

# THEMBELIHLE SCHOOL



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TO CHANGE THE WORLD

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## Thembelihle is leaping ahead.....

We have had an exciting third quarter. After a very cold winter spring arrived, dressed lavishly in blossoms and fresh green growth. The children stepped out of their brown and yellow uniforms and into bright party clothes to welcome the new season. They wove crowns of flowers and made beautiful spring pictures.... There was snow on the mountains in a late cold snap but the good news was a donation of vegetables, which ensured warm soup for hungry tummies on some of the coldest days. The excitement of Sports Day brought many families to school to cheer on the children and to share in the excitement of the races. Friends of the school from church and from the neighborhood endeared themselves to all with their show of love and loyalty. The alert and kindly Traffic Officers ensured that everyone crossed the road safely to and from the event. Parents attended the Howick Spring Choral Festival where our choir sang beautifully both on their own, and together with the choirs from Howick Prep and St Peters Prep Schools. The Michaelhouse Marimba Band added interest and excitement to the evening.

As learning enthusiastically advances progress, our young charges have been leaping ahead in their studies and are enjoying exciting and interesting lessons, even as they practice their spelling and counting drills. For those who are finding learning difficult, we are making provision for assessments and individual support with the aid of experts and the generosity of our three teacher assistants.



THE CHOIR



OUR SPRING GARDEN



SPORTS DAY

## PHOTOS FROM THE DEDICATION CELEBRATION



### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently looking through our admissions for next year. Many of our children come from impoverished backgrounds and cannot afford to attend school. You can give a child the ultimate gift - an education - by sponsoring their school fees.

To find out how you can make this happen please email us at:

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With thanks to all of you who make a difference in the lives of our children, Anne Hough, the staff and learners of Thembelihle

Like a melody played in the background of this term has been the anticipation of, and preparation for, the Dedication of Thembelihle. As invitations to the ceremony were printed and distributed the excitement mounted. The children made bookmarks to present to the guests and practiced the songs that they would sing. The weather was perfect, the guests arrived and were welcomed. Everyone wished the school well and felt blessed to be a part of such a memorable occasion. We remembered with love our great benefactors at Brentwood United Methodist Church who enabled, through their love of God, one of the schools many leaps forward by purchasing the Junior School property and building. We renewed our thanks to the Hancock family for donating the three classrooms which enabled the school to make the leap from a Pre-Primary school into a fully fledged Junior School in one fell swoop. We also honored all those who give so willingly of their time, talents and money to the glory of God and for the benefit of the children in our care.

Another important milestone in the school's growth has been our endeavor to meet every criteria set for the registration of Thembelihle, as an Independent School, with the Department of Education and we are almost at this journey's end. We look forward to a new partnership with the State, which will profit the school, her learners, their parents and the whole community.

But like schoolboys outgrowing their shoes, we seem to be outgrowing our classroom space and we will soon have to make another huge leap of faith as we have taken the decision to expand our school to include Grades 4 and 5 next year. This means that all our primary school children will be able to stay on at the school until they are able to apply to high schools in the area. Our wish is to be able to offer Grade 6 in 2013 and Grade 7 in 2014... Quite an ambitious task as we will need to fund the building of additional classrooms as well as equip them with desks and text books for the higher grades! Our ultimate aim is to build a small library and media centre for the children .....