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NEW Jerusalem Children's Home rejoiced as Thembinkosi Ivan Mabuza was the first pupil from the home to matriculate, but now the future is uncertain for the bright 18-year-old as he needs help from the community in order to further his studies.

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Two men wanted for cyclist attack

MIDRAND police have identified two suspects wanted for questioning after mountain biker Filip Rafalski was attacked and his bike stolen on New Year's Day.

Police called on the community to help find the suspects.

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Gautrain flyover to be investigated

PRESIDENT Park Action Group's Mike Johnson said a structural defect had developed on the flyover bridge at the intersection of West Road and the K101.

Johannesburg Roads Agency will investigate the bridge which is a flyover for the Gautrain.

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Matrics continue to celebrate results

AS the National Senior Certificate Examination results were released on 6 January, Midrand matriculants rushed to their schools to celebrate.

Midrand Reporter caught up with the pupils at Midrand High School to see what their 2015 plans were.

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First day of Grade 1 for some pupils

IT WAS the start of the school year for many pupils on 14 January, and for Grade 1 pupils starting school for the first time it was an exciting and scary day as they met their classmates and new teacher for the year.

There were tears of joy and sadness but it was an exciting day.

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Pastor George Mosena presents Tumelo Maimela with two R5 000 cheques. Tiyiselani Mpangane and Dr Qinisile Diale is pictured with them.

Church gives 2 bursaries

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EQINISWENI Senior Secondary School received 88.6 percent in their matric results for 2014.

The school, which is based in Ivory park, had more than 300 matriculants write examinations last year and of that number, a third of them qualified to study for a bachelor degree.

At an event organised by the House of Faith Christian Centre on 11 November, the church presented the school with two bursaries valued at R5 000 each, for the school's top achieving pupils.

The church's senior pastor, George Mosena,

said as a congregation they were in support of education. One cannot rely only on their Christianity or spirituality to sustain and secure a prosperous life, he said. Well-known business man, Clayson Monyela, was the guest speaker at the event. "It doesn't matter where you start," he said. "You can still make something of yourself." Monyela told of his story as a fatherless young boy who was raised by a single mother. "Now, I can afford anything money can buy through being saved [by Christ] and education."

The two recipients of the bursary from the church were Tiyiselane Mpakane, who received seven distinctions, and Tumelo Maimela, who received six distinctions.

Both Mpakane and Maimela received

scholarships to study towards medicine and civil engineering, respectively, at the University of Cape Town. Mpakane said, "I love helping people and I am passionate about being a doctor. I'm happy to have received the scholarship and the bursary from the church," she said. She was accompanied by her mother, Kenkie Mpangane.

"During her Grade 12 year, I put a stop on all her chores so she could have time to study," she said.

"I also put a stop to her watching TV."

Maimela was pleased to have received his results as they allowed him to fulfill a childhood dream. "As a child playing, I used to construct and deconstruct things," said Maimela. "I really hope to do well and excel in my field of study."

Orphanage's first matriculant in need

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THEMBINKOSI Ivan Mabuza is the first matric pupil to come from New Jerusalem Children's home, a place that cares for orphaned and vulnerable children.

While the home celebrates his results, the home said they cannot afford to further his education. In spite of all this, Mabuza is proud of his results.

He said, "I am pleased that I qualify to study further. I am asking for money to study for a degree in graphic design and sports development at the University of Pretoria." He said he is thankful to his many siblings and carers at the home who have stood by his side and supported him in his studies. Mabuza is described by the home's co-founder Phina Mojapelo as, "A humble self starter who is passionate and dedicated in bettering his life. We are proud of his achievements as the eldest one at the home."

Mojapelo stated that even though Mabuza does not know where his biological parents are, this has never stopped him from being positive



Phina Mojapelo and Themba Ivan Mabuza.

about life. In 2011, Mabuza was selected to visit Blasco in the province of Capiz, Philippines, for sports development training.

During his matric year, he designed a jacket for all pupils of Ponele Pele Oracle Secondary School matric class. "We are asking for

donations towards Mabuza's further studies. He is the first from the home to complete matric," said Mojapelo.

Details: To donate money for Mabuza's studies, contact Phina Mojapelo at the home on 010 224 0460.

10th birthday celebrations

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BRIGHTER Beginnings Preschool in Halfway Gardens is celebrating a decade of existence.

The school first opened its doors on 12 January in 2005 and had only nine pupils.

Jacqui Wilson, the school's principal said despite their humble beginnings they had grown from strength to strength.

"We look forward to continuing our endeavour to educate using the Montessori principles and philosophy. To inspire and to motivate the children whom we are privileged to have in our care in their formative years," she said.

The preschool will be hosting their 10-year birthday party in March. Former pupils and parents are advised to contact the school to obtain details of the party.

Details: 011 805 4744; bbpreschool@gmail.com



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