

## Hot off the press

- We are proud of former scholar Luvo Nkole who has made the hockey first team at the University of Pretoria while studying sports psychology
- Grahamstown hosts the National SciFest in Grahamstown in March. Gadra is organizing science clubs run by university students in three schools in Grahamstown. To improve engagement with science.

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## Gadra goes top of the class

Congratulation to all the students of the Gadra matric school, an NGO supported by FOGADD. The Matric school gives students a second chance to take their school leaving exams known as Matric.

Gadra Education Manager, Ashley Westaway was pleased with the school's 100% pass rate.

said. Subject highlights at Gadra were Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Accounting and History.



which allows the students to study at tertiary level.

FOGADD sponsored ten students last year and we are delighted that eight of those students have gained admission to Rhodes University.

They will be studying a range of subjects including law, music and science. The other two have gained University places in the Western Cape.

"This also means that Gadra, which caters largely for disadvantaged students, is the biggest producer of Bachelor passes in Grahamstown and remains the biggest feeder school for Rhodes University," Westaway

Some of the successful maths and science students

Well done to all of them!

A total of 106 students passed matric with good enough grades to go to university and a further 56 passed at diploma level

## Grassroots literacy

A FOGADD trustee recently visited St Marys Development and Care Centre to help out with some of the after school activities. Recent research has shown that 78% of ten year olds in South Africa cannot read for meaning. One of the child care workers realised that

many children at St Marys can say the alphabet but do not yet know their letters and cannot write their names. She was working on writing letters with the children and later they enjoyed an electronic game to help with concentration.



# Scholars helping each other

Current FOGADD scholars are pictured with a former Scholar Runita Williams (3<sup>rd</sup> from right). Runita finished at PJ Olivier High School in 2011. She then went to Rhodes University to study for her BCom in Economics and Management and has just completed her PGCE. As part of her studies she returned to the school which helped her so much, to shadow her own Economics teacher.

Doing this has meant that she has taught some of the next generation of scholars – an amazing opportunity for them to be able to see what they too could achieve. Runita wanted to thank everyone who

has contributed, allowing her to gain an education that would otherwise have been beyond her family's reach. She urges people to continue to help other young people to achieve their goals.



*Pictured below:  
New garden ready  
for planting and  
compost making  
in action*

## Green shoots

We are delighted that Siyazama pre-school received an international flag for its commitment to sustainability. It has been in the Eco Schools programme for over five years.

“Our children learn about the environment such as how to conserve water and how to grow vegetables.

The children help in the vegetable garden and they know that the vegetables they eat everyday come from the garden,” shared Ms Baliso, the head teacher.

Siyazama also has an extra garden for the local community to use

to grow their own produce to eat or to sell.

You may have heard about the current serious drought in South Africa. Siyazama is doing its bit to save water with its dry composting toilet system (visible in the background of the picture below right).



# 100 years of caring for children



2017 was the Centenary of Child and Family Welfare in Grahamstown. Over the years it has transformed

itself from charity work to professional social work.

Although Child Welfare receives a government subsidy it does not cover all costs so they rely on support from other grant making organisations such as FOGADD to enable them to perform prevention and early intervention work as well as meeting statutory obligations.

A new pre-school building for 3-4 year olds with three

classrooms and a community hall opened at the end of 2017. Money raised during the centenary celebrations will be used to furnish the building.

We are also delighted to discover that Tarryn Daniels, a former FOGADD scholar, is now studying for a social work degree and is gaining work experience as a student social worker at Child Welfare

*“Twelve million of South Africa’s 18 million children survive on a meagre R12 (75p) a day” research by the Children’s Institute Cape Town.*

## Fund-raising

Many thanks to trustee, Chris Iley who cycled around Lake Geneva and in the process raised over £3,000.

The Grammar School at Leeds raised over £5,000 for FOGADD with a sponsored Three Peaks Walk. We would like to congratulate all those who did this arduous walk and are very grateful for every penny they raised.

- ◆ Sponsoring a scholar costs around £80 per month
- ◆ A bursary for a GADRA matric student is £12.50 per month
- ◆ Providing a nutritious lunch and breakfast for a pre-school child is £1 a day.

We are run entirely by volunteers and do not have any administration costs so all your money goes straight to where it is needed.

Chris and Debbie Megone, two of the trustees, are currently spending a year in Grahamstown so they are able to see first hand how your money is spent.

## How Can You Help?

We are always incredibly grateful to all our supporters who are making real change to people’s lives in Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape of South Africa.

A facebook page has been set up to keep you up to date with news and events from FOGADD. It would be great if you could spread the

word amongst your friends and like our page.



If you would like to organize a fund raising event, need information or help with publicity or would even like to visit please contact us by email:

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