



DESKS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

By **HAPPY MNGUNI**
FOUR pupils used to share one desk.

But thanks to the Tutudesk campaign things have now changed

for the better.

Thandeka Tutu-Gxashe, the director of the Desmond Tutu Tutudesk Campaign Centre said: "We have committed teachers and pupils but that's not sufficient if there is no infrastructure."

The Amway-supported project recently donated 1 529 lap desks to Rondebult Primary School in Boksburg, Ekurhuleni.

General manager Raj Parshotam said a 2012 study with 426 teachers from 52 schools by the Tutudesk campaign showed a desk has a big effect on a child's educa-

tion.

The company has donated over R2.2 million to provide Tutudesks to underprivileged schools. It has handed over 14 000 desks to pupils all over Mzansi.

Nozuko Kenyana, headmistress of Rondebult Primary School, said: "Thank you, Amway. You have made such a difference. The desks will alleviate pressure and improve our results."

"Our pupils will be eager to come to school knowing they don't have to share a desk."

Nontombi Tutu and her sister Thandeka Tutu-Gxashe (centre) with pupils during the hand-over of the lapdesks at Rondebult Primary School in Boksburg.

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Pupils Sandile Mkonto (front) and Amanda Silekwa work on their new lap desks.

