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Beyond the wrapping paper and Christmas tree was a gift every child deserves: the feeling of being loved, remembered and celebrated.

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – Christmas arrived early for the 36 children of Thabang Children's Project and brought enough excitement to rival Santa's busiest day!

On Saturday, 14 November 2026, presents, laughter and slip-and-slide adventures made for a celebration to remember. Santa personally handed out gifts, while a fire engine's flashing lights and sirens added to the excitement. A birthday celebration made the day extra special for one little girl.

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Presents in hand and Christmas cheer all around, Thabang's children gathered beside the tree during their early festive celebration.

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Frogfoot Networks, an open-access fibre infrastructure provider, has announced that it is rolling out aerial fibre in Regorogile, situated in the Thabazimbi Local Municipality in Limpopo. This will bring prepaid, affordable and uncapped internet to the community, through Frogfoot Rise, helping stimulate opportunities for local growth and development.

"Our fibre network will cover approximately 5,500 homes in the community, and residents might soon see our contractors working in their streets as the rollout progresses. Frogfoot aims to keep any disruptions to a minimum," says Malan Van Der Wath, Chief Operating Officer at Frogfoot Networks.

Frogfoot Rise features on-premise equipment with built-in Wi-Fi capability, meaning no extra installation or wireless router is needed, and residents can sign up and get connected immediately. It is ideal for the entire family, as up to 10 devices within the home can be connected at the same time. They can also control their spending, with prepaid voucher options giving them access for periods ranging from 7 to 30 days.

"For Frogfoot, reliable, uncapped internet connectivity is no longer a luxury but a crucial tool that brings opportunity to South Africa's communities by enabling work from home, online learning, and business side hustles for adults and children alike," adds Malan.

Once the fibre infrastructure and poles are in place and the area is ready for service, homes can then be connected to the network.

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A hidden gem opens its wings

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – Sometimes, the best way to experience the bush is to sit quietly and let nature come to you. At Marakele National Park's newly upgraded Bollonoto Bird Hide, more visitors can now share in that simple pleasure.

Situated in the park's Kwaggasvlakte Section, outside the Big Five area and approximately 7 km from the main entrance, the hide has offered bird lovers a peaceful retreat since 2009.

The nearby dam attracts waterbirds, waders, warblers, sunbirds and bee-eaters, providing rewarding opportunities for birdwatching, photography or simply enjoying a quiet moment in nature. For years, however, access presented a challenge for wheelchair users. The SANParks Honorary Rangers set out to change this, fully funding upgrades to the hide and its ablution facilities.

Completed on 30 September 2026, the project includes a 95-metre walkway and a 12-metre access ramp leading into the hide. Lowered viewing openings accommodate wheelchair users and smaller children, while enlarged ablution facilities allow wheelchair access.



The upgraded walkway offers visitors a more accessible route to the Bollonoto Bird Hide.

For Engela van Wyk, the hide is a special place close to her heart — a gem that needed a facelift. Through the dedication and continued support of the SANParks Honorary Rangers, a two-year dream has become a reality. Now open to visitors, the upgraded facility offers more people the chance to appreciate Marakele's rich birdlife and biodiversity.

At Bollonoto, a quieter encounter with the wild now begins with a more welcoming path.



A peaceful lookout with a renewed welcome: the upgraded Bollonoto Bird Hide at Marakele National Park.



THABAZIMBI CHILD ASSAULT TRIAL POSTPONED TO JANUARY FOR WITNESSES

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – The trial of Ria Oberholzer, Petrus Oelofse and Jesica Hull has been postponed to 27 January 2027 for witnesses to give evidence.

The trial began in March 2024 and has been postponed several times. The three accused face charges including sexual assault, child neglect and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

All three remain out on bail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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EVEN THE HOUSE NUMBERS ARE GOING MISSING IN THABAZIMBI

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – Air-conditioning units have been stolen from a local office, copper pipes and outdoor lights have disappeared from properties, and some residents say even the numbers on their homes have been taken. After months of reports like these, residents and business owners are increasingly frustrated by how much can disappear from plain sight.

A local air-conditioning company described one particularly brazen incident. According to the company, two people made off with a large double unit in broad daylight while others were nearby. "It took almost five people to install it, yet they simply removed it and walked away. They didn't care that there were people around. It was grab and go," the company said.

Some losses are harder to put a price on. Earlier this year, residents reported that someone had taken a steel cross from a grave. Elsewhere in town, the cost of replacing missing copper pipes or electrical wiring can far exceed whatever the metal might fetch as scrap. For the owner, the bill includes repairing the damage left behind.

Some residents suspect that people are selling stolen items to fund drug use. That link remains unconfirmed in the incidents described, but the thefts have brought wider concerns about the local drug trade back into the conversation. Residents want both concerns taken seriously.

For people living and working in Thabazimbi, the daylight theft described by the air-conditioning company captures much of what is unsettling about these accounts. A unit that took a team to install could disappear with people around. A replacement may put cool air back in the office. Restoring the confidence that it will still be there tomorrow is a harder job.



Thabazimbi businesses have reported thefts of outdoor air-conditioning units, including one taken in broad daylight.





Santa, sirens and smiles at Thabang

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – Christmas cheer arrived with flashing lights, sirens and a generous helping of community kindness when the 36 children of Thabang Children's Project enjoyed an early festive celebration on Saturday, 14 November 2026.

With presents, splashing water and a visit from Santa, the day offered plenty of reasons to smile ahead of the December holidays.

NG Kerk Thabazimbi helped make the celebration possible by rallying community members to donate Christmas gifts for the children. Santa Claus personally handed out the presents, adding a little Christmas magic to an already exciting day. For one little girl, there was double cause for celebration as she also marked her birthday.

The excitement began with the arrival of the Northam Zondereinde Fire Team, whose fire engine, flashing lights and sirens delighted the children. A slip-and-slide provided plenty of entertainment, with the firefighters happily lending a hand — and a fire hose! Water sprayed over the slide, children and nearby bystanders, bringing laughter and making the fun even bigger. The firefighters clearly enjoyed the chance to use their hose to spread joy, with the children making the most of every splash.

Everyone then shared a delicious meal, rounding off a day filled with fun, friendship and festive generosity.

As a non-profit organisation, Thabang Children's Project depends heavily on community support to care for its children and meet their daily needs. Donations, volunteers and thoughtful gestures all help sustain this work long after the Christmas decorations come down.

Project manager Linda Grobler expressed her heartfelt gratitude to NG Kerk Thabazimbi, the Northam Zondereinde Fire Team and every community member who contributed to the celebration.



The Northam Zondereinde Fire Team joined Thabang Children's Project management and children during a memorable day of festive fun and community kindness.



Bringing smiles and splashes to Thabang's Christmas celebration! From left: Frikkie van Deventer, Percy Williams, Paul Smit, Calvyn du Toit, Robin Dreyer, Christiaan Potgieter, Tshepo Khomoatsana and Rudolph Dreyer of the Northam Zondereinde Fire Team.



A special delivery from Santa! Christmas gifts brought festive cheer to the children of Thabang Children's Project.

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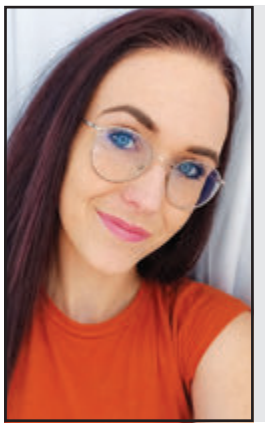
Should children earn their pocket money through chores?

Some parents pay for chores like washing the car to teach children how to earn and save. Others believe everyone should pitch in at home and give pocket money separately so children can practise budgeting.



"Yes. We work hard for our money, and I think kids should learn that early. Doing chores gives them a chance to earn their own pocket money."

Tshilani Makhavhu, Setaria



"Nee. Ek glo kinders moet leer om tuis hul deel te doen sonder om elke keer iets in ruil te verwag."

Lee-Ann van Tonder, Thabazimbi

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NO 39% YES 61%

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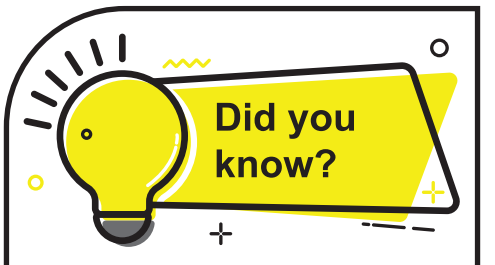
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35 jaar se diens

Platinum Bushvelder koerant | Thabazimbi – Vir vier jong Voortrekkers het ’n skroeimerk aan die hoek van ’n sertifikaat die begin van hul pad by Ysterberg gemerk. Vir heemraadslid Wynand Manders was dit ’n aand om op 35 jaar se diens terug te kyk. Albei mylpale is op Vrydag 6 November 2026 by die Ysterberg Voortrekkers se jaarlikse spog- en toekenningsaand by die NG Kerk Thabazimbi gevier.

Jeuglede van graad 1 tot graad 11 het die aand met ’n vlagseremonie geopen. Daarna het die vier nuwelinge hul plek in die kommando ingeneem. Kommandoleier Danie Naudé het gehelp met die inlywing van Gabriel Bosch, NC du Plessis en Lee-roy Groenewald, al drie in graad R, en Jaden Odendaal in graad 2. Elkeen het ’n sertifikaat ontvang waarvan ’n hoekie as deel van die inlywingseremonie gebrand is.



Onder die uitblinkers was twee graad 7-lede, Sophia Jarman en Caroline Groenewald. Sophia het ’n silwer Voorslagtoekenning verwerf en Caroline ’n brons. Hulle het die Voorslagtoetskamp van 4 tot 6 September suksesvol voltooi en hul toekennings op Saterdag 17 Oktober tydens ’n galageleentheid by die Voortrekkermonument ontvang.

Die kommando het ook erkenning gegee aan jeuglede wat hul graadwielwerk voltooi het. Lede het skeie ontvang vir nog ’n voltooide Voortrekkerjaar, en kentekens vir die vaardighede wat hulle aangeleer en die prestasies wat hulle deur die jaar behaal het.

Drie lede is vir hul jarelange diens vereer. Wynand Manders het ’n Voorjuk vir 35 jaar se diens ontvang. Annamart Jarman is vir 25 jaar se diens vereer, en Ronelle du Plessis vir 20 jaar. Ronelle het ’n Rooi Voorjuk ontvang en Annamart ’n Silwer Voorjuk. Die kommando het Raymond Wolfaardt weer as Ysterberg se jeugleier vir 2027 aangewys.



Ysterberg se jeuglede, van graad 1 tot graad 11, open die spog- en toekenningsaand met die vlagseremonie.



Raymond Wolfaardt (links), wat in 2027 weer as Ysterberg se jeugleier dien, saam met kommandoleier Danie Naudé.

Van links is Danie Naudé (kommandoleier), Sophia Jarman (silwer Voorslagtoekenning), Caroline Groenewald (brons Voorslagtoekenning), Karin Naudé (Ysterberg se finansies) en Bernard Nelson (gebiedsleier van Bergenbos).



Ysterberg gee erkenning vir jarelange diens. Van links is Ronelle du Plessis (Rooi Voorjuk vir 20 jaar), Annamart Jarman (Silwer Voorjuk vir 25 jaar), Wynand Manders (Voorjuk vir 35 jaar) en Bernard Nelson (gebiedsleier van Bergenbos).



Ysterberg se dagbestuur. Agter, van links, is Danie Naudé (kommandoleier), Nelia Pieterse (bemarking) en Karin Naudé (finansies). Voor, van links, is Ronelle du Plessis (jeugsake) en Annamart Jarman (administrasie).



Kommandoleier Danie Naudé help om vier nuwe Voortrekkers by Ysterberg in te lyf. Die nuwe lede is Gabriel Bosch, NC du Plessis, Lee-roy Groenewald en Jaden Odendaal.

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Platinum Bushvelder koerant | Thabazimbi – Wanneer die eerste noot by die Bosveld Interhoër 2027 oor die paviljoen klink, sal Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se dirigente reeds ure se oefening agter die rug hê. Die span is al hard aan die werk om die Frikkies se opkoms en paviljoensang af te rond.

Die mikpunt is die beker, en elke oefening tel. Volgens die skool bring elke klein verbetering die span ’n tree nader aan dié doel. Die Frikkies is reeds trots op die passie en deursettingsvermoë waarmee hul dirigente die rooi, die wit en die blou se gees wil laat hoor.



Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se dirigente vir 2027 sal by die Bosveld Interhoër die paviljoen se sang lei.