

# BONGINKOSI REPORT

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*A brief outline of the status and plans for building the new Bonginkosi Pre-school  
as understood by the Thembisa Trustees.  
Tonia Cope Bowley, Thembisa Trustee, 3 May 2008*

### HISTORICAL HOLD-UPS

Bonginkosi school was 'ready to fly' – start building - with the generous donation from KOA at the end of 2006. However there arose assorted problems and hold-ups such as the suitability of the existing site in terms of location, plot size, and neighbourhood issues. Also the volunteer architect Peter Howe was unable to devote his time to the project for some while. When an alternate suitable site was found it proved difficult to locate the owner to transact the purchase!

### GOOD NEWS – NEW PLOT, NEW BUILDING

The Bonginkosi Trustees and architect are now working hard to resolve remaining issues. A new and more suitable site has been acquired and the desired layout of the school building been defined. Peter estimates construction will take approximately 4 to 5 months, which means it is imperative (and optimistic!) to complete construction by the end of September 2008 (before the rainy season begins).

**Renovations to existing building** - In the mean time, for safety, repairs must be done to the dilapidated existing building.

Clearly there is much work still to be done before construction begins. We wish them a speedy fulfillment of their vision and hope for the much needed BONGINKOSI PRE-SCHOOL.

**The Bonginkosi Trustees and The Thembisa Trust, thank KOA for patiently waiting while these Third World hold-ups are resolved.**