



Team Maragon, o'Conner Smith, Cameron de la Rey, Blessing Makhavmu and Joe Malebe.



Team Bidvest's Eduan Naude and Darren Keet, passing the pencil with the children of Kingsway.



Ambassadors of Pass-the Pencil Elvis Blue and André Arendse with his daughter.

## Soccer stars come together to pass the pencil

**Ruimsig** — Ruimsig Athletics Stadium hosted the first-of-its-kind *Pass the Pencil* relay athletics meeting at Ruimsig Athletics Stadium on Thursday evening, 10 March.

Everyone who came, received more than they had anticipated, with many people taking part in the race. The event was part of a campaign called *Build the Class of 2022*, (the Grade 12 year for current Grade 1's) to raise awareness and funds for Kingsway Centre of Concern, an independent school that will be based in the informal settlement in Zandspruit. Many of the learners of Kingsway came on the evening to take part in the festivities of the night.

Starting in the school's relay races, saw Maragon High School and Weltevreden Park Primary School compete and come first in their respective relay races. Weltevreden Park Primary school took part in two races which saw them come third in the second race. "Kingsway has been providing top class education for the poorest of the poor for the past 25 years, with outstanding results," says Kobus van Wyngaart, one of the organisers of the event. "They



Passing the pencil are the children of Kingsway with Supersport United's Rowen Fernandez and Bradley Carnell.

have responded to the rising educational crisis by embarking on an ambitious project to extend the right to quality education to hundreds of additional learners," adds Marais Steyn, CEO of Randgold who is on the board of Kingsway's Development. "The vision is to relocate the existing school from Randpark Ridge and develop world-class facilities within the borders of Zandspruit informal settlement". One of the ambassadors of *Pass the Pencil* André Arendse, gave a short motivational speech to the class of 2022 and all the learners who were present to always aim high and never stop achieving great things. A former learner of Kingsway who received a bursary to attend TrinityHouse High School, gave short account of his schooling experience.

He praised the teachers of Kingsway for their hard work. Supersport United players competed in a relay event against Bidvest soccer players, giving the crowd a whole lot to scream about. The last event of the night saw team André take on team Elvis in a final mass relay, which required that all the participant of 2022 to take part.