

## Welcome to the Sawabona Africa Christmas newsletter.

As the first year of Sawabona Africa draws to an end we have a lot to celebrate. Through the incredible generosity of our donors and supporters we have been able to make a positive impact on the programmes we support. In this edition, we will share with you some incredible highlights: The arrival and celebration of the classroom for PYMA funded by Sawabona Africa, and the excellent academic achievement of a Sawabona Africa sponsored learner on the Bright Start Programme.

With our online presence, Sawabona Africa currently stands in the top 100 on Platzschaffenmitherz, successful birthday fundraising campaigns through social media, all offer encouragement to the importance of our causes to support education of South Africa youth. We are humbled by donations small and large....clothes from neighbours to be sold in South Africa for funding projects, eBay sales for a small donation to Sawabona Africa, a kind neighbour, a new full sponsor for a Bright Start child etc. are all incredible moments to be treasured. Thank you!

Another key highlight over 2021 was developing and building the partnerships with charities in South Africa. We supported our programmes with capacity management where required, are in regular contact offering support and advice when required. It is always a true delight to visit our partners and feel the energy and gratitude of all the learners we support.

Students are now on a well earned summer break. It is been a challenging year for our programmes learning to adjust to Covid regulations. We cross fingers that all the students achieve well in their final exams. We thank the leaders of PYMA and Bright Start for all their efforts in securing a safe and productive learning space for young children. You make us proud sponsors.

And finally we wish you all a festive Christmas and a Happy start to 2022. Stay safe.

Heidi, Zilla and Claus (Vorstand Sawabona Africa)



Shop and donate without giving a cent:  
Do your Christmas Shopping at thousands of online shops via Bildungsspende. All the funds raised will go towards a 2nd classroom for PYMA.  
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## Classroom Christmas Joy

Sawabona Africa managed to successfully raise funds for a second hand classroom for the PYMA programme. As the funding was received shortly before a planned visit to PYMA, the South African 'can make it happen' attitude kicked into action. The classroom supplier agreed to deliver on short notice, PYMA secured more ground from the council for the classroom, cleared and flattened the ground, additional fencing installed, the classroom was painted, invitations sent, programme was planned and the final paving stones were still being laid as team Sawabona Africa arrived on the day of the party. We got into action digging a hole for a lemon tree donated by a friend of Sawabona Africa, the tutors jumped into action setting up inside the classroom as a thunder storm was looming.



Classroom delivery

The classroom ceremony was a tribute to the huge talent potential and energy of youth in South Africa. We heard from one of the first learners of the programme who shared with us how he started learning in a garage sitting on bricks, a parent of a child whose child has flourished through the programme, were spellbound by an incredible poem written by one of the past students and current tutors, connecting with individuals, these are but a few of the incredible moments which will hope to share with you over the course of next year through Social Media and on our Website.



With the PYMA team in front of the classroom

PYMA has huge potential, dreams big, and with increased space at the centre, Sawabona Africa is just at the start of our journey to help change lives in this community.

Thank you to PYMA for making this happen in record time, to friends who came to the event, to every donation for the classroom and preparation costs, and all who believed this was possible.



## Support PYMA tutors

Tutors at PYMA are the core to the success of the PYMA programme.

We would like to support their costs in 2022. Sign up for a monthly contribution via our [donation page](#)





## Sawabona Africa student wins student of the year award

Sawabona Africa is proud to celebrate with Bright Start as one of our sponsored learners Wafeeqah, was awarded with the student of the year award for 2021.



Wafeeqah (Grade 10) is an example of setting goals and achieving them. She set herself some challenging goals in 2021 to become one of the top learners in her school year. She started to focus, and was determined to set herself up to win. And this she reached with flying colours. Congratulations Wafeeqah.

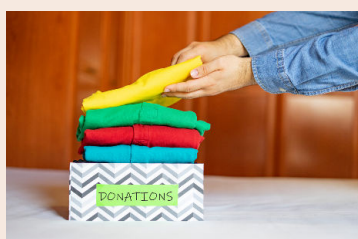
With still 2 more years of schooling left, Wafeeqah is still requiring additional sponsorship to part sponsor her education. If you wish to support this promising young woman, visit our [Sponsorship page](#) on the website.

## Bright Start learners set off to university

Two Bright Start learners, Diego and Athenkosi have completed their final school exams and they look forward to receiving their results in January. They graduate from the Bright Start programme in 2021. They are excited about their future and further studies. Diego will start a Commerce degree and Athenkosi will pursue nursing. We wish them all the best for their studies and cross fingers that they have reached their goals for their exams.



**[Bright Start learners wish us all a very Merry Xmas](#)**



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With your vote we can win €500.  
Hint: Send in separate bags of 5 kg for maximum tokens

# PYMA tutor profile

## Meet Lethukuthula

At a recent visit to PYMA we had the pleasure of meeting Lethukuthula, a tutor at PYMA.

Lethukuthula joined PYMA in Grade 8. What motivated her to join was seeing learners in her class who attended PYMA excelling in their grades. Shortly after joining PYMA she noticed her grades improving and managed to obtain 2 distinctions in her final exams. She was also able to achieve her dream, through a PYMA award to cover her registration costs she obtained a place at University.

Lutukuthula is now giving back to young learners and volunteering as a tutor at PYMA and says: 'PYMA plays a huge role in my community. With so many socio-economic issues affecting young children, PYMA helps occupy young children and give them hope for future.'



## Become a member of Sawabona Africa e.V.

Looking to join Sawabona Africa as a member?

We happily welcome you.

Join now:

<https://sawabona-africa.com/mitglied-werden/>



## A gift for our learners

We are raising money to purchase stationary to equip our learners as they return to school in January 2022. Help fill a school bag with some pens and pencils to help with their schoolwork.

Select Xmas gift as a [donation option](#), or scan this link to donate via PayPal



# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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