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## Genius: Ayush takes home 13 awards



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Ayush proudly display his certificates and awards he won at school

A Grade 7 learner at Daxina Primary Ayush Ranchod (13) made academic history by obtaining 13 awards, including the prestigious Dux Award. The school hosted its annual academic awards ceremony on 3 December. Ayush's motivation comes from being part of competitions in his school.

Ayush told **GLOBE POST**: "During the course of the competitions, I studied and practiced almost every day because I want to do well." He added: "I plan to study at Gibson Pillay Learning Academy and choose the science stream because I want to become a neurosurgeon."

His mother, Pravisha Ranchod, said: "We are proud of Ayush, for achieving first position consistently from Grade 1 to Grade 7. This achievement reflects his dedication, resilience and genuine love for learning, which contributed to him achieving the Dux Award for 2025."

Ranchod shared that this achievement reflects Ayush's commitment, as he enjoys reading and studying during his free time. "As a family, we have watched him work consistently, often pushing himself beyond what was required, and it brings us great joy to see his efforts acknowledged in such a meaningful way," she concluded.

**GLOBE POST congratulate Ayush on his momentous achievement!**



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Banyana Moloi, turns Tys THC and CBD Exotics and Gaming Lounge's wall on Starling Road into a vibrant mural

## Art loud enough to speak for itself

*In the heart of Lenasia South Ext4, where colour meets concrete and creativity spills onto street walls, one young artist is steadily transforming public spaces.*

Banyana Moloi, is a painter and illustrator behind Banyana Arts a self-named company. Moloi told **GLOBE POST** that art has always been part of her identity, from a very young age. She said: "I've been an artist my whole life. But, my break through came in 2010. I got a gig to create an artwork for an upcoming rapper who wanted T-shirts and paid me R1 500." From that moment, her passion turned into a profession.

What began as small commissions soon grew into a business. Banyana Arts specialises in wall murals, indoor decor pieces, canvas work and custom designs for both private clients and public spaces. Over the years, Moloi has travelled far beyond the borders of Lenasia South and so has her reputation. One of her biggest achievements is her contribution to the entry artwork at the Johannesburg Zoo, a project that exposed her skill to thousands of visitors. "I'm a city girl. I have some artworks in Braamfontein, Sheffield Road in Lenasia South and more. I love seeing my work become part of the town," she added.



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**January:** A shocking daylight shooting in Lenasia South left a man dead in his car. The suspects fled the scene in a suspected 'hit'. No updates have been available since the incident.

**February:** Grant beneficiaries received an important update as Postbank and SASSA announced deadlines to replace old SASSA Gold cards. Beneficiaries were urged to switch to the new Postbank Black card to avoid disruptions to their payments. **GLOBE POST** played a huge role in making sure this message reached thousands of beneficiaries from Lenasia South to Orange Farm.

**March:** Lenasia South Secondary suffered a burglary in which several smartboards were stolen, disrupting learners' access to modern learning tools. Fortunately, seven out of nine stolen units were recovered after GPS trackers located them.

**April:** A suspected taxi-war shooting along the K43 left four men dead and another injured. In Lenasia South, a fatal stabbing linked to a group known as "Ballbreakers" claimed Trinesh Lorenzo's life.

**May:** Reckless driving and drag-racing led to a crash in Ennerdale that critically injured one driver and jailed another. Tragedy struck in Vlakfontein when a Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) officer was fatally shot while pursuing robbery suspects, who stole his patrol car and service pistol.

**June:** Fed up with delayed city services, Lenasia South residents pooled R100 per household to buy tar and patch potholes on Liverpool Street and surrounding roads, sending a strong message about community-led initiatives when the City fails to maintain basic infrastructure.

**July:** A rare moment of pride came when

11-year-old Lamarco Marks, a young talent from the Hola Skoko Football Academy, returned from Brazil after representing the country in international football trials. Lamarco impressed scouts and returned home with trophies and medals, putting Ennerdale on the map and highlighting the potential of local youth.

**August:** Tragedy struck when Lenasia's 33-year-old Asheek Singh, was murdered. His grieving parents issued a public call for justice, urging anyone with information to come forward.

**September:** Township journalism celebrated a major victory as this newsroom walked off with the Nat Nakasa Community Media Award for decades of fearless reporting that gave voice to marginalized communities. In sports, 14-year-old Uthmaan Caster, of the Hola Skoko Football Academy was selected to return to Brazil in 2026 for a top residential football programme, marking a proud milestone for Lenasia South youth.

**October:** JMPD together with K9 and TRU units, carried out a raid in Lenasia South, arresting a wanted suspect and seizing illegal drugs with an estimated street value of R17 000.

**November:** Local youth achievements continued to shine as Nkateko Moyane from Ennerdale won multiple awards at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists International Science Fair. Naftal Khoza, a young innovator from Lawley, brought home a bronze medal from an international science fair, showing that local talent is making waves on a global stage.

**December:** Finally, Lenasia South's Liverpool Bloc receives R24-million pipeline upgrade after years of pipe breaks and no supply.



**MISS LENASIA TOWNSHIP 2025 – GRAND FINALE**  
CICI Beauty Pageants will host the Miss Lenasia Township 2025 Grand Finale on 20 December at the Finetown Multi-Purpose Hall. The event will run from 12 to 5pm, featuring live performances, entertainment and food as contestants showcase their talents and charisma.

**BAGGED BRAZZE VOLUME 1 - CAR CULTURE EVENT**  
Olla's Kitchen and German Projektz will host Bagged Brazze Volume 1 on 16 December at the Ennerdale Ext 9 Hall. This stance and bagged car showcase will

feature a park-off, low limbo, show-and-shine displays and family-friendly activities including a kiddies' corner. An after-party will follow in the hall.

**46TH SABARIMALA PUNITHA YATRA**  
Sri Devi Karumariamman Thirukoil invites the community to the 46th Sabarimala Punitha Yatra and Kanni Pooja on 13 December at 3pm at Cosmos & Impala Street, Lenasia South. The event includes the 108 Vishesha Sangu Abhishegam and other devotional rituals. All devotees are welcome.

**PIMP MY BICYCLE COMPETITION**  
Residents are invited to a vibrant "Pimp My Bicycle" event taking place on 16 December at 11am in Ext 8, behind the new clinic. Activities include stance, sound check and spin bicycle challenges. A brand-new bicycle worth R4 000 and medals are up for grabs.

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## Traditional Christmas Pudding



- Ingredients**
- 250g stale brown breadcrumbs (insides only not crusts)
  - 200g each seedless raisins, currants, sultanas (I couldn't find currents so just used raisins & sultanas)
  - 80g chopped glacé pineapple
  - 80g glacé cherries
  - 250g soft brown sugar
  - 100g blanched almonds roughly chopped
  - 1 large Granny Smith apple grated with the skin on
  - Finely grated zest and rind of one lemon and one orange
  - 100g candied grapefruit peel or mixed citrus peel
  - 1 tsp of mixed spices made up of a little ground clove, freshly grated nutmeg, ground ginger, and ground allspice
  - 4 Tbs brown or wholewheat flour
  - 100ml brandy
  - 250g vegetable suet (I used grated butter)
  - 4 large eggs

- Method**
1. Prepare a large pot with water and place a trivet inside for steaming.
  2. Grease a 2-litre pudding steamer well with butter.
  3. Line the bottom with a disc of greaseproof paper and dust the whole bowl with cake flour.
  4. Cut a circle of greaseproof paper to cover the top of the pudding; butter the side that will touch the pudding.
  5. Prepare an additional sheet of greaseproof paper with a fold in the middle (to allow for expansion).
  6. Keep ready a piece of mutton cloth / unbleached calico and twine to tie it on. (Alternatively: cover tightly with 2 layers of foil and secure with string.)
  7. In a large bowl, add all ingredients one by one, mixing well after each addition.
  8. Fill the pudding bowl just below the rim.
  9. Place the buttered greaseproof circle on top, butter side down.
  10. Cover with the folded greaseproof sheet, then the cloth, and tie securely with string, leaving a loop for lifting.
  11. Steam the pudding in simmering water for 5 hours, adding more boiling water as needed so the pot doesn't boil dry.
  12. Once cooked, wrap the entire pudding in greaseproof paper and store in a cool place or bottom of the fridge until Christmas Day.
  13. On Christmas Day, boil again for 2 hours to darken and finish the pudding.
- Recipe by Drizzle & Dip

### Hoosein Khan strengthens local CPF with safety vests donation



The Lenasia South CPF's scholar patrollers with their vests

This generous donation was handed over by Hoosein Khan, the owner of Khan's Butchery, located opposite the BP garage on Starling Street. CPF members gathered to receive the much-needed safety gear on 8 November at Mercy-Seat Bible Church in Lenasia South Ext4. The vests will help improve CPF visibility during community patrols,

especially the busy festive season. Scholar patroller head, Robert Dlamini, expressed his heartfelt appreciation for Khan's commitment to safety initiatives. Khan encouraged both residents and local businesses to stand behind safety initiatives such as this one, emphasising that community partnership strengthens crime-prevention efforts.

### Huge relief: Liverpool Bloc to receive R24-million pipeline upgrade by JWater



Image: Shirley Govender

The most recent pipe break on Richmond Street this week



Image: Joburg Water

Pipes, valves and hydrants set to be installed from January

Frustrated residents welcome the overdue move by Joburg Water to upgrade pipelines in a three-phase project set to modernise the collapsing water infrastructure in the area. This follows years of weekly pipe breaks leaving residents without supply. The project includes the installation of modern HDPE pipes using trenchless methods, along with the replacement of ageing valves

and install above ground fire hydrants. All three phases will begin simultaneously and are expected to take four months to complete. JW's Civil Engineering Technician, Terrance Malahlela, told GLOBE POST that this project will significantly strengthen the area's supply. "The benefits are to improve the reliability of the water system in Liverpool Street Bloc and reduce the number of pipe bursts. The number of workers will be determined by the contractor, but I estimate about 10 employees per phase." Ward 120's Cllr, Puseletso Nzimande, added: "Our residents must benefit from the project. 50% of the workers will come from the bloc and others from surrounding areas in the Ward," she said. She added Liverpool residents are invited to a public meeting on 15 December (5pm) at the Lenasia South Civic.

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### Safe, inclusive space coming to Shaziel



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Sunita Doman and Waseem Khan at the site of Shaziel's future safe green hub

The Shaziel community in Lenasia South is set to benefit from a new green hub through a partnership between local leader Sunita Doman, Living Word Kingswood School, and Cllr Puseletso Nzimande. Doman told GLOBE POST: "The motive is to create a safe and inclusive green space for the Shaziel community, addressing issues like encroachment and crime, while promoting community engagement and upliftment." The visionary project converts an under-used space into a vibrant area for recreation, aimed to strengthen community connections and improve residents' quality of life. Their proposal was presented to the Community-Based Planning (CBP) session on 3 November, followed by an on-site inspection by City Parks. Kingswood deputy principal, Waseem Khan, said: "The initiative will not only uplift Shaziel but also provide meaningful service-learning opportunities for learners." The project is expected to be completed within 8-12 months, and residents are encouraged to participate.

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Jesus just didn't come to earth to live among us, to guide and teach us but also, to go to the Cross and die for our sins.

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places him in the Garden of Eden to enjoy what He has created. He didn't create it by 'something.' No, everything was created by faith filled words (Hebrews 11:3).

After Adam sinned, God found Noah as a righteous man and after the flood made a covenant with him that the earth will never again be destroyed by a flood. But Noah was not chosen. Then God found Abram. He changed his name to Abraham and entered into a Covenant with him. But Abraham was

not chosen. Almost five hundred years later Moses was given the Laws by God Himself. These laws made His people mindful of the Covenant God had with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But Moses was not chosen. God loved David and to him God promised that, from his royal lineage would descend the Messiah, Jesus Christ (2Samuel 7:13). The angel Gabriel confirms this to Mary before she conceived by the Holy Spirit, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David" (Luke 1:31-32).

This is as clear as crystal. There's nothing complicated about this. God spoke to the Prophet Micah and told him exactly that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem. About 715 years later, fulfilling scripture, at the set time, surely the Christ was born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:7). Angels and Shepherds rejoiced, seeing this great phenomenon. At 30 years old, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way but He was without sin. As a sinless man, He endured the Cross, ignoring the disgrace and shame it brought Him. Once completing the Father's assignment, He sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Why did Jesus willingly go to the Cross and die. Jesus died for the sins of the world because He so loved the world. Jesus was chosen among all and fulfilled all scripture. Happy birthday Precious Jesus! We love You!



Ps Radha Moodley  
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# CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

## Sharing Christ's light this Christmas Season

Christ's love is the true heart of Christmas - may His peace and joy fill your home. Christmas reminds us of the birth of God's Son, Jesus, who came to bring love, hope and joy to the world. The spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere: hearts grow softer, words become kinder and families draw closer. This season invites us to focus on joy, cherish our loved ones, and carry kindness and hope into every moment.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas.  
- Pastor J Challen.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger,"

-Luke 2:10-12.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, it is a joyous and a holy time. Jesus Christ was born to bring joy to the world and peace to our hearts. The birth of Jesus is a reminder that even in darkness, His light will shine.

This Christmas, make time for Jesus Christ, make room in your hearts and allow Him to have a relationship with you.

May The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Merry Christmas to you all, be safe and take care.

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# Lenasia South's Eleven Stars FC seeks support



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Your donations can help these players amplify talent and thrive in the local soccer scene

**Coach Jabulani Ngubane, is calling on the community, organisations and sponsors to assist these young players.**

Eleven Stars FC is registered NPO under social development and consists of the U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17 divisions. Currently the team has over 50 boys and girls who train at Kiasha Park Sports Grounds from Tuesday to Friday at 2:30 - 6pm. Many of the children come from disadvantaged backgrounds, often arriving hungry. The club relies on parental support and community goodwill to provide training, food and participation in league

games, including travel to Deep South Local Football Association matches. Eleven Stars FC is urgently seeking assistance with soccer balls, kits, small goals and refreshments. Lack of funds sometimes prevents the club from fulfilling its promises, but it remains committed to nurturing talent and giving children a chance to progress in sports. The club has strong ties with the local community and other football clubs and it hopes that potential sponsors and stakeholders will join them to keep the team thriving.

**For sponsorships or donations, please contact coach Ngubane on 073 603 9720.**



Image: Thabo "Spaba" Ntholeng

Some of the winners showcase trophies and medals won at Khomanani Health Group

## Vlakas' SS Fast Movers FC awards top players

The Seasonal Awards were held on 7 December at Khomanani Health Group in Vlakkfontein, bringing together players, coaches and supporters to honour their hard work, discipline and growth.

Coach Thabo "Spaba" Ntholeng, said that the ceremony aimed to keep young players motivated, focused on their talents and united like a football family.

Top achievers shone across multiple categories: Nhlonipho Mdlalose (CR7) was crowned Player of the Season, while Buhlebezwe "Speed Fire" Nkomo secured the Top Goal Scorer award. Nkosikhona "TLB" earned Defender of the Season, Stiff "General" took Midfielder of the Season and Bandile "Messi" Sithole was named Most Promising Player. Guitsimodimo "Slow Poison" received Best Attendance, with Ramos recognised as Best Captain. Each category honoured three winners, with trophies for 1st place and medals for 2nd and 3rd. Between 25 and 30 players were celebrated, reflecting the club's strong commitment to unity, development and excellence.

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