

# THE OPENING OF THE JIMMY RAWBONE-VILJOEN FIELDS

**Friday, 11 March 2011** hosted the official opening of the new fields and access road. Over the past nine months, major earthworks and civils have been done at Applewood. Not only do we now have two new hockey/soccer fields, but also a wonderful tarred access road (complete with an avenue of trees) and paved parking area. 30 Brand new parking bays have been created, and proper drainage is in place. The new developments have helped to bring structure to the school campus and position ourselves better for future growth and development.

These beautiful improvements to our school were made possible by the generosity of our school community and friends during very tough economic times. The Max-a-Million fundraising campaign was 'kick started' by an initial generous donation from **Mrs D Rawbone-Viljoen, our guest of honour** who opened the fields by unveiling the plaque on the morning.

The fields have been named the '**Jimmy Rawbone-Viljoen Fields**' in honour of the major donor's late husband. Mr J Rawbone-Viljoen was a visionary, community-minded man whose family has been integrally involved in Applewood for many years. These fields will be enjoyed by thousands of children into the future as a legacy to this family of Applewood.

After the ceremony, the first annual Inter-House Duathlon was held, using the new fields as the transition zone. This sport has recently been introduced at Applewood, and the results were clearly seen in the endurance and tenacity displayed in the performances of the children. Well done to the Golden's for winning this event.

