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Editorial Message

By Elias Mhlupheki Malindi

Welcome to our second quarter publication. The aim of this publication is to share information with our internal staff about developments taking place within the department. On this issue, the reader will get information on the Strategic Planning Lekgotla, School Governing Body Elections Launch, Book Review, World Book, Copyright Day and many more.

In April and May months the department embarked on a massive programme of Sod turning and hand-over of schools. This massive programme was done in the spirit of accelerating services to the public. Every Friday the Department has been taking part in the Provincial Thuntsa wherein services are delivered in different municipalities.

We also encourage our staff members to exchange ideas with us, on what they would like to see in our publications. Such a two - way communication process will assist the Communication Directorate to understand issues preferred by the staff.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MEC'S OFFICE

Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi

North West Education MEC

As MEC for Education, I look forward to a year in which we can accelerate our efforts to put into effect strategies and deliver outcomes of greater quality than the previous year, as well as more learners with math and science pass rates and more learners in our farm schools, all in pursuit of a better life for all. We recently convened an Education Lekgotla to promote the objective of engaging on essential debates and solutions to move the Basic Education sector forward.

Within the framework of our Lekgotla, planning acts as a compass, directing our policies, programmes, and efforts to improve the quality of basic education in North West Province. This year's Lekgotla theme, "Strengthening and Reaffirming Progressive Partnerships in Education," underscores our commitment to fostering robust collaborations that are fundamental to our educational success.

This theme is more than just a flag under which we meet; it's a dynamic call to engagement. It drives us to develop and cultivate relationships that transcend beyond traditional borders, including all sectors of society—from local companies and global corporations to non-governmental organisations and leaders in the community. During the present sixth administration, the province constructed 18 new and replacement schools, added 1,877 classrooms, supplied sanitation to 258 schools, and maintained 555 schools.

Over the upcoming MTEF, the province intends to develop 21 new and replacement schools, offer an extra 720 classrooms, maintain 560 schools, and upgrade sanitary facilities in 111 schools.



Finally, I would like to take time to express my gratitude to the many individuals and groups who have shown dedication, enthusiasm, and engagement in ensuring that the quality of education under this government improves. Collectively, we will influence the foreseeable future of education in the North West Province.



North West Department Education Lekgotla

by Nonkululeko Sereo

The North West Department of Education successfully held its Education Lekgotla with Deputy Minister of Basic Education Dr Makgabo Reginah Mhaule and key stakeholders at Sun City Resort, Bojanala district on the 29 April 2024. The lekgotla was held under the theme, “Strengthening and Reaffirming Progressive Partnerships in the NWDOE: Towards Quality Basic Education.





MEC for Education, Mrs Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi announced that the gathering was to mobilize new support from stakeholders and also appreciated those that are positively assisting the education sector. The stakeholders were shown the challenges that the department, particularly in schools, is facing in terms of curriculum and infrastructure. MEC Motsumi expressed that any resources that the stakeholders come with will be greatly appreciated and welcomed.



Deputy Minister of Basic Education Dr Reginah Mhaule emphasised the importance of improving inter-stakeholder relations. She also thanked the businesses and mines for the state of the art schools that they have built for the department in the province.



The Department of Education hopes that the engagement with stakeholders will go beyond the Lekgotla. Remember, investing in education is investing in the future!



North West Department Of Education Holds Its Strategic Planning Lekgotla

by Godfrey Seatle & Nonkululeko Sereo

The North West Department of Education held the strategic planning lekgotla at Seasons Wedding and Conference centre from the 28 to 29 February 2024. MEC for Education, Mrs Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi, Basic Education Director General, Mr Mathanzima Mveli, DDGs, Chief Directors, Directors, different Stakeholders and Social Partners as well as departmental Officials formed part of the 120 delegates who were invited to the annual Departmental Strategic Lekgotla.

The purpose of Lekgotla was to review the resolutions that were made in the 2023 strategic lekgotla in order to strengthen the implementation process in the upcoming financial year. In addition, Lekgotla was also looking at the possible ways of improving the 2024 Matric Results and the targets set for all indicators in the Annual Performance Plan. It was also focused at the implementation of the Auditor General and Internal Audit recommendations.

The objectives of the lekgotla was to assess the mid-term performance of the 6th administration, strengthen the use of technology to support the delivery of curriculum and review the 2024/2029 strategic plan.



MEC Motsumi, emphasised the fact that the departmental strategy should talk to the organisational structure. She made a request that the structure should be finalised and signed off by the end of March 2024. This approach will allow the implementation process to run smoothly and on time. She encouraged all the sections of the department to ensure that they host the mini-makgotla before the Education Lekgotla is held. The MEC further notified the delegates that safety in schools remain a serious challenge. She outlined that the department is going to engage on the fencing of schools and replacement of the old fences across the province.

MEC Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi pleaded with the sector to seriously look at the Supply Chain Procurement processes. She committed to visit all the 40 ECD pockets of excellence in a near future to provide the necessary support to the centres. Most importantly, the MEC made a clarion call to the Executive Management and the entire departmental staff to adequately address and prioritise the issues raised by the Human Rights Commission about the department. She assured the Lekgotla delegates that if all systems are in place, the department can actually get a qualified Budget Opinion/Clean Audit.



The Director General, Mr Mathanzima Mweli gave a word of support and assured the department that if they work hard they can occupy any position in terms of the Matric Results. The DG confirmed that the North West Department of Education is working hard and should only integrate their plans to do more.

Three Commissions were formed which were Curriculum Management and Delivery, Corporate Management and IGMS. Day two of the Lekgotla, Commissions presented, review and updated their prelists, SOPS, TIDS, AOP 5, SOPA and Makgotla resolutions. The then Acting Head of Department of Education Mr Masilo presented a way forward of the Lekgotla as follows:

- Resolutions to be cleaned and presented at DMT on the 31 March 2024.
- Executive Management Team will establish a task team to develop an implementation plan to restart the process of Teacher Institute for teacher Development.
- A think tank be set up to develop a strategy for the focus schools in the Province, including the spread per circuit.
- Pay attention to matter raised by Auditor General by addressing irregular expenditure on time, immovable assets, performance information, SCM compliance and conclude consequence.
- An In-depth discussion on safety in schools through a development of safety plan with costs.
- Every branch to hold its Strategic Planning Lekgotla before the Provincial one and stakeholders should be invited.
- Executive Management Team will do an Audit of provisioning of laptops, desktops and transport.
- A solution for office space to be investigated
- Review the norms for provisioning of AA and GA.



Official SGB Elections Launch

By Nonkululeko Sereo



MEC for North West Department of Education Ntsetsao Motsumi officially launched the 2024 School Governing Body elections on Friday, 23 February 2024 at Victory Primary School, Mahikeng. The 2024 SGB elections will be the 10th elections since 1997. SGBs are elected every three years, according to the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act 84 of 1996).

A total number of 3000 people attended the official SGB launch by MEC Ntsetsao Viola - Motsumi.



“We are gathered here to officially launch the SGB elections that will commence from the 1st of March until 31st March 2024 in the North West province. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the upcoming elections to promote better governance and support to our schools throughout the province.,” stated Motsumi.

MEC Motsumi apologised to the outgoing SGB members for not having one on one interaction session with them as she did with departmental officials and school principals. However, she pledged to interact with the incoming SGB members and offer the necessary support.

She thanked all the SGB members for their efforts and contribution to promote the spirit of bettering the system. She also expressed her belief that the incoming SGB members will continue with good work that the previous / outgoing SGB members have been doing.

Ms Tumi Moeng, Chief Education Specialist from Institutional Development Services urged parents to be involved in the elections and have a fair transparent process. She added that, that was also an opportunity for parents to partake in schools’ governance.

MEC Motsumi was joined by the then acting superintendent general Mr Prince Masilo, departmental officials’ majority being those from the Institutional Development Services Directorate, district directors, principals, outgoing SGB members, SGB associations, teacher unions and principal association that gave messages of support.



MEC Motsumi Book Review Discussion Session Takes Place At ZM Seatlholo

By Godfrey Seatle

The community of Lotlhakane were given a book titled "Trapped" during the Launch of a book club by MEC Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi, at ZM Seatlholo, last year. The book was written by a Lotlhakane born young woman called Malebo Old John Tsindi. The distribution of the book to the community was intended to encourage them to read and promote reading within Lotlhakane and the neighbouring villages of Mahikeng.

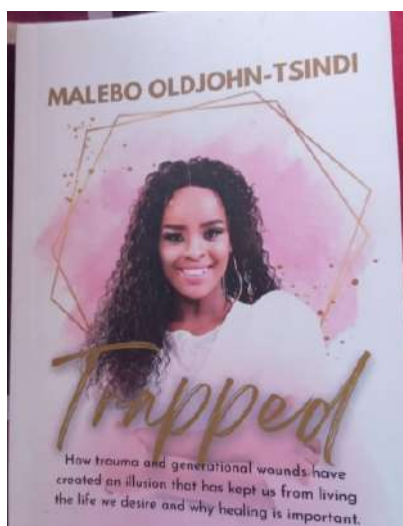
The reading process was meant to extend the reading initiative across individuals from all walks of lives across all ages and to ensure that reading became an apex priority amongst the community.



The discussion was centered around how the book relates to the lives of people and what lessons they have drawn from the book. The book review session was also intended to spark an interest in the communities to read and encourage them to have their own book review discussion within their community.

The MEC for Education Mrs Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi has a strong view that the community that cannot read cannot lead. That idea connects well with President Cyril Ramaphosa ' initiative to get more South Africans in the spirit of reading that had gained momentum throughout the country.

Mr Bailey Nkuna, the Manager from NECT mentioned that his company will continue to support the North West Province in the book review program and praised the MEC for Education Mrs Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi for continuing to spearhead the book review program in the province. He outlined that the initiative responds adequately to the NDP expectation where it calls for all children to read for meaning especially in the indigenous languages, like Setswana, Sesotho, etc.



North West Education Celebrates World Book And Copyright Day

by Godfrey Seatle

Theme: *Read Your Way*



World Book Day is an annual event organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing, and copyright. This year's event was officially celebrated on the 23rd of April 2024, worldwide. In the same context, the North West Department of Education celebrated World Book & Copyright Day on the 24 April 2024, at Preparatory School in Vryburg, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District.

The aim was to advocate and create awareness on the importance of reading and instilling the passion to making reading a lifestyle choice to learners in schools.



It was also celebrated to motivate children to maintain a reading culture and help them to learn more about themselves and their peers. Furthermore, to keep them interested, engaged, and improve their reading abilities at all times.

The celebration that was organized by the Provincial Library and Multimedia Services Directorate of the Department was attended by 200 learners coming from 20 Primary and 15 secondary schools in Dr RSM.

The learners were accompanied by 50 teachers across the district and 50 officials from both the Department of Education Arts, Culture, Sports, and Recreation including Publishers and Book Sellers.

Learners from Primary schools were competing on Reading aloud of a prescribed story(English), Collage Display and Presentation of stories written by learners whilst Secondary schools were competing on Learners teaching reading, Books and Films as well as Book Reviews.

Primary schools that obtained position 1 on the competition were:

1. Reading aloud of a prescribed story(English): Retladira Primary School
2. Presentation of stories written by learners: Thamagane Primary School
3. Mimicking a Character/Costume Rubric: Thuto Neo
4. Collage Display: Moeti Primary School

Secondary school winners were:

1. Role play/Learners teaching reading: Bopaganang Secondary School
2. Books and Films: Huhudi Secondary
3. Book Review: Pitso Letlhogile Secondary School

Some schools were not available to participate in the competition as expected.

The Examinations And Assessment Conducts The Review And Evaluation Of The National Examination System In Dr Ruth S. Mompoti District

by Kelebogile Mothibi

The meeting took place on the 14th March 2024 at Vryburg Primary School and its main purpose was to acknowledge the improvement and innovations conducted by the District during the previous examinations. It was also channeled to identify areas that still need intervention based on previous review of examination system. The PED have discussed the findings and collaboratively developed on improvement plan to be implemented for the purposes of improving the examination an assessment system.

The objective of the meeting was to review how the examination system is intended to reinforce or preparing the system for May – June 2024 Examinations. Mr Fhatuwani Makhado, Chief Education Specialist – Circuit Coordination in the District officially opened the meeting with warm welcome speech on behalf of the District Director who was involved in other departmental engagement.

Meanwhile, Mr David Moroeng, the acting Chief Director – Examinations and Assessment further outlined the importance of officials invited to the gathering and their specific roles expected during examinations. He further outlined the reason why the establishment of well-functioning systems are vital and need the support of each other.

As a result, the attendance of the Chief Education Specialists, Deputy Director – Financial Services, Circuit Managers, DCES - Inclusive Education, District Examination and Assessment Manager, Communications, Transport Officer, IT Assistant Director, the District and Local Education Offices Examination Officials were key.

Ms Anthea Kruger, the acting DCES in District Examinations and Assessment shared the status of May/ June examination progress in the District as well as registration, management of SBA, examination centres, state of strong-rooms, management of concessions and accommodation.



The district improvement plan -as the monitoring tool will also be used to check the process made by District in responding to the grey areas and challenges identified. Mr Moroeng and the team had an opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate dedicated and work well done by Ms G.M. Mahlabe, the Chief Education Specialist in Examinations and Assessment Provincial SBA who will be retired in April 2024

During vote of thanks, Mr Oduetse Metsi acting Chief Education Specialist – Learner Social Support Services thanked the Province for session, considered it as an eye opener and to be vigilant during the upcoming examinations



by Tshegofatso Molopyane

Ngaka Modiri Molema District RCL Launch



The IGSS unit with the newly appointed District RCL members.

The IGSS Unit led by the DCES Mr Solly Mathibe successfully held an event electing and launching the District Representative Council of Learners (RCL) on 13th March 2024 at Lichtenburg Hoerskool. In attendance it was all IGSS Coordinators, Circuit Managers Mr Lesole and Ms Radebe, educators and RCL Presidents and Secretaries from the five local education offices.

In grooming our future leaders; Ms Kotsi made an informative presentation which highlighted the roles and responsibilities of the RCL. The interactive session afforded Learners an opportunity to ask questions of clarity which were responded to by the departmental officials.

The elections were conducted in a free and fair manner.



The RCL structure of Ngaka Modiri Molema District for 2024:

President

Bontle Motatsa - Gaetsho Secondary

Deputy President

Mary-Ann Pretorius - Mafikeng High School

Secretary

Agang Phoofolo - Hoerskool Coligny

Deputy Secretary

Lehlohonolo Mokgosi - Ipokeng Secondary

Treasurer

Laone Mokgalagadi - Mmoledi Secondary

Public Relations Officer

Dawn Koshy - Hoerskool Zeerust

TLO

Mr Tshireletso Chochoe - Ipokeng Secondary

Verse of the day

“ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me “ Phillipians 4:13

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G. S Phoi Secondary School Gets Donations To Uplift Learner's Moral

By Nonkuloleko Sereo

The Office of the MEC in the North West Department of Education, Mrs Ntsetsao Viola Motsuni visited G.S. Phoi Secondary School in Madigopan recently. The visit was necessitated by a decline in the matric academic progress for the past 5 years and high rate of teenage pregnancies in the school. Different stakeholders were invited to join the department in the outreach programme at G.S. Phoi Secondary School on the 12th March 2024.

On the day of the outreach, stakeholders such as Cambridge, Shout-It-Now, Community Media Trust (Siyanqoba) and Aaylah eco-friendly products donated some important items to the school learners.

Top performing learners in grade 8 and 10 to 12 got goodie bags that included textbooks and study guides. Unfortunately, Grade 9 learners did not get the study guides due to shortage from the publisher. However, the Office of the MEC promised to come back and award them too for their good academic performance. The learners are Voyi Luvuyo, Bike Botshelo and Mokhutsane Boitshwarelo in Grade 8; Phago Kopano, Jackson Keamogetse and Nakedi Onalenna in Grade 10; Masilo Mosaditota and Mompati Boitshupo in Grade; and in Grade 12 Maluleke Tinyiko and Keotshepile Montshonyan.

There are many children in the grip of poverty in our communities that could not afford a pair of shoes. It was on that national notion that the Department of Education came to support the school. Mr Tumiso Keoagile (Chief of Staff) outlined that the gathering was to provide girl learners with sanitary towels and school shoes to the less fortunate. He also emphasised that teenage pregnancy was a societal issue and it required collaboration beyond the education sector.



Due to the high rate of pregnancies in the school, Mapaseka Malgas (Parliamentary Liaison Officer) and social worker from Community Media Trust urged the learners to refrain from sexual relations, substance usage/abuse and rather concentrate on their studies to better their results. The social worker also invited learners to call her for assistance if they had any challenges.

The event was graced by Kgosi Motseothata and Ntombi Phoi, Ratlou Mayor Cllr Matlhomola Jafta, officials from the department and municipality, Community Media Trust, Shout-It-Now, Ratlou FM and Aaylah.



"Let's Grow North West Together"

Dr Kenneth Kaunda district school safety summit 2024

Crime in South Africa is one of the factors costing the nation sleepless nights and that affect schools across the country. Educational facilities are therefore no longer regarded as safe places for learning and teaching. They have now turned into battlefield where learners are harassed by gangsters who come into schools to steal from schools. These incidents hinder the process of teaching and learning to take place in a conducive environment.

by Oratile Mogodi





The issue of crime in schools is a nationwide problem and Dr Kenneth Kaunda District knows that first hand.

During the summit held on the 1st of March 2024 in Milner High School in Klerskorp, Dr Kenneth Kaunda District, Hon MEC Viola Motsumi highlighted incidents that have occurred in various schools in the districts. An example being that of Are Fadimeng High School where gangsters forcefully went to the school during camp and took all the electronic devices that learners used to study.

Another topic that is still a problem even to this day is bullying which occurs between learners as well as between learners and educators. Learners in school tend to experience sexual harassment from educators who are supposed to be their protectors. The MEC urged the department to ensure that mutual relationship with all stakeholders is strengthened. She further applauded the district for making sure that safety in schools within the Dr Kenneth Kaunda is an apex priority. In closing, MEC Viola said that unification is the only solution to combating disruptions and burglary in the schools throughout the province.

School safety is a shared responsibility that principals should take part in by reviewing their school safety policies and conduct, as well as ensure that their safety tools are working in case of a crisis. Currently in Khuma schools lack resources due to butlery and vandalism.

This prestigious event was graced by the presence on the Chief of staff Mr Tumiso Keoagile, the District Director Mr Benny Monale, the executive mayor, Social partners from Harmony Gold, Vuselela College, NASGB, South African Police Services Social development.



Mokhuduthamaga Motsumi o ribolola Lekwete la go aga Sekolo

Ka Godfrey Seattle



Mokhuduthamaga wa Lefapha la Thuto mo Bokone Bophirima, Mme Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi o ribolotse lekwete la go aga Sekolopotlana sa Morokweng Moranang a tlhola malatsi a le 09 mo ngwageng wa 2024. Kago ya sekolo e kgaleng e leletswe ke dipoo go tloga ka ngwaga wa 2022, e tllile go dirwa mo motseng wa ga Kgosi Teko Hailane wa Barolong boo RraTlou, mo motseng wa Morokweng.

Lefapha la Thuto le beetse kwa thoko dimilione di feta R119 go agela baagi ba Motse wa Morokweng sekolo sa maemo a a kwa godimo .Sekolo se se solofetsweng go agiwa le go fediswa mo dikgweding di le 24, se tllile go akaretsa diphaposi di le 24, Lae-borari, Mantlwana a boithusetso a le 24, Ntlobojelo, Mabala a metshameko a basimane le basetsana, Laboratori ya dikompetara, le tse dingwe.

Mo go lona letsatsi leo, Mokhuduthamaga Motsumi o ne gape a neela baagi RraKonteraka wa Mothobi M Building Construction le Dikonsaletente tsa ASEDA ba e leng bona ba tllileng go etelela pele porojeke ya go aga Sekolo.

Mokhuduthamaga o dirile boikuelo go Rrakonteraka yo o tlhomilweng go netefatsa gore o thapa baagi ba Morokweng mo porojekeng e ya go aga sekolo. O ne a tsibosa Rrakonteraka gore a thape batho go ya ka ditumalano le baagi go itsa ditlhakatlhakano tse gantsi di itemogelwang mo metseng e mengwe fa go agiwa dikolo.

Baagi ba Morokweng ba le Some a marataro (60) ba solofetswe go ungwelwa mo porojekeng e ya go aga sekolo. Motsumi o ikuetse gape go baagi go efoga go emisiwa ga porojeke ka seo se ka diegisa go felelediwa ga sekolo ka nako. Porojeke ya kago ya Sekolopotlana se sa Morokweng, e solofetswe go simolola fa gautshwane. Baagi ga mmogo le Kgosi le bakhanselara ba itumeletse leano la Lefapha la go ba tlišetsa sekolo le go akanyetsa bokamoso jwa bana ba bona.

#NtimeOMpheleNgwana





Ngaka Modiri Molema District Director Roadshow

by Tshегоfatso Molopyane

The District Director Mr S.D Ntlabathi, together with his DMT have been engaging in Roadshows throughout the district engaging with all staff members and school principals. The first engagement was a staff meeting held on the 31st January 2024 at Mafikeng Primary School for all district curriculum and support staff members.

The other engagements were on the 08th, 09th and 15th February 2024 where the first session was interaction with the curriculum and support staff; followed by a meeting with school principals. The purpose of the roadshows was to:

officially welcome all staff members and usher them into the

2024 academic year

Render a word of gratitude to staff members for their hard work

engage with all staff members by reflecting on the previous year performance and coming up with improvement strategies in preparation for the new year

officially welcome newly appointed officials into the team

The CES Curriculum Ms E. Lesetedi made a presentation highlighting a diagnosis of the 2023 academic year, LEO and circuit performance in all the grades.

She further presented subject performance for both GET and FET. LEOs and Clusters which performed well and improved in the NSC results for 2023 were congratulated and requested to improve in the new academic year.

The District Director Mr S.D Ntlabathi gave a key note address in all the sessions and motivated staff members to work harder and play a positive role in ensuring that the results for 2024 are improved.

Ramotshere Moiloa LEO officials were requested to share their good practices with other LEO's as the district prepares to improve the results and reclaim its former glory.

“Let's Grow North West Together”

Staff members and Principals were also informed that the target for 2024 is 90% and the mantra of the district still remain; #Excellence Our Heartbeat. Some of the resolutions from the engagements were to strengthen support in the GET and high enrolment schools.

Staff members were also informed that the MEC Ms Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi has adopted the district; they were therefore requested to comply and welcome all the interventions from the MEC.

The District Director also made the principals and staff members aware that the Minister has declared 2024 as the year of Mathematics and Inclusive Education.

All attendees were given an opportunity to ask questions of clarity and make inputs towards the presentations. The interactions were very fruitful and where clarity was sought, it was given by the District Director.

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Learner Registration

03 April 2024 – 30 Sept 2024

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN

- To allow teaching and learning on the first day.
- To assist schools to plan better.
- To avoid long queues next year.
- To assist parents to plan early for their children for the following year e.g. budget for school fees, uniforms, books, etc

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2. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Parents must return application form to the school.
 - Parents with unsuccessful application must seek space at alternative schools.
- Undocumented children;** should be registered provisionally if required documents are not readily available and give parents a maximum of 12 months after registration to submit them.

3. Documents needed for admission

- Birth certificate or certified copy of or acceptable proof of birth date (a baptismal certificate is not acceptable);
 - Proof of residence;
- Immunisation card (for all primary school learners)
 - Study permits for legal immigrants;
 - Transfer card and last report card for learners already in school.

4. DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Schools must inform parents about the outcome of application - successful and unsuccessful.
- Schools must inform parents with unsuccessful applications about relevant offices for alternative placement / learner registration hubs.
- Circuit managers must assist parents with alternative placement.
- Schools must register undocumented children provisionally if required documents are not readily available, and give parents a maximum of 12 months after registration to submit them.

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HANDOVER AND SOD TURNING OF SCHOOLS CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2024

Handover

1. Saruchera Primary School, Dr RSM (Naledi)
2. Tlaskgameng Primary School, Dr RSM (Kagisano Moloopo)
3. Monnamere Primary School, NMM (Ramotshere Moliwa)
4. Borolelo Primary School, Bojanala (Kgetleng)
5. Goakganyana Primary School, Bojanala (Moretele)
6. Relebogile Primary School, Bojanala (Moretele)
7. Ramochana Primary School, Bojanala (Rustenburg)

SOD Turning

1. Schweizer Reneke Primary School, Dr RSM (Mamusa)
2. Morokweng Primary School, Dr RSM (Kagisano Moloopo)
3. Batho-Batho Primary School, NMM Maresane (Ratlou)
4. Kagisho Barolong SS, NMM Logageng (Ratlou)



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Healthy Living Launch

by Employee Health and Wellness Directorate.

by Oratile Mogodi

The North West Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of Health as well as of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation aims to promote healthy living among public servants on 08 May 2024. The launch forms part of the intervention strategy for prevention and management of non-communicable diseases.



Handover Of Relebogile Primary - School

by Nonkululeko Sereo

As the country was celebrating Workers day on the 01 May, the North West Department of Education was handing over Relebogile Primary School in Swartdam Village, Bojanala district. The MEC for Education, Mrs ntsetsao Viola Motsumi, expressed that she was happy with the quality work done by Ukuza Consulting PTY LTD and Shikwinya Building Construction.

MEC Motsumi announced that since her arrival in the Department, it was for the first time she saw a contractor delivering the project before the set completion date. Relebogile Primary School construction started in April 2023 and was expected to end in June 2024 however, it was completed on April 2024.

The department of education in the North West spent more than 10million to build a decent school for the community of Swartdam, in Moretele Local Municipality. The new school consists of an administration block, nine classrooms that can accommodate 360 learners, library, science lab, NSNP kitchen and dining hall.

Joining the school staff receiving the school was two former retired principals Mrs Mathope and Mrs Makola, district and local municipality mayors, MMCs and councilors of Moretele. Teaching and learning commenced in the newly built school effecting from the 06th May 2024. The learners kept the guests entertained with praise poem and freestyle dancing during the official handover.



Farewell To Colleagues



Alexander Hannie & Vivian Coetzee



I must say it was quite a frightening moment on my first day here, when I met the late Bricks Phage, with his Cutrite 2 pleat pants and shining Mustard Jarmin shoes, I quote, morning young man, “What’s your role here?”. Hehaha! what an introduction. But we got on well.

Another memory I have that when printing the Annual Report, and we have a deadline tomorrow, and the copier broke down, I had such a good relation with the technician, he would sit with me the whole night, all I have to do is keep the brandy and coke rolling until we finished the job throughout the night, I am sure Stella, Pamela and Peter didn’t know that.

HaHa, also to mention the year-end functions, they with great times and will be fondly remembered with Mr Joe Monthusi dancing whole afternoon and then later when I take him home, he doesn’t know where he lives.!!! I can go on all afternoon. But as each one of you have played a very important role in my life.

Needless to say, I learnt various skills being associated with this Department. The advice I can give to those taking over the baton, manage time well and deliver on time. I am certain that these skills would help you in your future endeavors, learn to take and give feedback with openmindedness, to respect other’s opinions and to value other ideas too.

I would like to thank you all for coming to this small get-together and the organisers, to mark my final day with you. I’ve worked 20 odd amazing years at this Department, and I am forever grateful to my amazing colleagues in the Communication Unit and the department as a whole.

I never thought this moment would arrive in my life when I would stand amidst you all and prepare to deliver my farewell speech. But, that’s true! Yes, I am retiring from the Department. I would use this platform to thank everyone for your kind support and trust, the department especially the Communication unit has shown in me. I am leaving with a wealth of knowledge that I’ll always treasure.

Working with this organization has been an incredible learning expedition and I am thankful to everyone I met in this journey. I will always be eternally grateful to the late Mr Oupa Mmileng for granting me opportunity in life to prove my worthiness and here we are 20 years later. Thank you. MHDSRIP.

As we stand here today I am the only living one left from the Communication Unit that started here at this Siemens building, with all the others gone to a better place. May their dear Souls Rest in Peace!



I've also realized that being a team member is much more than just sharing the credit, it also require your dedication, hard-work and compromise at various occasions. Team-work makes you a leader, follower and a good person too. My aspiration for you all is to continue with the team-work, stay dedicated and focused to taste the fruit of success. This is a highly promising department and it gives equal growth opportunity to everyone irrespective of your background and knowledge.

If I have to mention everyone I would also like too thank my colleague, Vivia, with whom I closely work with for the past 15 years for her motherly advice, whether it be work related, personal, etc, she always had time to listen and give advice, whether its about a backache, herbal remedies, etc. thanks Viv, I must also say that we have never had one disagreement on all the time we worked together.

Dankie Viv. It's been a wonderful experience working here and I am going to miss you all very much. I am taking along with me fond memories and I request all of you to stay connected with me. PS.: Now I have more time to complete my bucket list, and play with the grand-children. Gooi daai Klippe nou in!!!! Thank you once again for this wonderful party and wish you all the very best for future!

GOD Bless



Celebrating Safety Awareness Day

by Nonkululeko Sereo



28 April is a day celebrated for Safety and Health at Work in the world. The Minimum Information Security Services Directorate (MISS) together with Employee Health and Wellness Directorate (EHW) gathered 200 departmental employees that included of cleaners, general workers, SHE representatives, fire marshals and first aiders from across the province to celebrate the day on 30 April 2024 at Embassy Hall, Mahikeng in Ngaka Modiri Molema.

The employees were advised by the health and safety officials to stick to their job roles and not do anything that will strain their bodies including the minds. They were also encouraged to take good care of themselves and reminded that they only live once.

Employees were told that they should not work under the sun without protective gear, be in the same room with chemicals used for cleaning. They should also report everything that may be a risk to them, no matter how small it might be.



The 2024 theme is “The Impacts of Climate Change on Occupational Safety and Health “. The day highlighted the health and safety risks that employees are exposed to due to climate change such as heat stress, UV radiation, poor air quality and pollution, agricultural chemicals and adverse weather conditions.

All other office based officials are reminded to place important documents safely to avoid loss or damage. Cleaners should sign confidentiality forms to safe hold any information that can be seen or heard in offices. Remember, safety comes first!



Exposing The Girl Learner To Scarce Career Fields In The Country

The Special Programmes Unit under the leadership of Ms Dora Brander has gathered girl learners from Madibeng Local Municipality (Bojanala District) for a career exposure, on the 15th May 2024. However, the boy learners did not want to be left behind. Therefore, about 230 learners from Thuto Pele High, Ntolo Secondary, Micheal Modisakeng Secondary, Mmanotshe Moduane High, Rakgatla High schools are attending the programme and approximately, 70 of them are boys.

Previous studies have shown that majority of girl learners missed schools due various reasons and eventually drop out. Ms Brander outlined that the girl learners needed to be exposed to the scarce careers that they could get in post obtaining Grade 12. The learners need not perish because of lack of knowledge hence the need to have such a programme. The careers were mainly focused on science and

the fourth industrial revolution(4IR).

Representatives from North West University, South African Nuclear Energy Corporation and South African Radiation Protection Association presented on renewable energy, nuclear energy, technology and medicine, robotics, security and mining.

With such programmes, learners are motivated to stay in schools and make a successful career for themselves. The learners are in Grade 9 to Grade 11. The activity is planned to prepare them early for their future career choice.

by Nonkululeko Sereo



Official Handover Of Vehicles

by Nonkululeko Sereo

The Learner Social Support Services(LSSS) Directorate handed over a fleet of nine vehicles to Inclusive Education (special schools) and National School Nutrient Programme sub-directorates, on the 22 April 2024.

Acting Director for LSSS, Ms Lucy Tong was delighted to officially hand over vehicles as valuable assets to the recipients. Ms Tong together with Mr Masego Tinye, Transport Manager, urged recipients to take care of the vehicles and use them for their sole purpose to ensure value for money.

Five Ford Rangers were given to National School Nutrient Programme(NSNP), one to head office, then Moretele, Moses Kotane, Ratlou and Kagisano Molopo local municipalities received one each.

Four special schools in the province received Volkswagen Crafters, namely: Mmekwa-Maseding Special School in Bojanala district, Ikalafeng Special School in Dr Kenneth Kaunda district, Retlametswe Special School in Ngaka Modiri Molema district and Christiana Special School for the blind in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District.

The NSNP vans have already been branded and the remaining 22 seaters will be branded in due course. The Department is confident that the branding activity will avoid the vehicles from being misused more especially for personal usage.

The handover was attended by the principals and School Governing Body representatives of the special schools, NSNP and Inclusive Education officials from districts and head office.



Ngaka Modiri Molema District held South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod

by Tshegofatso Molopyane



The Education Sector at this period of the year normally is regarded as a season for music competition across the department nationally. During the May month different districts held the District eliminations and the Ngaka Modiri Molema District held their selection from the 16 to 18 May 2024. The District South African School Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE) competitions took place at Victory Primary School Hall in Mafikeng for both primary and secondary schools.

From the sixty-seven schools (67) which took part in the competition; Fifteen (15) schools comprising of nine (9) primary schools and six (6) secondary schools have made it to the provincial competitions. Schools which obtained position one (1) in the District and will be participating at the Provincial Level are as follows:

Primary Schools

Malebogo, Connie Minchin, Ratlou, Seshupo, Realeboga, Zoonhuis, Motlhabane, Ipeleng and Dikakanyo.

Secondary Schools

Kebonang, Mmabatho, Batswana, Ramotshere, Setilo and Tlamelang Special School

In assessing and confirming performance of the schools, the Adjudicators gave advices to the conductors on the technicalities and techniques that they can use to improve their level of performance.

In attendance to support the event, it was the Chief Education Specialist for Curriculum, Ms E. Le-setedi, the Deputy Director for Financial Management System, Ms K.E Motsamai, Circuit Managers, Senior Education Specialists and District Officials. The educators, SGB and parents also came in numbers to support the learners.

Provincial Schools Choral Eisteddfod competition will take place from 18 - 20 July 2024

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Shaping Boys To Become Better Men

Bothabelo Secondary School situated in Oukasie township in Brits is affected by the high rates of crime, gangsterism, substance abuse and learner pregnancy. The Special Programme Unit saw it fit to have a dialogue with 230 male Grade 10 learners in the school.

by Nonkululeko Sereo

Ms Dorah Brander said that the Boys Manhood Dialogue programme was conceptualised after releasing that boys are vulnerable in schools and the community they are coming from. The programme aims to address issues boy learners face and be able to express themselves with the help of professionals.

On Thursday 16 May 2024, the unit raised awareness in terms of various behavioural issues that could be barriers in future endeavours for these particular learners. The South African Police Services representatives together with the Community Police Forum came in numbers to address the issues of criminal behaviour, substance usage and abuse and gangsterism.

A child parole officer from the Department of Social Development was also present to make the learners aware of life as a child offender. These officials were relevant in this dialogue as the learners commit crime, use substance and are part of gangs in school. The learners engaged with the officials on all issues that affected them.



Obituary

Celebrating the life of
DAUKY FANCY RAMAGAGA

The sad news about her departure was brought to our attention on the 15 May 2024 while she was on duty at Phiri Secondary at Ventersdorp in the district of Kenneth Kaunda.

The deceased was attached to Curriculum Management Services at Head Office as provincial coordinator for Life Orientation and Religious Studies



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“Let’s Grow North West Together”

