

“Leagal Eagles” excel at moot court presentation



THE A-TEAM: (from left to right) Debate Coordinator-Mrs Makuzeni, Lisakhanya Sidzatane, Sinomhlobo Mawanga and Officer in Charge of Values and Human Rights in Education, KWT-Mr Siphiso Tabata.

“Your Excellency, it is my contention that...” The Eastern Cape Provincial Moot Court Oral Rounds held at the East London Magistrate court on 31 May 2013, set the school’s debating spirit sky high.

This completion was held under the auspices of the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria. The learners had to compete as both applicants as well as respondents in the hypothetical court case. Nine districts were represented at the provincial level. St Thomas Private School was one of the four top schools who won. They will represent the province at National level in Pretoria in August. Mrs Makuzeni, the debate coordinator, added ecstatically that the students thoroughly enjoyed the pro-

cess which honed their debating and research skills as well as enhanced their self-esteem.

The school humbly thanks Mr Shaun Naidoo and the Fort Hare Law Faculty for their involvement in the various workshops. A better understanding of policies and the different acts of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa was achieved.

Court proceedings are a challenge and the students enjoyed every bit of it- not to mention the “Bailiff jargon” with terms like, “co-counselor, respondent, complainant and the state’s stand”.

“Laws are the very Bulwarks of Liberty”, says J.G. Hollard, “They define every man’s rights, and defend the Individual Liberties of all men”.