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blyplek skoon



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keep roads safe  
in festive season



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UITGawe 6:

## More services on our doorstep

THE construction of the Thusong Centre main building, which has hit a few hiccups, is due for completion in February. The R9,5 million project, which was initially planned to be completed at the end of November 2011, has been faced by union strikes which influenced the delivery of building material. The metal workers' union strike, for example, took place when roofing panels were needed.

The newly updated programme from the contractor estimates the main building (apart from ad-ons such as parking garages) to be completed by the end of February and

all planning and changes still remain within the tender budget. The Thusong Centre will house several services to the residents of the Langeberg municipal area that hasn't been available previously.

Some of the services we hope to include are the Departments of Home Affairs and Social Services. Residents won't have to travel to Worcester to apply for IDs, passports, death and birth certificates or marriage certificates. All Pay, maintenance, and child support applications will also be accommodated here.

There are also plans for the centre to provide educational services to schools and parents and a telecentre for computer training. ATM bank services as well as municipal services, for example credit control, will also be available at the Thusong Centre. A satellite station for the South African Police and a seminar and conference facility are also planned for the centre. These services are currently pending confirmation. This initiative is aimed at providing essential services to the whole Langeberg community and to identify and ensure the needs of the community are met.



The Thusong Centre main building is nearing completion.

## Meer dienste op ons voorstoep

DIE konstruksie van die Thusong Sentrum se hoofgebou, wat 'n vertraging ondervind het, sal na verwagting in Februarie voltooi wees. Die R9,5 miljoen-projek, wat aanvanklik einde November 2011 vir voltooiing geskeduleer was, is deur unie-stakings in die gesig gestaar, wat die levering van boumateriaal beïnvloed het. Die metaalwerkersonsye se staking het byvoorbeeld plaasgevind toe dakplate vir die sentrum verlang is.

Volgens die kontrakteur se nuwe werksprogram behoort die gebou aan die einde van Februarie voltooi te wees. Die oprigting van die gebou geskied egter steeds binne die tenderbegrotingsbedrag.

Die doel van hierdie sentrum is om dienste aan inwoners van die hele Langeberg munisipale area te bring wat voorheen nie in die area beskikbaar was nie. Van die departemente wat daar gepoog word om hier te huisves, sluit in die departement van binnelandse sake, en maatskaplike dienste.

Dit beteken dat inwoners nie meer Worcester toe

moet gaan vir dienste soos aansoek vir en die afhaal van identiteitsdokumente, paspoorte, sterfte-, geboorte- en huweliksertifikate nie. All Pay-, onderhouds- en kindertoelae-aansoeke sal ook hier hanteer word.

Daar word ook beoog dat die sentrum opvoedkundige dienste sal bied vir skole en ouers, asook 'n telesentrum vir rekenaaropleiding, OTM-bankdienste en munisipale dienste soos kredietbeheer.

Verder sal 'n satellietstasie van die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie, 'n kiosk, seminaar- en konferensiefasiliteit en kombuisgeriewe ook binne die sentrum geakkommodeer word. Hierdie dienste moet nog bevestig word en daar word tans onderhandel.

Daar word vertrou dat hierdie inisiatief noodsaklike dienste meer toeganklik sal maak vir die hele Langeberg-gemeenskap en die behoeftes van ons inwoners sal aanspreek.



Construction workers are still hard at work.



Die hoofingang van die Thusong Sentrum, wat binnekort voltooi sal wees.



## Emergency & Customer Call Centre

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### INSAE

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# Rommel is almal se verantwoordelikheid

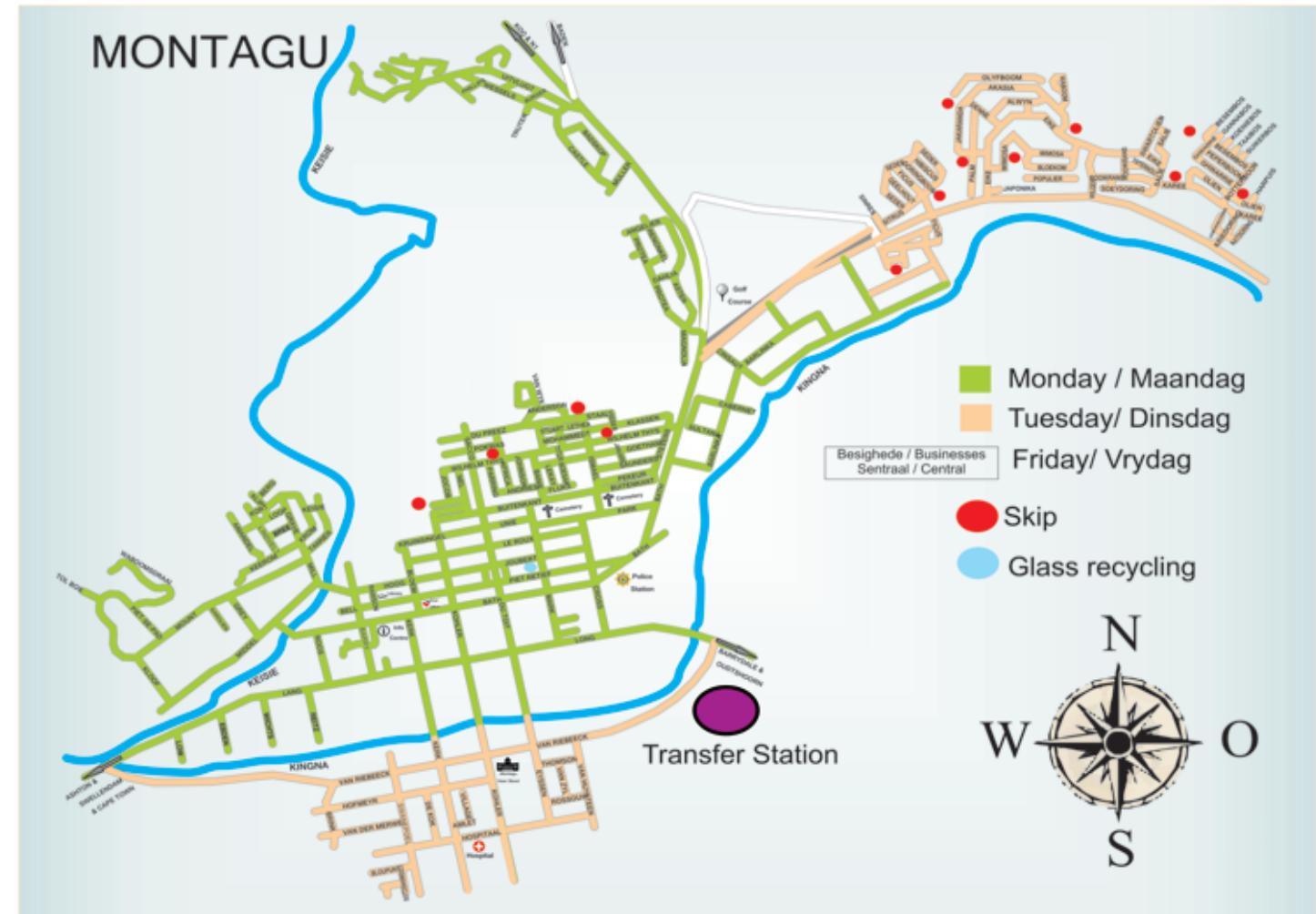
DAAR word 'n dringende beroep op die gemeenskap van die Langeberg munisipale area gedoen om verantwoordelikheid te neem vir rommel. Die munisipaliteit alleen kan nie die verantwoordelikheid neem vir 'n gesonder en skoner munisipale area sonder die betrokkenheid van die gemeenskap nie.

### Skips (grootmaattuinvullishouers)

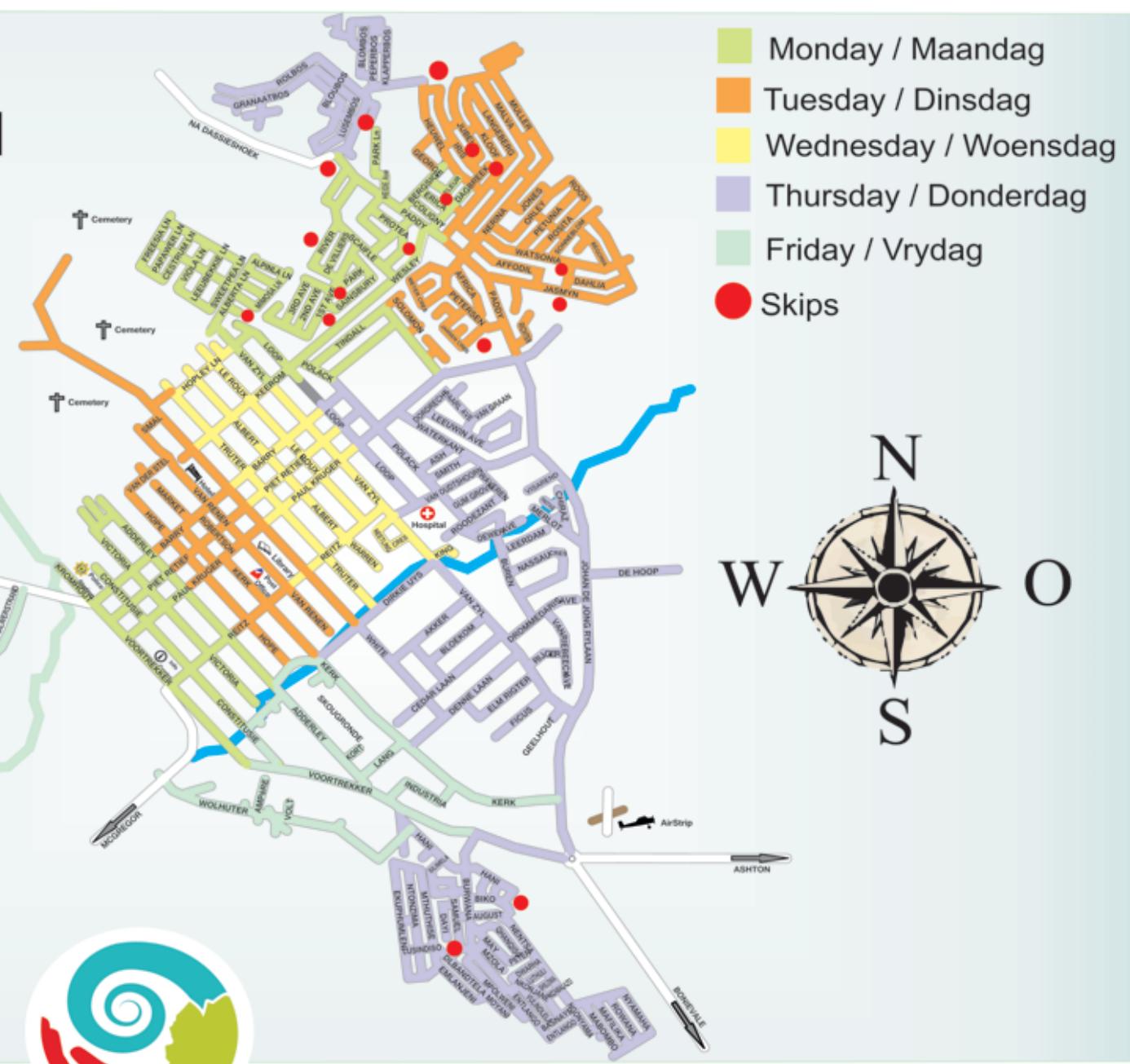
Skips word in woonbuurte aangebring om die gemeenskap te help met die verwyding van tuinvullis. Hierdie houers is slegs vir die

storting van tuinvullis. Daar word gereeld klages ontvang dat die skips stink en onhygiënies is. Die rede hiervoor is dat huishoudelike vullis ONWETTIG in hierdie houers gestort word.

Tuinvullis hou geen gesondheidsrisiko in nie en stink ook nie. Huishoudelike vullis word op 'n weeklike basis by elke huis opgeлаai (sien kaarte op hierdie en die volgende bladsy). Daar word 'n ernstige beroep gedoen dat hierdie houers nie misbruik word nie – dit word 'n oorlaas vir ander inwoners. Storting van huishoudelike vullis in skips is onwettig en oortreders sal beboet word.



# ROBERTSON



## Vervolg vanaf bl.2

**Onwettige storting**

Onwettige storting is 'n groot probleem vir die munisipaliteit. Enkele individue is verantwoordelik vir die onnodige koste wat aangegaan moet word om onwettige storting te verwijder, asook die minagting van mede-inwoners se reg op 'n skoon en mooi omgewing.

Die munisipaliteit is bereid om mense wat voorvalle van onwettige vullisverwydering aanmeld, te vergoed teen R50 per geval, indien suksesvolle bevestiging, skulderkenning of vervolging bewerkstelling word. Lede van die publiek word versoek om die munisipaliteit te ondersteun in die poging om hierdie onwettige praktyk, wat tot die nadeel van almal is, hok te slaan. Na skuldigbevinding sal oortreders beboet word.

**Swartsakke**

Swartsakke word twee keer per jaar in Februarie en Augustus versprei. Ses-en-twintig sakke word per verspreiding aan elke huishouding gegee. Die aantal sakke word bereken op grond van een sak per huishouding per week.

**Vullisverwydering**

Vullisverwydering vind plaas volgens die skedules soos op die kaarte op hierdie en die vorige bladsy. Hierdie skedules mag mettertyd verander, maar is tans van toepassing. Die munisipaliteit is bereid om mense wat voorvalle van onwettige vullisverwydering aanmeld, te vergoed teen R50 per geval, indien suksesvolle bevestiging, skulderkenning of vervolging bewerkstelling word.

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Vir enige verdere navrae rakende swartsakke, verwijdering van vullis, die rapportering van onwettige storting of algemene navrae rakende herwinning, kontak asseblief die volgende mense:

**Robertson/McGregor**

Me. Z. Lesia (Bestuurder: Omgewingsdienste Wes)  
023 626 8200

**Ashton/Bonnievale/Montagu**

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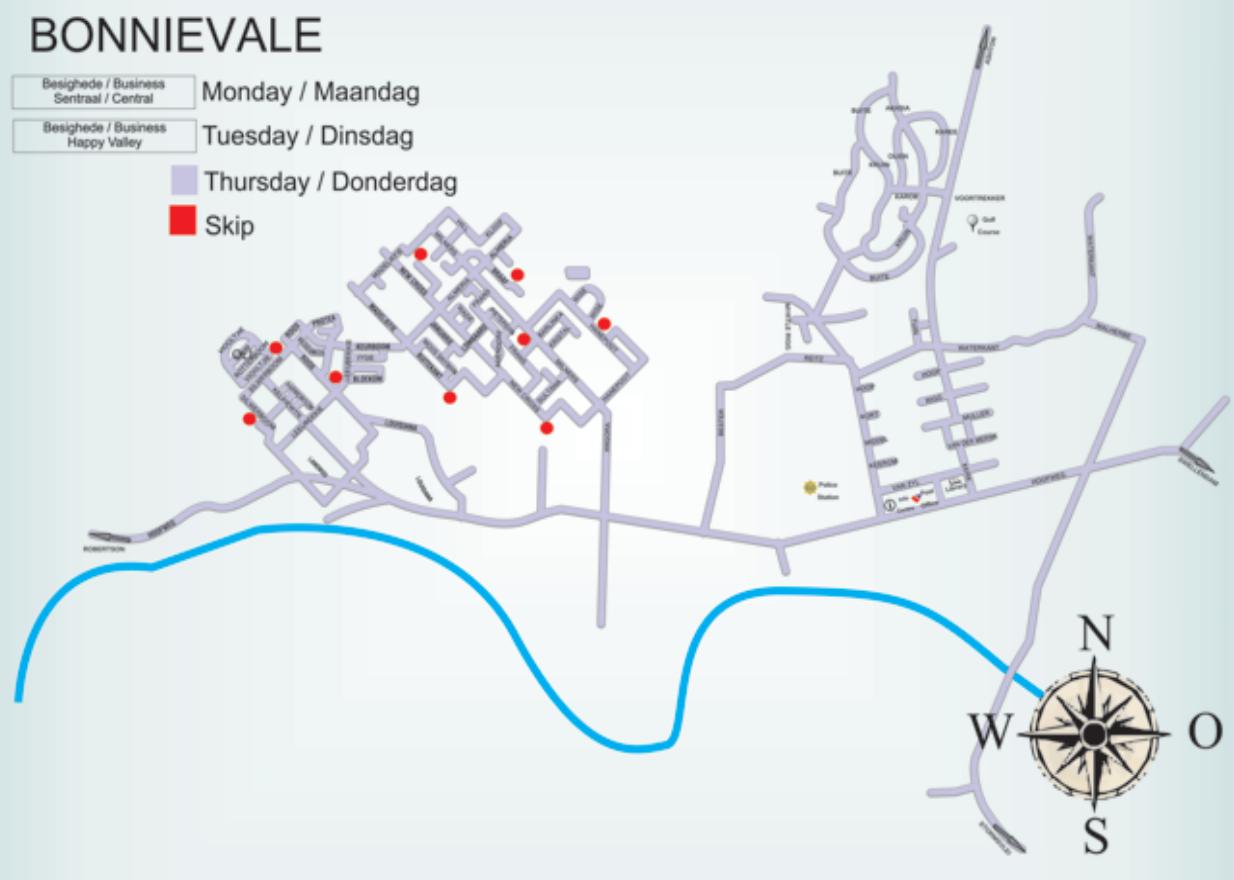
**ASHTON****BONNIEVALE**

Besighede / Business Sentraal / Central Monday / Maandag

Besighede / Business Happy Valley Tuesday / Dinsdag

Thursday / Donderdag

Skip

**MCGREGOR**

Wednesday / Woensdag



Die Langeberg Munisipaliteit lewer 'n gevvestigde vullisverwyderingsdiens en onwettige storting is straf verbode. Inwoners se samewerking word hiermee gevra.

# Swimming pools now squeaky clean

BOTH swimming pools in Robertson were periodically closed during December last year and in the beginning of January as problems were experienced with excessive algae growth. This was a result of the extreme heat, ineffective filtration due to a faulty filtration tank, and insufficient chlorine dosage due to the outdated chlorine systems at both pools.

Unfortunately the Municipality was forced to close the pools for short periods during this time to treat the algae and to replace the outdated chlorinator systems. The excessive algae growth was treated with granular chlorine (HTH) and an extra strong algaecide for three to four days to kill the algae and to clarify the water. At the same time, the filtration tank was overhauled to ensure effective filtration and the outdated chlorine systems were replaced in order to ensure that we sufficiently dose the water to maintain a free chlorine concentration of 1mg/litre in the water to disinfect the water and to prevent algae growth.

The chemicals needed to treat the algae during this period came to a total amount of approximately R16 718. The repairs to filters at both pools came to an amount of R86 626. The chlorinators at both pools were replaced at a cost of R59 622. The total cost was thus R162 967. Over and above these costs, an outlet pipe in the pump station also burst, which was repaired at an estimated cost of R5 000.

A close monitoring system of the pH and the free chlorine concentration of the water (every three hours to check any fluctuation of the pH) was introduced in order to correct it in time. This and the new chlorine system will ensure that we prevent excessive algae growth and the problem should not reoccur.

Both swimming pools are now fully operational and open to the public. The Municipality apologises for any inconvenience

suffered by the residents during this period. A special thanks to all the officials who worked extra long hours during this period to correct the situation. Your efforts and dedication are much appreciated.



Só lyk die toegewyde span wat gesorg het dat die swembaddens in Robertson deesdae silwerskoon is.



Munisipale werkers moes hard werk om oormatige algegroei in Robertson se munisipale swembaddens onder beheer te bring.

ALBEI munisipale swembaddens was Desember verlede jaar en aan die begin van Januarie by tye gesluit weens oormatige algegroei. Dit was as gevolg van die besonder warm weer, oneffektiewe filtratie weens 'n foutiewe filtreertenk en onvoldoende chloortoediening weens die uitgediende chloorsisteme by albei swembaddens.

Hoewel die munisipaliteit ongelukkig die swembaddens vir enkele dae moes sluit, is die alge met chloor en 'n sterk algdoder behandel, die filtreertenk opgradeer, die chloorsisteme vervang en 'n moniteringstelsel geïmplementeer om verdere algegroei te voorkom.

Die opgraderings is gedoen teen 'n totale koste van R162 967, terwyl 'n uitlaatpyp, wat in die pompstasie gebars het, ook hersteel is teen sowat R5 000.

Albei swembaddens is nou ten volle funksioneel en oop vir die publiek. Die munisipaliteit vra om verskoning vir enige ongerief wat inwoners in dié tyd ervaar het. 'n Spesiale woord van dank gaan aan die beampies wat ekstra lang ure gewerk het om die situasie onder beheer te bring. Jul harde werk en toewyding word oreg waardeer.



Inwoners kan nou die silwerskoon swembad na hartelus geniet.



## Veels geluk

Hiermee wens ek graag alle suksesvolle matrikulante van die Langeberg munisipale area geluk met hul prestasie in die 2011-skooljaar. Hartlik geluk ook aan die vier skole, Hoërskole Robertson, Bonnievale, Montagu en McGregor, wat 100%-slaagsyfers bereik het. So 'n prestasie getuig van toegewyde en hardwerkende leerders en onderwysers. Ek vertrou dat hierdie prestasie in 2012 voortgesit word.

Ek wil graag ook 'n spesiale gelukwensing rig aan die kandidate wat 'n gemiddelde A-simbool bereik het. Hulle is die trots van elke skool en ek vertrou dat al die harde werk u nog ver sal bring.

Aan Ashton Public Combined School wat hulle slaagsyfer met oor die 30% verbeter het, wil ek u gelukwens met hierdie fenomenale prestasie. Die skool het werkelik 'n voorbeeld vir ons almal gestel in wat bereik kan word. Bou voort op hierdie prestasie.

Diegene wat onsuksesvol was, wil ek graag aanmoedig om weer te probeer en nie tou op te gooi nie. Ek glo met harde werk en deursettingsvermoë sal hierdie prestasie behaal kan word.

**D. Gagiano, uitvoerende burgemeester**

## Traffic officers hard at work

WE are all fully aware of the fatalities that annually take place on South African roads during the December/January holidays. This year was no exception. The fatal crashes for the period 1 December 2011 to 10 January 2012 were 1 230. Fatalities for the period 1 December 2011 to 11 January 2012 were 1475 (preliminary).

The following have been found to be among the most common causes of crashes:

- Speeds too high for conditions, especially during inclement weather and at night.
- Dangerous, reckless and/or inconsiderate driving, particularly barrier line infringements.
- Abuse of alcohol by drivers and pedestrians.
- Fatigue, especially amongst public passenger drivers.
- Inadequate vehicle fitness, particularly tyre failure and defective brakes.
- Pedestrian negligence (jay walking, walking on freeways, not being visible at night and drunken walking).

The non-wearing of seatbelts, whilst not a contributor to crashes, has been found to be a major contributor to fatal or serious injuries following a crash. In the Langeberg municipal area the Traffic Department has also been exceptionally busy in an attempt to keep road users safe.

These are the statistics of the Langeberg Municipality's

Traffic Department. The figures are only for the Municipality and therefore only reflect traffic violation within the five towns of the Langeberg. They do not include incidents recorded by the provincial Traffic Department or the South African Police.

• Roadblocks: 3 • Law enforcement cases issued: 497 • Speed limit exceeding: 1 647 • Alcohol-related arrests: 31 (in collaboration with the South African Police) Other law enforcement actions were also undertaken in collaboration with the provincial Traffic Department and the South African Police.

Motorists are requested to co-operate with local authorities in an attempt to ensure safe road use for all. It is also strongly recommended rather to use the "buddy" system when alcohol is consumed than driving while under the influence. The consequences of taking chances when under the influence of alcohol are not worth it when getting arrested or, even worse, being in an accident. Also ensure that your vehicle is road worthy.

Should the community be aware of any irregularities within the Traffic Department, they are urged to report these incidences to Mr P. Wentzel, Manager: Traffic Services, on 023 626 8000.



The Langeberg Municipality's traffic officers had been busy during the December/January holidays. Roadblocks and alcohol-related arrests were but some of the preventative measures they took on municipal roads.

