



“What an amazing school. I have never ever felt so welcomed like we were today.”

This is a WhatsApp from a Sun Valley parent to head coach Jono Raphael, having had a marvellous experience at Ukhanyo Primary School. The message was sent after attending the first day of the Barbarian under-9 rugby tournament at the school, on a bitterly cold and rainy Friday.

Fittingly, Ukhanyo Primary School is across the road from the Bishop Tutu Clinic. Coach Raphael trumpeted the Rainbow Nation dream. This under-9 tournament, a collaboration between MasiSports, Masicorp UK and the Barbarians FC and involving schools from across the South Peninsula, is another step towards that dream, considered impossible by most South Africans today.

The building of positive generational change can be achieved by schools, hospitals and churches working together and developing a fuller understanding of all. Only growth of common respect , open dialogue and personal understanding will form the foundation of a new society. This dynamic change has to start with the youth.

So many leaders across the Valley aspire to move the South Peninsula closer to a fully bonded community. This Barbarian under-9 rugby tournament played by eight primary schools in the district will assist this bonding process. Sport plays such a pivotal role.

In 2018, three Ukhanyo rugby teams travelled to neighbouring suburb Hout Bay for matches. No child had ever heard of Hout Bay. And very few children from wealthy residential areas have spent time in underprivileged areas chatting to kids in the townships. This separation between residential areas has remained by and large and prohibits the natural interchange of dialogue, ideas and creativity that can be achieved in South Africa.

Collaborative projects and competitions using our diverse strengths will build the respect and understanding that is required as the foundation of Tutu’s dream. Every person, including donors and volunteers, involved in this journey, is a Rainbow Nation angel. Thank you. You have put us on the path of hope and unity.



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