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Left to right - Front: Saziwa Bonani; Gebevu Monde; Mhlongo Siphesihle; Mgidi Likha.
Left to Right - Back: Vonnice Mostert; Mosanwabe Bonase; Allistar Steenkamp; Zunaid Siljeur; Chris Mgubanto (Principal); Kennedy Dembetembe; Neels Scheepers; Farzaana Goolam; Naeem Cassim; Marguerite Wahl; Dr Henk Punt and Sonja vd Bank

AFRICAN BANK sponsored 45 tablets, Vodacom SIM cards and data for 44 matric learners of Nomzamo High School.

They also sponsored 70 x R1 000 WeGrow online learning vouchers!.

NEW ON THE TEAM! WELCOME



TERSZIA DE WET FUND DEVELOPER, MARKETING & ADMINISTRATOR

Tershia has a demonstrated history of working in the Hospital & Health Care Industry as a Marketing Manager for the past 26 years.

She enjoys people's uniqueness, therefore completed her bachelor's degree in Counselling Psychology.

Tershia offers Life Skills coaching/counseling and is also a Trauma Release Practitioner.

Tershia is looking forward to being part of the Strong Schools Team as she firmly believes in uplifting education, transforming people, and implementing change.

TOGETHER WE ARE
STRONG!



**Thank you Veryke Meyer (volunteer)
for pre-packing our matric learners
"goody bags".**

Thank you PNA for the beautiful pens.

**Would you like to sign up as a volunteer?
Contact Tershia @ 072 646 1000**

October Month was a month of BLESSINGS!



*thank
you*



**Thank you THEUNS VAN ZYL for donating your filing cabinet and
stationary cupboard to Strong Schools. Much appreciated.**

IN THE NEWS....

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TECHNOLOGY: PARTNERSHIP BOOST...

Learners get tablets



STAFF REPORT

Nomzamo High School learners were urged to take the tablet and run with it as their future now lay in their hands.

This message was sent out during the donation of 42 tablets by the African Bank in partnership with Strong Schools at the school on Thursday 22 October. Strong Schools is a non-profit organisation (NPO) that facilitates sustainable change in government schools. They design and guide school development journeys in order to build schools that are effective and inclusive in their mandate.

It is hoped the gadgets will allow the learners the much-needed academic assistance to reach their full potential. Learners were encouraged to invest a lot of time into their education in order to reap the rewards. "Nomzamo Master, chief executive officer (CEO) of Strong Schools, said he was delighted to be part of the initiative to help the country's future leaders. "We are here to provide support to government and to make it possible for you to reach your full potential. Despite the fact that these tablets are your disposal, we would like you to achieve meaningful results for the school," he said, adding they were planting a seed "and even if you ever grow out of this, we will have accomplished our mission."

Kennedy Dumbetembe, head of corporate social investments at African Bank, said they were committed to education. He added that all their corporate social investment (CSI) funding is targeted at improving education outcomes for learners across the country.

"With Covid 19 we realise one of the biggest things we can do is ensure the academic year for the matriculants. When the opportunity came to support students from Nomzamo High School we jumped to try and make sure we have the equipment," he said. Dumbetembe said they were committed to supporting the nation and educating every child. Nomzamo principal Chris Mphahlele



Learners, staff, African Bank personnel and Strong Schools with the 42 tablets donated to Nomzamo High School on Thursday 22 October.

Strong Schools for their support, going back to 2015.

He said he was excited with the results of the partnership as they reached the "what does it mean?"

"As the school, parents we need partnerships such as these if we want to succeed and

achieve the intended results. In this day and age almost every learner has a mobile phone so it is very important to have these gadgets on that valuable information can be able to reach them wherever they are," said Mphahlele.

Grade 12 learner Mandeletso told City Vision they were happy with the donation. He said they previously struggled to make contact with their teachers.

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Digitally boosted

Phiso Mthembu

The Strong Schools Community Collaborative (SSCC), an NPO based in the Helderberg, in partnership with African Bank handed over 44 electronic tablets to the matric class of Nomzamo High School last Thursday (22 October).

The school has been part of SSCC since 2016 and are one of 13 schools that has been working hand-in-hand with the NPO to provide learners with quality education.

Principal Chris Mphahlele commended the organisation for its assistance in ensuring the school is functional, thanks to a strategic plan mapped out in partnership with SSCC at the start of the year. This included a successful year for Grade 12, which SSCC has helped bring to fruition.

According to Sonja van den Berg of SSCC, they had been running a tablet drive since the beginning of the year to

support the matric class. Initially there had been a need for 52 tablets, with the NPO sourcing nine devices from the community, which then meant they were 44 devices short.

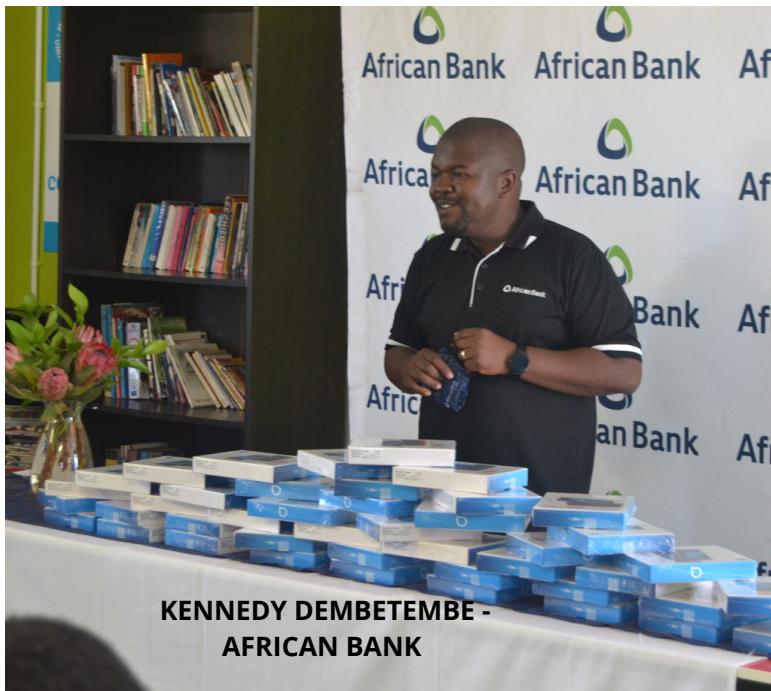
At the handover, Neem Cassiem, regional manager of African Bank, emphasised that the learners should have faith in their abilities and wished them well for the future.

Kennedy Dumbetembe and his colleagues from African Bank handed over the tablets to the principal and representing learners last week, and encouraged them to dream big and work hard in the upcoming final exams.

SSCC facilitates sustainable change in government schools in the basin. It designs and guide whole-school development journeys to build schools that are efficient and effective in its mandate of education to inspire transformation from spiraling generational cycles and a dwindling education system, to healthy, wholesome and hopeful futures for our society.



Staff and learners of Nomzamo High School, along with representatives of the Strong Schools



KENNEDY DEMBETEMBE -
AFRICAN BANK



Thank you District Mail for joining us at the event!

MONTHLY RECAP Sonja van der Bank

The SMART devices which we have received from African Bank, form part of our school development program and assist us to build schools that are efficient and effective in their mandate. The devices will give Nomzamo High School learners the much needed academic assistance and will assist to achieve the intended results. We value the partnership with African Bank and thank them from the bottom of our hearts.



Life is a series of glorious moments...



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Vonnie Mostert & Sonja vd Bank

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