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Dear Friends

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Greetings! It is so lovely to be in touch with you all again, at the beginning of 2020. We hope that you will enjoy reading our first newsletter of the year.

Feedback on Year End Event:

We had a wonderful celebration on 7 December 2019, firstly with the graduates modelling an outfit they had designed and made, and then awarding certificates to all.

This photo shows our award winners from the 2nd year students –



Back row – Zibuyile Nzuza:
Top Student.

Front Row – 1. Sandra
Sibanda: Top Student and
Most Creative Student.

2. Nozipho Sithole: Top
Student and Most Promising
Student.

3. Nomlando Mbele: Top
Student.

I hear you all wondering – why 4 Top Students?? Well, these ladies worked together as a team throughout the year. They sat around one worktable, learning together, designing together, drafting together, laughing together, encouraging each other and growing stronger together, as a team. They were so different to students from previous years, and there was no way that one student was better than any of the others. So, we felt that they all deserved to be acknowledged as Top Students – don't you agree?



2019 – 1st year students

2020:

Training courses started again from February 2020. We are pleased to have 4 students return to finish the 1st year course that they began in July 2019, and we have 9 new 1st year students that started this year.

7 of our 2019 students have returned to continue with the 2nd year of training. What a lovely group of ladies, all focused on the workload that Year 2 has. We wish them well as they work hard this year.



2019 – part-time students – weekdays and Saturdays

Our part-time training has started very slowly, with only 3 new students registering. We

hope that these numbers will increase soon.

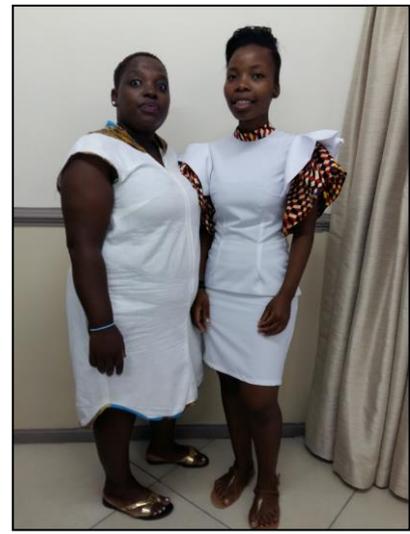
Advertising has been our main focus since we opened at the end of January. Information on Facebook has generated a lot of interest, but we are not seeing good results from those initial enquiries. Please help us by spreading the word to as many people as you can.



On Valentine’s Day this year, we encouraged the students to dress up with the theme “White with a touch of Red”. Most of the 2nd year students designed an outfit for the day, and looked lovely. This was the first of a few mini-fashion shows that we will hold during the year, so keep watching

our Facebook Page so you don’t miss out on seeing their progress.

We have welcomed into our training team, 2 of our 2nd year students who graduated last year – Nozipho Sithole and Zibuyile Nzuza. They are undergoing “Trainer training” as interns and they have been warmly received by the new students that they are looking after. We wish them all the best as they learn to teach sewing, and are grateful to them for being willing to come on board with us.



We will be launching our **FUNDRAISER** in March through Back-a-buddy. Graeme Thorne is undertaking the Comrades Marathon again this year – it is a down run from Pietermaritzburg to Durban over 90km and will be run on 14 June 2020 (he did the up run last year and raised R15 000 for Sizani). So, the challenge is out to raise more than last year – Graeme is putting in the miles, we just need to **donate to encourage him**. Keep an eye

out for all the information and how to make your donation.

Other ways that you can support Sizani **at NO COST TO YOURSELF?**

1. **Shop at, or donate** your unwanted household/office goods to the **SOCIAL CAUSE AGENCY’S CHARITY SHOP** situated at Paige Place, Bamboo Lane, Pinetown. When you donate goods, please tell the staff your donation is for Sizani.
2. **Register yourself** on the **My School Card Programme** especially if you shop at Woolworths



regularly. You can link your Woolworths card to the My School Card Programme, and nominate Sizanani, Academy of sewing and design as your beneficiary OR change your current beneficiary information to support Sizanani instead. You will find this information on www.myschool.co.za.

3. **Talk** about Sizanani to friends, family and colleagues. Give them this newsletter – the more we spread the word, the more we become known.
4. **LIKE** our Facebook page, Sizanani, Academy of sewing and design, and **SHARE** all the posts that you see about what is happening at Sizanani on a weekly basis. This way Sizanani's information will reach all YOUR facebook friends too.
5. YES, this one will cost you 😊 but please consider making a donation to Sizanani's work. You can scan this code (download Zapper from your phone's playstore)



6. Alternatively, on our website www.sizanani-academy.org.za, there is a DONATE button you can click on to make a donation – just follow the link.



Until next time..... Sharon and Mpume