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editor's note

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Do it for Frans

FRANS Mafuwafwane politely directed two visitors to the principal's office. On their way out they simply raised a gun, aimed and fired.

A few seconds was all it took for the Parkmore pre-primary school's security guard to die. A guard, father, brother and friend to most was gone, all because the gunmen probably feared he could identify them. Cowards.

It has to be the most positive thing to hear residents vowing Mafuwafwane's death would not be in vain.

Instead of building high walls around their houses and counting on Sandton police officers, who in any case are not well-equipped to fight crime effectively (as reported in the Sandton Chronicle last week), they have vowed to take action.

And all they want is for all residents of the area to get involved and ensure that there are a few more patrol vehicles in the area.

Police have often indicated that this only pushed crime to the neighbouring suburb.

But who cares.

If it means that residents and school children will be safe from criminals, then it's the way to go. Sooner or later someone will have to stand up to these gun-wielding thugs who prowl the neighbourhoods looking for opportunities to take what doesn't belong to them, and shoot at anyone who appears to be a threat.

With a bit of luck, the majority of Parkmore residents will heed the call of their leaders.

It's about time they realised that their safety should be left in the hands of the few that make up the Parkmore Community Association.

If not for themselves and their families, then for Frans.