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# SONDELA ACADEMY 2011 NEWSLETTER

**2010 WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL  
YEAR FOR ALL OF US AT THE  
SONDELA ACADEMY...!!**

The GREAT things we achieved in  
2010 at the Academy...

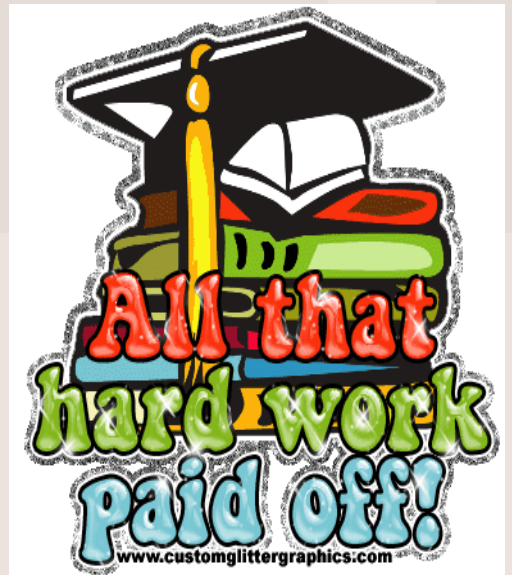
- How well the Students have been taught.
- The success they have achieved
- How much they have changed and grown
- Hard work and dedication from both the students and the lecturers.

All our students are ready to take the next step – some will proceed to the next stage of their training while others will move on to proper employment.

While we will miss the students that are leaving us, we are delighted with their JOB PLACEMENTS at various venues.

This is GREAT NEWS and proves that the Tourism industry has NO LIMITATIONS and that OPPORTUNITIES are ENDLESS!

**Congratulations to you all!**



# Graduation Class of 2010!

A grandiose Graduation Ceremony was held for the class of 2010. Just looking at the venue, the Trophies and the Certificates on display gave a proud feeling of the achievements being celebrated – the end product of hard work and dedication from everyone involved.

The Principal first thanked those parents who travelled far to take part in their children's Graduation Day before introducing Mr. Ian Jansen van Rensburg for the welcoming. Ian thanked the parents for entrusting their children into our capable hands.

He jokingly recounted how when the graduates first arrived they looked just like schoolchildren, but when they put on their Sondela Uniform for the first time, they transformed into part of the workforce. Ian mentioned that it is no small feat to work as part of the workforce, as the students endure much pressure and 2nd year students already manage people and run divisions.



A few of the graduates shared their experiences and what they had gained from their studies:

Christian mentioned that this learning experience has been awesome and emphasized that employers want workers that are multi-skilled. Lana mentioned that she initially didn't know what to expect from 2009, but has landed a job at Mabalingwe Resort after going for an interview. Robyn became a Junior Manager at Sondela's Food and Beverage department. Monica has been appointed at SSB due to her drive, ambition and skills.

Chané mentioned that practical experience at the Country House is all-encompassing. Mr Mel Meyer and Mr Ian Jansen van Rensburg then presented the Diplomas, Certificates and General Trophies. On a

# Hard work can be FUN...!

On Friday, 21st January, 21 Students from Pietersburg High school arrived by bus for a weekend camp hosted by Sondela Academy at Tambuki Tent Camp. On arrival, the students were welcomed and given a brief introduction to Sondela before being treated to lunch. The move to Tambuki Tent Camp proved to be quite entertaining as each student had packed enough for a two week stay! It seems they had overlooked the fact that the camp has no electricity and the water is heated by a traditional "donkie"!

After being divided into four hospitality groups; Reception combined with Nature Conservation, Chefs, Food and Beverage and Accommodation Services, team had to perform the real duties and responsibilities that their real life department would be expected to carry out. The teams were lead by their facilitators for the weekend, Edith, Cobus, Heidi and Chef Edward.

The students from the different departments wore different coloured bandannas and each group had to perform for their group. The Chefs had to prepare a scrumptious three course meal for the rest of the group, the two teachers were treated



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