



# SCHOOL SCENE



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Russell Junior Primary staff and agricultural development students from Reunion Island at the school.

## Reunion Island agricultural students teach Sobantu pupils

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**R**EUNION Island college students studying agricultural development visited Russell Junior Primary in Sobantu to help pupils to start a vegetable garden.

Student Maya Moupondo said the

purpose of their visit is to teach Grade 4 pupils the basics about soil, preparing a garden, planting and harvesting.

The students will spend seven days in SA, during which they will teach the Sobantu community about maintaining a garden.

Moupondo said the 101 pupils

will be separated into groups for the duration.

The school's head of department, Anita Samuel, said the produce from the garden will be sold to the contractor that supplies the school with food for its nutrition programme, teachers and the public.

"The garden will help to sustain

the school's nutrition programme and with the knowledge pupils gain they can start gardens at home. A family of six can be sustained by a garden the size of a door," Samuel said. This is not the students' first visit to the country and to the Pietermaritzburg area.

Professor of Agriculture on the

island, Didier Ramay, who planted the seed of this initiative with Tlari-  
anne Letiec, said this project started six years ago and through it's various local organisations has been assisted with establishing vegetable gardens, including a crèche in the France area, which looks after orphaned children.