:

Thoko Ncube (Gr 1A)
Thuli Ngobeni (Gr 1B)
Thobeka Masondo (Gr 2A)
Nonhlanhla Skosana (Gr 2B)
Leah Mamaila (Gr 3A)
Hellen Malobola (Gr 3B)
Pauline Masola (Remedial)

Intermediate Phase:

Thandeka Nkambule (Gr 4A)
Harry Machacha (Gr 5A)
Nqobile Memela (Gr 6A)

Senior Phase

Lebo Mabona (Gr 7A)

Learners with Special Education Needs(LSEN)

Rose Chiloane (Gr 4B)
Kate Mahlangu (Gr 5B)
Nokuthula Matshika (Gr 6/7B)

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