



Bafokeng pupils excel in 2010 Matric Results

By Lekgetho Matlhaga

Despite the challenges that pupils across South Africa faced in the previous academic year, Bafokeng pupils have managed to excel once again. In the 2010 academic year, Bafokeng students once again outperformed their peers and the 6 Bafokeng High schools achieved a pass rate of 84.2% (compared to a national pass rate of 76.8%). This compares very favourably with 78% in 2009 (2009 national pass rate: 60.7%) and 70% in 2008 (2008 national pass rate: 62.5%).

Charora achieved a 100% pass rate for the second year in a row. Mmanape achieved a 93.6% pass rate, which is very significant as it was the RBN's only "trapped school" last year (pass rate less than 60%). The Lebone II College of Excellence also achieved a 100% pass rate, but it wrote the Independent Examination Board (IEB) papers.

In order to achieve the development goals outlined in Vision 2020 and the Masterplan, innovative education solutions are promoted at all levels of the Royal Bafokeng

Nation. More than forty schools, located throughout the Bafokeng region, are upgraded every year through a range of projects and programs. In the 2011 financial year, R10 million is to be spent on school infrastructure.

Feeding schemes in junior, middle and secondary schools are being expanded and the budget for the feeding scheme in 2011 exceeds R11 million. Loans and technical and vocational training funding to the value of more than R43 million are to be provided in 2011. Continues teacher development takes place and a Bafokeng Principals Forum and SGB (School Governing Body) Forum has been established as well.

The excitement and hype around the World Cup somehow contributed to pupils spending the first half of the year out of school. From the pleasant World Cup experience, pupils, teachers and the rest of the nation were dealt a huge blow when teachers went on a three week long strike, plunging the Education Department into



Picture: Theron Rapoo

Some of the pupils who attended RBI lessons during the national teachers strike

uncertainties and panic.

With great assistance from the RBI, pupils from Bafokeng schools attended lessons at the Civic centres' auditorium while the strike was going on. From those lessons, at least in part, came the very satisfactory results across RBN schools.

In his remarks as he congratulated his academic staff on the school's matric results, the headmaster of Lebone II College, George Harris, mentioned that this is a mark of a dedicated staff which goes the extra mile in assisting an often unmotivated teenage group to achieve their full potential. Harris said he hopes for an even better set of results in 2011.

Lebone II College is a leading independent preparatory and secondary school and also serves as a model of educational excellence where teachers, pupils and school leaders from other schools can observe and participate in educational best practices.

Last year's results clearly illustrate a significant improvement since the inception of Royal Bafokeng Institute in 2008. Royal Bafokeng Institute was established with the aim of improving the standards of teaching and learning in the schools situated in the Bafokeng region. Extra classes, the input and support of Bafokeng teachers, and SABC interventions seem to have motivated learners to perform to the best of their abilities.

The National pass rate represents an increase of 7.2% on the 2009 results (60.6%). The percentage of Grade 12 learners who qualified to enter a Bachelor's programme has gone up to 23.5% from 19.9% in 2009.

During the announcement of the national Grade 12 examination results for 2010 (06 January 2011), Mrs Angie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, stated that "2010 was an extraordinary year for all South Africans, particularly so for learners ... The Class of 2010 was simply distinctive."



Picture: Theron Rapoo

Pupils sharing study tips at the Civic Centre Auditorium

Vision statement

"We the Bafokeng Nation, the Supreme Council and Kgosi, are determined to develop ourselves to be a self sufficient Nation by the second decade of the 21 century."

Mission statement

"We give our full and relentless commitment to provide our nation with all basic human needs. To provide continued promotion of respect and enhancement of our culture and economic self sufficiency. In all these endeavours we shall not falter in holding our respect to our Kgosi and the Nation, and hold dear our land."

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ITSE MOTSE WA GAGO: Tsheka-tsheko ya motse wa Kanana

By Mercy Mokgatle

Motse

Motse wa Kanana ke motse o o dikilometara di le 15 kwa botlhaba jwa Phokeng, mme o bogolo jwa di-hektara di le 823. Motse wa Kanana ke o mogolo go latela Phokeng, fa go tla mo dipalo-palong tsa mafelo a bonno kwa lefelong leno. Motse o, o na le dikgaolo di ka nna 13, dingwe tsa tsona di akaretsa mafelo a a jaaka, Setlhokwe, Kotikwe, Kgapaatswane, Atamelang, Motlhabeng, Motlhabeng 5, Bethel, Mataleng, Khutsong, Phetoane le Mpheretlhane. Bontlhabongwe jwa lefatshe la Kanana bo dirisetswa meepo le go lema.

Dikgosana le Dikutle

Kwa Motseng wa Kanana go Dikgosana le dikutle di le thataro. Kutle ya Basiga e eteletse pele ke Kgosana Motswe, ya Maleksha a kgweediwa ke Kgosana Maledu, Kgosana Rapetsana o okame kutle ya ba kwa Lemenong, Kgosana Ntsimane ena a lebagane le Batlase, Kgosana Mahuma a eteletse pele Bagajane, fa Kgosana Mokgwatheng e le Kgosana ya kutle ya Madibana.

Tlhago

Motse wa Kanana o itsege thata ka Matsukubyane Dam, e e kgabaganyang kwa toropong ya Rustenburg, e fete ka Kanana mme e elele go fitlha kwa Vaal Dam. Dithaba tse di phatlhaletseng le motse le tsona di akaretsa bontle jo bo kgatlhisang jwa lefelo leno.

Dikgwetlho kwa Motseng

Jaaka motse mongwe le mongwe o itemogela dikgwetlho, motse wa Kanana le ona o itemogela makoa a a rileng, fa go tla mo ntlheng ya ditirelo. Ditsela e santse e le bothata go baagi, mme MoKhanselara Wele Moteane, o tlhalosa fa se e tiile go nna bothata jwa maloba. Moteane o tlhalositse fa go tiile go tsenngwa dipone, ditsela tsa paving, le metsi kwa dikgaolong dingwe tsa motse.

Lentswe la Basha

Mosha wa kwa Kanana, Gertrude Malebang, o tlhalosa fa botlhoka tiro e le sekgoreletsi se segolo mo basheng ba kgaolo eno. Malebang a re o eletsa go bona bana ba ba dikobo di khutshwane, ba sa tlhole ba duelela go tsena

dikolo. Ntlha e nngwe e e sulafaletsang Malebang, ke fa a tlhalosa gore go bonagala fa merafe e e seng Bafokeng, e leng bona ba bona ditiro kwa moepong wa Shaft 16, o o leng kwa Kgaolong eno.

Mosha yo mongwe yo e leng moeteledipele wa mokgatlho wa basha e leng Sakheni Youth Movement a re mokgatlho wa bona o dirisana thata le ba LoveLife ka go kgobokanya basha le go ba tsibosa ka dikotsi tsa diritibatsi, nnotagi le HIV/AIDS, gareng ga tse dingwe.

MoKhanselara Moteane o ne a akgela ka gore lefelo la metshameko, e leng Sports Ground, le tliile go ntshwafadiwa le go dirisiwa ke basha ba motse go tsaya karolo mo metshamekong e e farologaneng.

Kgwebo

Rrakgwebo wa lebenkele la Bonang Masia Supermarket and Restaurant, Keorapetse Masia, a re godimo ga tsothe o lebogela tshegetso ya baagi mo kgwebong ya gagwe, mme o solofela fa morafe wa Kanana o ka ema ka dinao, go batla ditshono tse di leng teng tsa kgwebo kwa motseng ono. Kopo ya gagwe ke fa a ka bona go tsentswe ditsela, kgelelo ya leswe le go bona kgokagano ya megala ya difounu, go tswa kwa Telkom.

Dintlha dingwe tsa botlhokwa ka ga motse wa Kanana:

- Motse wa Kanana o na le dikolo di le 6 e leng: Sekete High School, Matsukubyane Middle School, St. Gerald Middle School, Thotlheletsang Primary School, Kanana Primary School le St. Michaels Primary School.
- Nngwe ya dithaba tse di kwa Kanana e e itsege jaaka thaba ya Malejane e ne itsege jaaka 'Thaba ya Badimo' kwa go neng go rapelelwa pula gona.
- Motse wa Kanana o na le basha ba palo e kwa godimo.
- Sekolo se segolo sa Sekete se itsege ka go ntsha dipholo tse di kgatlhisang tsa materiki.



Bontlhabongwe jwa letamo la Matsukubyane

Picture: Theron Rapoo

The RBN Operations Room



The online Home Page of the Operations Room

By Dr Elmie Castleman

The Royal Bafokeng Nation's Operations Room is a handy communication tool where stakeholders, Morafe and the world can view projects that have been registered, their timeline and any relevant announcements. The RBN Operations Room is managed by the Project Management Office in the Planning Department of the Royal Bafokeng Administration.

Its purpose is to collect and display all information on projects in the RBN, in order to enable managers to monitor the progress of projects, (but also to attract funders) and to display the projects which are in

progress in a user-friendly manner to the community, staff, funders and other stakeholders.

The Operations Room has its own dedicated website (www.rbnoperationsroom.com) to enable users to access information easily over the Internet. The Ops-Room is web-based, and because it is 'mobi-enabled', anyone can access it on their smart phone, from anywhere in the world.

There is also a physical Operations Room inside the Civic Centre, where managers can host project-related meetings with the information displayed on five big plasma

screens. The room can accommodate 16 participants at a time.

The PMO believes that the Operations Room will support effective and efficient management of projects in the RBN, as well as allow for transparent communication thereof, with its stakeholders.

For more information please contact the PMO team (Dr. Elmie Castleman, Magauta Molokwane, Jean Slabbert, Lebogang Kgongwana, Nkagiseng Tuge, Ororiseng Mapeka and Rorisang Mathuloe) by sending a mail to pmo@bafokeng.com.

We value your suggestions and queries

Our role is to ensure that we maintain efficient and effective communication with all stakeholders particularly the community. Therefore you are encouraged to send all enquiries, queries and suggestions to Rre Keorapetse Tumagole, Public Affairs Executive, at Bafokeng Civic Center or email, info@bafokeng.com

Ditshwaelo tsa gago di botlhokwa

Maikarabelo a rona ke go netefatsa kgolagano e e edileng le botlhe segolobogolo Morafe wa rona. Ka go rialo, re go rotloetsa go romela dipotso, dingongorego le ditshwaelo go Motsamaisi wa Public Affairs, Rre Keorapetse Tumagole kwa Bafokeng Civic Centre kgotsa ka email mo, info@bafokeng.com

Investment News

By Martin Bekker

Mid-December saw Royal Bafokeng Holdings acquire a 5% stake in the banking giant, Rand Merchant Bank Holdings (RMBH), for R2.5 billion. Mr. Niall Carroll, CEO of RBH, explained that the Bafokeng financial model of achieving a more sustainable long-term investment vehicle involves diversifying our investments, and as such, this deal would "enhance our existing investment portfolio through significant exposure to a leading financial services group, and to work with like-minded people whose values, behaviour and investment philosophies we admire and respect".

This investment coincides with the restructuring of RMBH, a key feature

of which is the separation of RMBH's banking and insurance interests. In terms of the RBH investment, RBH will hold 5% of the banking component, RMBH, and 4.9% of the insurance component, to be known as Rand Merchant Insurance Holdings Limited (RMI).

Mr Carroll mused that this newly established partnership will hopefully grow "over time, to develop a pan-African financial services champion in which the pursuit of excellence and fundamental transformation are mutually reinforcing concepts."

The market responded very positively to the announcement.



RBH CEO Niall Carroll

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More PULA in 2011...

By Martin Bekker

From 14 February 2011, community members can expect to receive a visit from someone wearing "Africascope" branding, requesting 10-15 minutes of the household head to ask some questions for a research project called the "Population and Land-Use Audit", or PULA. Please assist these teams and give them your time and cooperation.

In order to design and deliver the best possible services to meet the

community's needs, it is important to know how many people live on Bafokeng land, and what services they require. PULA will generate the information to answer these questions.

Later on in 2011, nurses will visit a smaller number of households to collect additional information for the Bafokeng Household Survey (HHS).

These two projects will employ 60-90 Bafokeng, who are being trained

in research methods. The results of the two projects will be available in late 2011, and will provide more reliable information about the state of our community and its needs than we've ever had before.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and don't hesitate to direct any questions or concerns to the Research & Planning Department at **(014) 566 1484**.

A Lentswe la Gago le Utlwale!

Lekwalo dikgang la Segoagoe le go laletsa go romela dikakanyo le ditshwaelo dingwe le dingwe tse o ka tswang o na le tsona go makeitnews@bafokeng.co, kgotsa wa di tliša ka namana kwa Bafokeng Civic Centre.

Ditshwaelo di letleletswe go fitlha labotlhano wa bobedi wa kgwedi nngwe le nngwe. Mokwadi o rotloedwa go kwala bokana ka mafoko a le 400, e seng go feta.

Ditshwaelo ka puo ya Setswana le ya Sekgoa di amogelesegile. O gakololwa go akaretsa leina la gago, dinomoro tsa mogala, le lefelo la bonno mo lekwalong la gago.

ELA TLHOKO: Botsamaisi bo nale thata ya go tlohpha makwalo a a siametseng go phasaladiwa.

THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE ROYAL BAFOKENG YOUTH CHOIR

DATE: Friday 18th February

VENUE: Lebone II – College of the Royal Bafokeng Hall

TIME: 6.30pm for 7pm

COST: NONE! IT'S ABSOLUTELY FREE!

Please join us for an evening of wonderful choral entertainment including President Mangope High School Choir, Charora High School Choir, Lebone II College Choir and The Royal Bafokeng Youth Choir.

For more information contact Mr Gareth Dry on 0731446886 or at garethdry@lebonecollege.co.za

The sky is no limit for the first RBN Female Pilots

By Mercy Mokgatle

The Bafokeng Community will soon get its first female pilots. In just few months, two young women, Mmamoabi Mogau from Kanana and Kgothatso Khunou from Photsaneng, who are currently training at Westline Aviation in Bloemfontein, will qualify as pilots.

The training, which is sponsored by the RBN Safety and Security department, aims to qualify the women as commercial pilots. If successful, the women will be appointed in the Air Wing section of this department for observation, monitoring and crime prevention duties.

Having recently matriculated, Mmamoabi did not anticipate being where she is right now. She said she can't wait to be a pilot, especially since she was once discouraged from pursuing studies to become a pilot by relatives who had fears that she would fall from the sky. A while later an opportunity presented itself:



(From L-R) Kgothatso Khunou and Mmamoabi Mogau

she saw an advert in the newspaper calling for applications. She applied and as they say, 'the rest was history'.

Kgothatso on the other hand is a qualified Biotechnologist, she holds a National Diploma in Biotechnology

with Tshwane University of Technology. She said being in training and a woman in a male dominated career is not easy, but she's making the most out of it.

The trainees said to become a pilot, one has to undergo intensive

training that includes taking flight lessons and flying a certain number of hours, first with an instructor and then alone. The training also comprises of theoretical lessons, which include seven subjects. Currently the women have completed five subjects in the private pilot phase and if everything goes well, they will be awarded private licenses by next year.

Before being absorbed into the training program, the candidates have to undergo interviews, medical fitness tests and psychometric tests. These are used to measure the abilities of a would-be pilot. The candidates also need to have a strong understanding of maths and science subjects, be medically fit, and be quick and an analytical thinkers.

Both women hope to be the icons for young Bafokeng women to show them that they can thrive in a male-dominated industry.