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HISTORIC LAUNCH OF STATE-OF-THE-ART MULTIMEDIA CENTRES IN THREE KZN SPECIAL SCHOOLS



The MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer officially opened a customized state-of-the-art multimedia centre that was donated by the MTN Foundation to roll out school connectivity and digital skills programme in three special schools: DayDawn Training Centre in Newlands, S. Dass Special School in Phoenix and VN Naik School for the Deaf in Newlands West.

The special schools that benefited includes learners with severe intellectual ability and autism, those with hearing impairment and those with intellectual ability. This is done so that these learners should participate in education and training on the same level as learners in mainstream schools and that they are not subjected to discrimination.

As part of the donation from the MTN Foundation, the schools will have a digital skills training installation of multimedia centre, digitized content which includes data and connectivity provisioning to enable easy access to the internet as well as maintenance, technical support and learner ICT training.

ated by the MTN Foundation in three special schools will serve as hubs of innovation and knowledge, enabling our learners to explore the vast digital landscape and harness its potential for growth and development.” said the MEC.

- Amanda Memela

HISTORIC LAUNCH OF STATE-OF-THE-ART MULTIMEDIA CENTRES IN THREE KZN SPECIAL SCHOOLS GALLERY





UGU DISTRICT SUPPORT VISIT



The Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo together with members of Top Management of the department visited Ugu District on the 31st of May 2023. The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress in relation to the 2023 Academic Improvement Programme and to give support and assist to improve the pass rate.

“Support visits are a way to monitor if there is any improvement in learner performance compared to previous terms and it gives districts an opportunity to voice out the challenges they are dealing with in order to be provided with guidance and needed support,” said the HoD. Comparison analysis was made between the previous year first term results and the current year first term results to see if there is any improvement in the pass rate. According to the compared first term statistics, 2023 cohort is already showing improvement in terms of pass rate. Ugu District has been the number one leading District for the past 4 years in a row and has represented KwaZulu-Natal in the National top 10.



that had a high entrance level of 100 or more candidates in 2022 and achieved less than 70%. “Communication is very important when you are working with a lot of people, it keeps everyone on the same page. We pride ourselves in team work, working together we can achieve greater things in life,” said Mr Sibiya, the District Director, about the secret of their success

- Amanda Memela

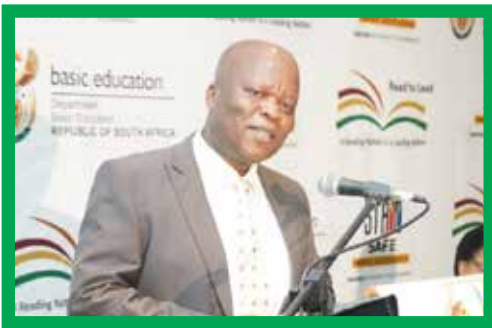
Among the attendees in the meeting was the Management Committee of the District, Principals of Schools

UGU DISTRICT SUPPORT VISIT GALLERY





2023 NATIONAL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (NEAC) LEKGOTLA



The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education hosted an NEAC LEKGOTLA 2023 held at Elangeni Hotel, Durban, on the 18th to 20th April 2023, under the theme “Enhancing the current while keeping an eye on the horizon.”

The purpose of the event was to provide a platform for all provincial and national examination officials, teacher unions and other stakeholders involved in the management and administration of public examination and assessments to discuss current concerns involving public exams and develop a strong network with each other.

Amongst the attendees were the HoD ,Mr G. N. Ngcobo who welcomed all the guests, Dr Barney Mthembu: DDG for Curriculum at DBE who outlined the purpose of the Lekgotla and the DG, Mr Mathanzima Mveli who gave the opening address at the function.

The 3 - day Lekgotla focused on discussing and making firm recommendations relating to: Digitization of Public Examinations, Eradicating Examination Irregularities, Compliance to National Standards School-based Assessment, The Assessment

Changes on the Horizon, Improving Examinations and Assessment Capacity and Improving Examinations Practices. “We must be able to come up with recommendations that will be implemented in order to make a timeous impact in the assessment system of the country,” said Dr Mthembu.

In his address, DG Mveli mentioned the importance of improving assessment for better quality education in the country. “We need to maintain learner performance from foundation phase to matric in order to align any learning progress of the rest of the educational system,” he said. The 3-days Lekgotla hopes to give positive outcomes in the innovation and enhancement of the examination and assessment system in South Africa.

- Amanda Memela



2023 NATIONAL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (NEAC) LEKGOTLA GALLERY





INTERVENTION TO RESOLVE WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES IN UTHUKELA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY.



The MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer in her capacity as the uThukela District Champion, attended the Water and Sanitation Imbizo held at eMathendeni Sports Field, in the Mhlumayo area, under the Alfred Duma Local Municipality.

The Imbizo was hosted by the National Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Senzo Mchunu and was also attended by leaders and community members from various parts of the uThukela District.

Speaking during the event, MEC Frazer highlighted the plight of the thousands of community members who have been subjected to inconsistent water supply for the past several years. She said this has not only disrupted businesses, but also some

of the educational facilities who could not operate optimally as they faced dry taps for sometimes.

During his address, Minister Mchunu committed that his Department will fast track its interventions aimed at ensuring communities across the UThukela District will be consistently supplied with clean water in the near future.

“Your presence here today Minister Mchunu has restored the hopes of the people of the uThukela District. We are sincerely grateful to our ANC-led Government for swiftly responding to the calls of the people of the uThukela District,” said MEC Frazer.

- Mbali Zulu



KZN INDABA NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR RURAL EDUCATION



The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education gathered at Khulani Special School under uMkhanyakude District for the presentation of the Draft Framework for Rural Education. The aim of the gathering which took place on 26 May 2023, was to promote discussions and engagements (Indaba) towards finalising the Provincial Draft Plan.

The welcoming was done by Mr Thanduyise Motha, Umkhanyajude District Director. Mr Motha said that the main concern in rural districts is that the principals struggle to recruit educators. “Even after recruitment the educator will only spend one year after that they are transferred to urban schools and we struggle forever to find a replacement,” he said.

There were concerns raised about network coverage and the lack of agricultural schools in rural areas.

During his address, the HOD said, “we will have a dedicated programme where we will be talking to stakeholders about the concept of focus schools. The problems that were raised in this Indaba will be packaged and will be swiftly attended to.”

- Hlanzeka Ntsiba

KZN INDABA NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR RURAL EDUCATION GALLERY





TRANSVERSAL TEAM MEETING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOCUS SCHOOL/ ACADEMY IN AMAJUBA DISTRICT.



The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education members of Senior Management and officials from Amajuba District, held a meeting on the 23rd of May 2023, at Hutten Park Primary School, to discuss the underlying issues related to the establishment of an Engineering and Technology Focus School at Amajuba District.

The issues discussed in the meeting were those of the improvement of the school Infrastructure, Human resources and the general functioning of the school. The school is set to target top achievers within the province and enhance their skills, preparing them for possibly future employment and tertiary level.

- Lungelo Msomi





ARBORETUM PRIMARY SCHOOL CODING AND ROBOTICS SHARKS TEAM SEND OFF



The MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer was the keynote speaker during the event that was organised by sponsors as a send-off ceremony for the Sharks Coding and Robotics team which was held on the 30th of May at Arboretum Primary School Richards Bay, under King Cetshwayo District.

Proud District Director, Welile Nzama said the Sharks team will be representing not only the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, but South Africa as a whole on the upcoming international competition that will be held in the United States of America.

MEC Frazer expressed her genuine appreciation to the sponsors of the Sharks Team for their commitment and support to education and belief in the potential of

young learners. Sponsors of the Sharks Coding and Robotics Team used the occasion to motivate the learners ahead of the upcoming coding and robotics competition. MEC Frazer recognized the great achievement of the Sharks Robotics Team and inspire learners to represent South Africa well in the next competition.

“These talented learners have shown exceptional dedication, talent and enthusiasm in the field of robotics which propelled them to the top three position at the international level. I wish you the best of luck on your upcoming trip to the USA. As you embark on this exciting journey, remember that you are ambassadors of our great nation,” said MEC Frazer.

- Nompumelelo Gasa



KZN 2023 PROVINCIAL ABC MOTSEPE SASCE COMPETITION



The MEC and the HoD graced the occasion of the Provincial ABC Motsepe Competition (SASCE) held at Bethsaida Ministries International, Durban, under Pinetown District

MEC delivered a Key-Note address where she said that, “as we come together in this harmonious celebration of choral music, I am reminded of the words of our leader uTata Nelson Mandela who once said “Indeed music is a great blessing, it has the power to elevate and liberate us - it sets people free to dream. ”

She also mentioned that that music has the remarkable ability to bring people together, to bridge language and cultural divides, as well as touch the deepest recesses of our souls. “Music has the power to unite us as a community and as a province, and as a nation,” she said.

In her closing remarks she urged every learner participating in the choral competition to continue to pursue their music dreams with passion. She also

congratulated in advance all provincial winners who will be representing KwaZulu-Natal at the National level.



- Mbali Zulu

KZN 2023 PROVINCIAL ABC MOTSEPE SASCE COMPETITION GALLERY





THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF ICT SCHOOL LIBRARY RESOURCES



The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal held the official handover of Information Computer Technology (ICT) School Library Resources at KwaNgubeni Primary School, under uMngungundlovu District, on 25 May 2023.

Principals of uMgungundlovu, Ugu, and Harry Gwala Districts received green bags outlining guidelines, writing pads, and laptops as a token of improving the levels of reading in learners.

The buzz word for the day was “Reading.” This handover was informed by the KZN Strategy Plan 2020-2025, which is aimed at benefiting learners through technologies and gadgets to improve their reading.

Principals were advised that these assets

should not gather dust, but serve a purpose as they are to be used across every subject.

The District Operations Chief Director for the Coastal Cluster, Ms Thembelihle Gumede said, “As a Department we are here to help you as we are looking forward to see improvement especially in language and Mathematics. It is compulsory in KZN that each school should have a reading lesson.”

Other Districts that benefited from this programme includes Amajuba, Harry Gwala, Ilembe, King Cetshwayo, Pinetown, Ugu, Umgungundlovu, Umkhanyakude, Umlazi, Uthukela, Umzinyathi and Zululand District

- Hlanzeka Ntsiba and Mbali Magwaza

THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF ICT SCHOOL LIBRARY RESOURCES GALLERY





IZINDUNA BACK-PAY ROADSHOW



The MEC, Mbali Frazer held an izinduna back-pay meeting together with the Chief Director for COGTA and the former Mayor who is now a councillor, Mr Mazibuko. The meeting was held at the Mjindini Sports Ground in Mhlumayo, on the 25th of April 2023.

Mrs Shabalala opened the meeting with a prayer then the MEC took to the stage to highlight the purpose of the meeting. She explained that a decision was taken to conduct roadshows to the eleven districts to disseminate information and to communicate the governments decision to allocate R631 million for the back-pay of Izinduna in KwaZulu-Natal. The MEC stated that this proclamation was made by the former President, J.G Zuma in 2014.

The Chief Director of COGTA, Mrs Mtshali stated that the back-pay was going to be sent through on

Friday the 28th of April and the second batch would be at the end of May. She also went on to say that even the Izinduna that have passed on will also receive their back-pay, "For as long as they were employed in the period of the 01st of April 2023 to November 2016, then justice will be done," she said.

Inkosi Mkhize closed the meeting by giving words of thanks and gratitude to the Government of KwaZulu-Natal for the good news they had just received. He also encouraged Izinduna to use the money they will be getting wisely and only for good deeds.

- Zamambo Mkhize



CONSULTATIVE SESSION ON THE EMERGENT DRAFT PROTOCOL AND GUIDELINES



The KwaZulu- Natal Department of Education together with DBE and Care & Support for Education and Learning, held a consultation session with the departmental stakeholders, Head Office Officials and District Officials at Anton Lembede School of Excellence to engage on the two documents as recommended by (HEDCOM) and (CEM) to carry out localised consultation and advocacy on the two documents.

Basic Education initiated this session following various complaints of discrimination on issues pertaining to inequality, sexual orientation, gender Identity, expression, and sex characteristics in schools. The session aims to ensure that schools become inclusive centres of learning care and support as per the operational framework of the basic education sec-

tor on care and support for teaching and learning.

The Head of Education Department Committee (HEDCOM) and the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) released the protocol for the elimination of unfair discrimination schools. These two documents are to be a verifying instrument that takes into account the broad legislative and policy framework of basic education, to empower schools with knowledge and skills to deal with cases of discrimination in schools.

- Mbali Zulu



FREEDOM DAY COMMEMORATION



The MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer in her capacity as the uThukela District OSS champion hosted a Provincial Government event to commemorate the Freedom Day held at Inkosi Langalibalele Municipality, under uThukela District, on Thursday 27th April 2023.

This event was hosted under the theme “ Consolidating and Safeguarding Democratic Gains.” Freedom Day is commemorated annually to honor the heroes and heroines who fought for the freedom of this country and paved the way for an equal representation, non - sexist, and non-racial society.

The KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Nomusa Dube- Ncube

delivering her keynote address, said “ today marks the 29th year of freedom, a recent report by Stats SA discovered that over the past 10 years’ education and training outputs have improved in KwaZulu-Natal specifically. An educated, well-fed, and healthy nation is solid ground for a bright future, “asserted Premier.

- Mbali Zulu



UGU DISTRICT THANKSGIVING CEREMONY AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 2022 NSC RESULTS



The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education together with the Department of Social Development and the Ugu District Municipality, recognised and celebrated the achievements by learners in the 2022 NSC results on the 25th of April 2023 at Ugu Sports and Leisure.

The Manager for Emzumbeni CMC, Mr Mli Zinya provided the purpose of the event. Among other dignitaries' present was Ms Nonhlanhla Khoza, the MEC for Social Development and the Ugu District Champion, who gave a keynote address. During the celebration, top schools in the district that obtained 100 %, Top

performing CMCs and Circuits, as well as schools that obtained the most bachelor passes were awarded..

- Nomfundo Malinga

UGU DISTRICT THANKSGIVING CEREMONY AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 2022 NSC RESULTS GALLERY





UMGUNGUNDLOVU AWARDS CEREMONY AND BURSARIES HANDOVER



Umgungundlovu District in partnership with Umgungundlovu District Municipality, South African Youth Council and KwaZulu Natal Christian Council, hosted the awards ceremony to honor schools, educators and learners who performed well in the 2022 National Senior Certificate examinations.

Andiswa Gcabashe from Ekupholeni Secondary School, Dumisani Mkhize from Mconjwana High school and Nosipho Hlongwane from Luthando High, have each been awarded a bursary worth R32 650 by Maximum Profit Recovery. The Umgungundlovu District Director, Mr Siqhamo Mabinza, speaking on

behalf of the Department of Education said, “thank you for being able to pull in stakeholders to improve education in the district - these interventions from our stakeholders your support goes a long way”..

- Qinisile Mkhize



FUNDA UDLALE NATHI FUN PROGRAMME



VVOB Education for Development together with the Department of Education in KZN, hosted the 3-day Funda Udlale Nathi Fun - Learning through Play (LtP) Programme for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Subject Advisors. This playful and impactful seminar was held at The Pearls Hotel and Conference Centre - Umhlanga on 24 to 26 May 2023.

Learning through Play (LtP) is a term used in education to describe how a child can learn to make sense of the world around them through play. Children can develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally and also gain some self-confidence required to engage in a new environment. LtP can also help children to be ready for school.

The workshop was designed to share learning and insights on foundational Mathematics education, teacher professionalisation, but most importantly, to convey lessons through experiential learning and transformative teaching.

During the event, there were presentations from key partners and from the Department of Basic Education. There were also topics that included Teaching and Learning Mathematics in the Foundation Phase. The main aim of this programme by VVOB was to assist in the improvement of quality education and to strengthen the ways of teaching and learning.

- Nonhle Zama



THE BATTLE AGAINST SOCIAL ILLS INTENSIFIES



The Department partnered with the Themba Njilo Foundation with the aim of curbing the scourge of social ills such as teenage pregnancy, drugs, intercommunal factions and improve academic performance. The Themba Njilo Foundation visited Wembezi High School on the 25th of May 2023 to do an awareness campaign and educate learners about the dangers of engaging in self destructive behaviour.

Speakers who formed part of the programme included professional motivational speaker and author Scelo Mncube, young business woman and fitness enthusiast, Nolwazi Njilo as well as Selu the renowned slam poet. Speaking on behalf of the MEC was Uthukela District Director, Ms Popi Mokoena who thanked the Themba Njilo Foundation for the initiative. In her speech, Ms Mokoena urged learners to resist succumbing to the peer pressure leading them into teenage pregnancy and drug related incidents.

“Previously this school was labelled as an under-performing school, however in 2022 Wembezi High School attained a 100% pass rate and it is our duty as the department to protect such schools in order



for them to keep achieving great results “ said

Ms Mokoena. The Themba Njilo Foundation also distributed school shoes and sport kits

- Sibani Ngobese



PENREACH PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH



On Friday, the 2nd of June 2023, the MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer, Umkhanyakude District Municipality Mayor, Mr Siphile Mdaka, Umkhanyakude District Director, Mr Thanduyise Motha, King Cetshwayo District Director, Mrs Welile Nzama, Penreach CEO, Mr Andile Ncontsa; KZNDOE and Penreach officials, representatives of SGB formations and social partners, officially launched a partnership between the Department and Penreach at Khulani Special School, in Hluhluwe, under Umkhanyakude District.

The partnership is in line with the National Development Plan (NDP)- Vision 2030, stating that by 2030 all children should access quality education. Penreach, a non-profit and social impact organization, has partnered with the department to provide 150 tablets loaded with story books and assessments

designed for early childhood development (ECD) learners. Learners will be taught in their mother tongue. Penreach will introduce STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) programme; help ECD and Grade R centres, creatively use recycled and re-used materials in schools; and recruit 5 staff members and 6 interns in the district.

MEC Frazer remarked that the partnership will transform learners and empower ECD practitioners and centres. She said that this partnership will also bridge educational and digital gaps in the sector. "Partnerships and collaborations are welcomed and are essential to achieve departmental goals," said the MEC.

- Mncedisi Ntombela

THE DEPARTMENTS 2023 - 2024 BUDGET ALLOCATION

PROGRAMMES	MEDIUM-TERM ESTIMATES
1. Administration	R2 282 276 (Two billion, two hundred eighty- two million, two hundred and seventy-six thou- sand rand)
2. Public Ordinary School Education	R48 194 444 (Forty-eight billion, one hundred ninety-four million, four hundred and forty-four thousand rand)
3. Independent School Subsidies	R95 799 (Ninety-five million, seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand rand)
4. Public Special School Education	R1 602 166 (One billion, six hundred two mil- lion, one hundred and sixty-six thousand rand)
5. Early Childhood Development	R2 005 078 (Two billion, five million and seven- ty-eight thousand rand)
6. Infrastructure Development	R3 205 584 (Three billion two hundred five million, five hundred and eighty-four thousand rand)
7. Examination and Education Related Services	R3 251 939 (Three billion, two hundred, fif- ty-one million, nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand rand)



IMBIZO KANDUNANKULU KWAXIMBA



KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube and all provincial government departments held Imbizo kaNdunankulu in KwaXimba, Manzolwandle Sport Feild, on Sunday, 07th of May 2023

Earlier in the day , KwaZulu-Natal Department of Social Development and eThekweni Municipality held an engagement session with School Management Committees and School Governing Bodies representatives of schools in KwaXimba, at KwaDenge Community Hall.

Schools were provided with memeza safety mobiles alarms linked to nearest polices stations to fight the scourge of schools' break-ins and armed robberies. Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign

(QLTC) and safety committees were also established to ensure schools safety. Pinetown District Director, Mr Sbusiso Kheswa, urged educators to make use of cell phone safety applications and to participate in community crime fighting war-rooms.

- Mncedisi Ntombela



PINETOWN DISTRICT IMBIZO AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Premier, Honourable Nomusa Dube-Ncube hosted an Imbizo and community engagement in partnership with the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Social Development and the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, to talk about the challenges that are faced by the community of KwanDengezi and Dassenhoek.

The Imbizo was held at the Community Sports Ground at kwaNdengezi and the community engagement was held at the Dassenhoek Community Hall, on the 16th of April 2022.

The issues discussed were those of crime affecting schools, high pregnancy rates, overcrowded schools, and water and sanitation in schools.

Speaking at the Imbizo, Mr Sboniso Duma: The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism stated that, “no child should be deprived of a good education - every child has a right to learn.”

- **Zamambo Mkhize**



SAPS MALVERN NOMINATES JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS



It was a momentous day for SAPS Malvern when they recently appointed high school learners as junior commissioners, as part of their junior commissioner project. Grade 10 learners were required to give five-minute speeches on juvenile substance addiction and how to address these problems when they result in crime. The event took place at Parkside Primary School.

All seven contestants performed admirably, and the junior station commander, junior Vispol commander, junior detective commander, junior support commander, and junior station coordinator were chosen. Queensburgh High and Queensburgh Girls High were the schools that participated.

- Nompumelelo Gasa





2-DAY COUNCIL OF EDUCATION MINISTERS (CEM) WORKSHOP



A 2 - day Council of Education Ministers (CEM) Workshop was held at Cape Town International Convention Center. The aim of this workshop was to focus on infrastructure delivery. The MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer and the HoD Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo attended the workshop.

- Sibani Ngobese





THE LAUNCH OF THE PROVINCIAL RCL STRUCTURE

On 24 May 2023, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education conducted the Establishment for the Provincial Representatives Council of Learners (RCLs) Structure. The launch took place at Northwood High School in Durban North, under Umlazi District.

The Chief Director for District Operations for the Coastal Cluster, Mrs Thembelihle Gumede welcomed all the guests that were present and the stakeholders involved in the election process including the Association of Schools Government Bodies as well as IEC representative. In her remarks she also described the purpose and said, “ We are here today to tap on learner expertise. By the end of the session we would have nominated the President, the Deputy President, the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary who will also form the provincial structure of the RCLs. This prestigious event is all about learner leadership, ” she said.

During the event there were breakaway sessions to commissions based on the roles of RCLs with topics that focused on the following :

- Reduce teenage pregnancy
- Create safe schools
- Improve learner performance
- Deepen democracy

The Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo gave a keynote address. He mentioned that there’s a reason why RCLs would commence from a school that has Grade 8 and onwards. HOD said that it’s because learners at that age are closer to voting, closer to getting into tertiary institutions and getting closer to being

complete adults in every aspect. Mr Ngcobo referred to the provincial structure as a sounding board, as the leaders will see themselves being consulted on certain issues in the future. The Head of Department also encouraged the learners. In his remarks he said “I wish you all the best on your academic year. I know most of you are doing Grade 12 and all of you are going to pass and will be at Universities next year, “ he said.

22 Learners from all Districts in the Province, undergone an election process where they had to vote for suitable candidates which would form the Provincial RCL Structure.

The Provincial RCL Executive Committee results were as follows:

1. Provincial Chairperson – Mkhize Siphesihle, Vryheid Landbou Skool – Zululand.
2. Deputy Chairperson – Brown Sandile, Greytown High School – Umzinyathi.
3. Secretary – Mchunu Zonke, Ngcolosi Secondary School – Ilembe.
4. Treasury – Maduna Thando, DRC High School – Harry Gwala.
5. Additional Member – Gangasaran Payal, Have park Secondary School – Pinetown.
6. Additional Member – Jensen Leal, Northwood Boys High School – Umlazi.

- Nomfundo Malinga

THE LAUNCH OF THE PROVINCIAL RCL STRUCTURE GALLERY





ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN



The National Prosecuting Authority in collaboration with the Department of Education in Kwazulu-Natal, the Department of Social Development, South African Police Service (SAPS), and Trulife (NGO), held an Anti-Bullying Campaign at the Nelson Mandela Youth Centre in Chatsworth on the 2nd of June 2023 to raise awareness about verbal, physical, emotional and cyber bullying in schools.

A total of 200 learners from all the nearby primary schools were present to be educated about bullying. The event was held during Child Protection Week where children's rights were recognised and acknowledged. The main objective was to prevent bullying, minimising the negative impact on victims and to create a positive environment in schools. Bullying affects self-esteem, performance in class, social interactions, it causes fear and depression. "Learners must know that there could be consequences of bullying that may result in criminal cases, this campaign is aimed at eradicating bullying before it gets to that stage," said Advocate Omashani Naidoo, the Acting Deputy Director of Public Prosecution NPA.

Trulife had prepared an educational dramatic play to educate learners about bullying, sharing with learn-

ers who are being bullied on how to handle the situation and ways to come out of the circle of bullying.

Mr Briglall, Director for Special Needs Education Services in KZN Department of Education said, "we empower teachers that are present today to ensure that when they go back they share the lessons with other learners at school so that they are able to control this vicious circle of bullying that takes place at our schools presently." Mrs Busi Mahlambi, District Director for Umlazi District emphasized on the importance of life skills and life orientation in schools as they can prevent bullying if they learn about it at a young age at school.

- Amanda Memela



KWAZULU-NATAL EMBARKS ON AN OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING OF NATIONAL PROGRAMME



The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Ms Nomusa Dube – Ncube led members of the Executive Council on an oversight visits to monitor the rollout of the National School Nutrition Programme. The purpose of the visits was to assess the state of readiness in the implementation of the feeding programme as thousand learners returned to today after the long weekend.

MEC Frazer as the champion MEC for uThukela District kicked off her mission by visiting the following schools: Estcourt Primary School and Wembezi High School. The HOD champion, Mr Siboniso Mbhele visited Nikela Primary School, Mnambithi Primary School

and Slindokuhle Secondary School under uThukela District. The HOD champion was satisfied with the progress report by the District Director, Ms Popi Mokoena on the status of NSNP programme in the district.

- Mbali Zulu



2023 SA NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



The National Primary and Secondary Schools Swimming Championship was held at the Kings Park Swimming Pool in Durban, from April 21–23, 2023, and was hosted by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in partnership with the Department of Basic Education and KwaZulu-Natal Aquatics.

The Chief Director for Social Enrichment Programs, Ms Gugu Madlala, welcomed all guests to the province on behalf of the Department. “I would like to thank all the parents and guardians who escorted their kids to give them affection and encouragement. I am impressed to see the number of people who are here to help and motivate these young one in sporting activities. To all the learners that will be participating in this event, good luck - may the best swimmers win,” she said.

129 swimmers representing KZN including GTM, participated in the butterfly, medley relay, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle races. Team KZN was the most successful province at this competition, winning 167 medals in total, with 52 gold medals. KwaZulu Natal ranked second out of nine provinces. Gauteng grabbed first place with 142 medals, with 69 golds, as they received a higher number of gold medals over KwaZulu Natal.

- Mbalenhle Mkhulisi

2023 SA NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS GALLERY



NEW APPOINTMENTS



Mrs Sindi Zakuza



Congratulations

The KZN MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer welcomes Mrs Sindi Zakuza Njakazi as the Newly Appointed Chief Director: Curriculum Management



Mrs Khanyo Hlongwane



Congratulations

The KZN MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer welcomes Mrs Khanyo Hlongwane as the Newly Appointed Chief Director: Human Resource Management



Mrs Welile Nzama



Congratulations

The KZN MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer welcomes Mrs Welile Nzama as the Newly Appointed King Cetshwayo District Director.



Mrs Busi Metu Mahlambi



Congratulations

The KZN MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer welcomes Mrs Busi Metu Mahlambi as the Newly Appointed Umlazi District Director.



REMINDER TO PARENTS!

2024 School Admissions

Opens from

12 April - 30 September 2023

Get ready for the 2024 school year!



Parents are urged to:

- **APPLY EARLY**
- **Apply to a minimum of 3 SCHOOLS.**
- **Check with schools 3 MONTHS after submitting your applications**

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