

STOP PRESS SA NEWS - Liwa Primary School

One of the oldest schools in the Nyanga area, Liwa Primary serves a previously disadvantaged community with a very high rate of unemployment. Established in 1959, Liwa Primary started with the name Emthonjeni Primary. A staff of eight taught 50 learners each in the morning session and 50 learners each in the afternoon session.

Through collaboration with private donators Jonathan "Jonty" and Maria Savitt from London and the Khanya Project, the school was able to introduce technology to their learners. Their original 10 PC's donated in 2004 gave Liwa Primary a taste of technology but they quickly realized that if the technology was to have a genuine impact on their learners and their community, they would have to establish a full laboratory for curriculum delivery.

Work on this laboratory is now well under way and the educators keenly anticipate the start of their training in both general computer literacy and in the appropriate educational software. Many of them have had little to no exposure to technology yet, but they believe that it will relieve some of their work load as they become skilled to use it for administrative duties. Most importantly, however, educators believe that it will have a huge impact in the classroom where their learners will develop skills that will empower them to compete with their peers from more advantaged schools on a level footing.

Learners at Liwa Primary have watched as neighbouring schools have developed similar facilities, little hoping that they too could have access to this kind of technology. With the infrastructure now complete the students (learners) are able reap the rewards of patience as they stand on the threshold of the world of information accessed through Information and Communications Technology.

School Details: (as at 2008-03-07)	
Area:	Cape Town
Language:	Xhosa
Project Stage:	Curriculum delivery
Type:	Primary School
Number of PCs:	41
Educators:	15
Learners:	522
Learner/PC Ratio:	13:1
Facilitator:	EduNova/C Ahrends



The Khanya laboratory at Liwa completed May 2007