

Diepkloof Urban class 2nd December - 2011

# Pupils stand up against crime

Gwen Nemutudi

Three primary schools in Diepkloof celebrated five months of participation in an initiative called stand against crime.

The celebration was held at Khomanani Primary School and the schools that were involved showcased their knowledge and skills of how to fight crime.

The initiative was introduced by Computershare and they nominated Change a life ambassador to teach the pupils the necessary skills to fight crime.

Sechaba Matsoso from Computershare said that during the five months Change a life ambassador relayed crime prevention information through open dialog sessions.

"In recent years, South African schools have

suffered numerous crime incidents, including stabbing, bullying and physical abuse.

"The pupils were taught power relations, open communication, decision making and identifying crime activities," he said.

Matsoso said that the skills they were taught will help them and they will be able to help other pupils who are suffering from crime.

"The goal of this programme is to "empower young people to take a stand against crime and become valuable citizens and role models in their communities" said Matsoso.

After the celebrations Computershare gave all the pupils who attended the celebration food parcels.





**Coach Sphiwe Ngwenya during a coaching session with Khomamani Primary School Soccer Players**

# Pirates help primary school soccer players

**Gwen Nemutudi**

Valued Citizen and Orlando Pirates Intermediate Development teamed up to help young primary school soccer players reach their full potential.

One of the Orlando Pirates Intermediate Development coaches Sphiwe Ngwenya said that when Valued Citizen called them to help coach the young soccer players of Khomamani Primary School they did not hesitate to accept.

"We love going to schools to see young players at

work, you never know when you are going to find a future Bafana Bafana player.

"We don't only coach a school but we are scouting for good players at the same time.

"If we find players who are talented we take them to the Pirates sports complex where we are going to make them the best players in South Africa," he said.

Ngwenya goes said: "I know that there are players that we will not choose who are not talented enough but if they want to be soccer players they have to practice until they are good enough, they must not give up."

Orlando Pirates Intermediate Development coaches schools as part of their community projects.

"Some of South Africa's greatest players like Lucky Masisi who plays for Thanda Royal Zulu were discovered through this project" said No.