Each year Masikhule hosts Cast On 4 Kids on Mandela Day – encouraging the community to knit or crochet items for the children in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres they work with in marginalised communities. People prepare blankets, scarves, beanies, jerseys, etc and take them to the event on Mandela Day, where they join for 67 minutes to knit or crochet (or cover books). These are distributed to the over 2 000 young children in the ECD Centres – from Sir Lowry’s Pass through to Maccasbar and even Eerste River.

The pandemic bought a stop to sharing the time together - but not to the wonderful donations that were kindly dropped off to ensure the little ones still got treated during the chilly month of July. This year it is taking place at Urban Voice Church, Schapenberg Road, between 11am and 2pm. Sit and knit, chat and crotchet, cover children’s books – or just drop off your donation. Small fleece blankets would be much appreciated too (new or gently loved), and remember that the children are all between three months and five years old. For more information, email info@masikhule.org.