

# RICHARD VARHA HIGH



## RICHARD THAMSANQA VARA

### Biography

Richard Thamisanqa Vara was born in 1910 on a farm near Cradock. His father was Qhunu and his mother was Nontshi. He had a sister called Nongazi. His nickname was Mbutana as he was called by his father who was farmer. His father owned a small land and livestock. They worked together on the land. When his father passed on, he continued farming on that land. He never attended school at all.

He was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary politician. He was a member of MK, Rimbhonto Westrvel. He was known as Chief. After sometime he moved to live in Cradock in a location known as Magubeni. He got married to Emily Nontsuntu Nosi. They had six children Nobengazi, Thenjiwe, Mxolisi, Nontuthuzelo, Ntombomhlaba and Ntombomzi.

He joined the ANC in 1960 under the influence of Rev. Canon James Calata. The Secretary of the ANC. He was arrested in 1962 convicted and sentenced to 9 years imprisonment. Then transferred from Port Elizabeth to Robben Island on 23 May 1966. Soon after being arrested his wife was also arrested. His wife was the leader of the Women League in 1950 she led a group of women under the Defiance Campaign burning all pass books. She was arrested on the 19 May 1966 and was released on the 5 May 1968.

He was restricted to King Williams Town and was under home arrest under Act no.44 of 1950 Section 9(1) 30 June 1971 to 31 August 1972. He was deployed to Dimbaza which was known as the last grave then. He was employed by the Department of Works in the Ciskeian Government from 1972 to 1988. He was arrested many times by the Ciskeian police and was imprisoned time and again. His wife passed on in 1973 January and never married again. He lived with his children.

In 1986 he was arrested and became sick thereafter. His health changed and became worse than ever since then. He passed on in 1988 leaving his family in house no. 1466.

His family tried to give him a decent funeral but the Ciskeian police made things so difficult by beating people during our mourning time.

This is the story of a man whom we are proud to be a father to us, a grandfather to all our children. May his soul rest in peace.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Memories

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# Sifunda Kunye Writing Camp 2017



## *Innovative Writing Camp Empowers Learners*

Seventy learners from four area schools explored creativity, learning, and self-expression in an intense writing camp over the weekend. The camp was sponsored and hosted by the Sifunda Kunye Educational Project, a local public benefit organization that has been active in the King Williams Town district since 2008.

Sifunda Kunye invites 10 to 15 learners from each of its partner schools in the King William's Town District and Grahamstown district participate in these camps. This past weekend, learners from St. Matthew's, Xolani, Richard Varha, Toise and Hendrik Kanise combined Schools spent an intense 3 days (Friday-Sunday) focusing on a specific theme, completing personal works, and submitting them for peer critique. This session's theme was "Dreams are made of..." and learners were encouraged to express what dreams and ambitions means to them in essays, poems, and group discussions and drama. Participants received guidance from a talented group of volunteer facilitators, student leaders, and the Sifunda Kunye staff. Participants submit their work for inclusion into a published student journal at the end of the camp. The journal is a unique opportunity for many to see their work in print.

Learners and teachers are continually impressed with the writing camps. Participants relish the opportunity to engage in an in-depth weekend of imaginative learning. They enjoy improving their language and writing skills in a fun and creative venue outside of the classroom. Teachers enjoy witnessing the progress these young writers make over the course of a weekend.

The Sifunda Kunye Literacy Project's writing camps have been successfully running since they first launched in August 2014. Sifunda Kunye is a non-profit that relies on donations and grants to support its literacy and technology programs in Eastern Cape schools.

Thank you to St Matthews High School for hosting our writing club this year.....



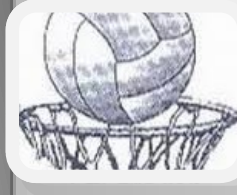


5 August 2017, our school attended the Sifunda Kunye Rugby & Netball Tournament in Zwelitsha. Sporting codes were Rugby Boys and Girls Netball. All Sifunda Kunye partner school in the King Williams Town area competed against each other in a friendly tournament.

We would like to thank the organisers of this tournament and congratulate our pupils for 3rd position in netball and 4th position in Rugby

Sifunda Kunye would like to thank all partner school for coming and supporting all partner school learners during the tournament.

# Sifunda Kunye Sportsday





# *Heritage Celebrations*





# Career Day 2017





# Memories

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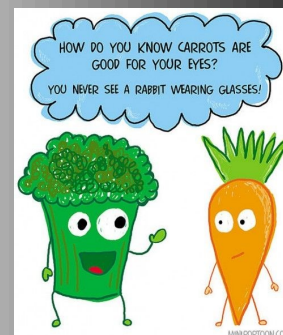


# 10 FINALS Study tips

- 1 keep energy levels high**  
*sleep 7-9 hours so you can be more awake and energized.*
- 2 50-10 rule**  
*study 50 minutes of every hours. spend 10 minutes clearing your mind.*
- 3 organize your calendar**  
*designate time for studying, free time, and exam times.*
- 4 make study guides**  
*begin preparing and making study guides one week before the exam.*
- 5 study in groups**  
*but only if it helps you. don't let it be a distraction.*
- 6 take your time**  
*plan ahead and take your time studying.*
- 7 exercise**  
*let off steam and clear your mind. an active mind is more productive.*
- 8 relax**  
*keep your stress levels low and worry less.*
- 9 do a practice quiz**  
*ask friends to quiz you on subjects that are difficult.*
- 10 eat healthy**  
*your body will feel better and you will be more alert.*



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## Sifunda Kunye Lab @ Richard Varha



## CAMI Reader

Reading is the foundation of all intellectual learning. CAMI Reader is a complete reading and language system for learners aged 5-18 years.



### Benefits :

- Focuses on the development of new reading techniques and the expansion of language usage.
- Increases reading speed by training the learner to read groups of words instead of one word at a time.
- Facilitates the integration of other learning areas with reading - an important requirement of outcomes-based education.
- Assists the learner in the transition from reading aloud to silent reading.
- Helps to improve the students concentration and his/her understanding of what has been read.

## CAMI Maths -

Confidence is a key factor to success in maths and confidence comes through mastery. In maths, learners must master each skill in order to progress proficiently to the next, more advanced skill. When this incremental learning is not achieved, gaps in mathematical knowledge can occur which may compromise the learner's mathematical development for life.

CAMI Education has been the front runner in Computer Aided Maths Instruction since 1984. Our successful after hours maths program led to the development of CAMI Maths - a comprehensive, curriculum compliant software system for learners aged 5-18. CAMI Maths helps learners to avoid learning gaps.

