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FROM THE EDITORS DESK



It is with the great sense of both pleasure and trepidation to present to you this edition of **Edu-News** with the new MEC at the helm of the Department.
One is pleased because the birth of something new is an antithesis to stagnation and symbolises the future filled with fruitfulness. As oxymorons and contradictions will be, one is also anxious because of the standard we seek to set as a collective, not only for this publication, but for the communications and publications as our vocation.
As **Edu-News**, we welcome MEC Hlomuka on his appointment; and we wish him all of the best.
As you will read in this publication, the MEC has had no time to bask in personal hagiography, but already has traversed the length and breadth of the province, doing what needs to be done - providing leadership and leading from the very front.
In just two weeks as the MEC, he has had bilateral with the HoD, met with the Top Management, met with education stakeholders, visited the boot camps in La Mercy and KwaHlabisa, met with His Majesty together with other members of the Provincial Executive and comforted the bereaved in the area of Ladysmith. All these activities and interactions by the MEC, have been chronicled in this edition of your favourite publication.
Our Head of Department has also been very busy, supporting the MEC in his meetings and leading from the proverbial front as an Accounting Officer. Amidst all that has happened with the elections and the subsequent change of the political guard, the Department, led by the HoD, has been very focused and has been continuing on the spirited drive to improve the education outcomes, thus positioning the Province of KwaZulu-Natal as thee best performer in the education sector.
As we welcome MEC Hlomuka, we would like to bid farewell to MEC Frazer who has been at the helm of the Department and has made a significant contribution in the realisation of the mission and vision of the Department. Infrastructure development and improvement of education outcomes was among the things that she was passionate about – you will read about some of her activities in this edition.

The Winter Boot Camps and the District Support Visits by the Head of Department and the Members of the Top Management, provides ample evidence of the Department's resolve to give learners a fighting chance in life by providing accessible quality education.
In his first meeting with the Top Management, MEC Hlomuka made mention of the importance of co-curricullar activities as an important part of our education system. He impressed upon the leadership the need to always recognise that not all learners will be academically gifted - that we need to recognise, identify, and develop those who will be gifted in other areas like sports, arts and culture.
In this edition of **Edu-News**, you will read and be spoiled with images of the South African School Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE) that took place in some districts as well as at the Provincial level at Bethsadia Ministries International. Recognising the significance of this competition, the HoD attended the event in Phoenix, to see for himself that innate gift, cultural and artistic expression by our learners.
In this edition, you also will read about the sporting and athletic prowess of our learners, who ably represented the province both in continental and national competitions.
As we always say, **Edu-News** is not only about the activities of the head honchos in the Department. In this edition the Principal of Emachobeni Secondary School, Ms Nomusa Beauty Majola writes for us where she shares with other principals and educators on how she and her collective have manged to obtain 100% in the National Senior Certificate examination for a number of years. We hope her strategies are going to assist others to follow suit, as we believe that iron sharpens iron.
As a Department, we welcome our new interns and we encourage them to use the time in the Department to develop themselves as they hone their skills and develop their career paths. We also encourage managers and supervisors to expose all interns in the productive world of work. Our interns in the Communications and Publications Directorate have made significant contribution in this edition of **Edu-News** some as writers, other as photographers and graphic designers.
We also warmly welcome our News Editor, Ms Hlengiwe Mncabi who has already contributed immensely in the production of this edition as well as in other activities of the Communications and Publications Directorate.

We urge all of you as our readers to continue supporting our publication and we ask districts and schools to share with us their activities.
As we say in our parlance: **The Classroom is the Centrepiece of All Our Activities.**

SIHLE MLOTSHWA

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

I extend my greetings to all our dedicated readers of EduNews, an official Newsletter of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education. This is our first publication in the 7th Administration of the Government of National Unity, (GNU).

We take this opportunity to thank you for all the suggestions you shared with us in the 6th Administration, as to how we can improve our publication, indeed some of these suggestions have been taken into consideration as we were preparing to issue this edition.

One of the suggestions was that the publication should be inclusive of what the Department is engaging in from Head Office, District Office, Circuit Office down to School Level.

Therefore, we commit to be as inclusive as possible and ensure that if activities that cannot be covered, the broad spectrum representative approach will be implemented.

We are very proud of what our schools are doing and have many good stories to tell. Given the number of such stories that at times are not told, we have created a WhatsApp Channel, that can be used to share with us your stories with photos, including Early Childhood Development programmes.

We are looking forward to your continuous suggestions as to how we can improve the reach and footprint of our publication.

I THANK YOU.

Mr Muzi Mahlambi, HOC





MEC's BIOGRAPHY.

BY: Hlengiwe Mncibi

Sipho Emmanuel Hlomuka is currently serving as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Education in the KwaZulu-Natal province. He assumed this role on June 18, 2024, after previously serving as the KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety, and Liaison.

Hlomuka has a strong academic background, having obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 2020, an Honours Degree in Public Administration, and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (2003-2004). He completed his secondary education at Siyamukela High School in 1999.

In addition to his MEC role, Hlomuka also holds the position of ANC Deputy Secretary in KZN. He has held various leadership positions within the organization, including Secretary of ANC uKhahlamba Region (December 2014 to July 2018), Deputy Secretary of ANC uKhahlamba Region (March 2012 to December 2014), Chairperson of ANC Youth League uKhahlamba Region (June 2009 to November 2016), and Board member of KZN NYDA for two years.

Prior to his current position, Hlomuka served as the Chief Operations Officer at theLadysmith/Mnambithi Local Municipality (June 2013 to February 2015) and as the District Manager at uThukela for the Department of Public Works (April 2008 to May 2013).

Hlomuka puts great emphasis on the importance of collaboration to enhance people's lives. He believes that mutual respect and flexibility in protocol are essential to prevent confusion within the system. Additionally, he highlights the significance of sports in schools to support learners who may not excel academically but demonstrate talent.

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BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN MEC & HOD.



Bilateral Meeting between MEC Sipho Hlomuka and HOD, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo.

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Mr. Sipho Hlomuka, held a bilateral meeting with the Head of Department, Mr. Nkosinathi Ngcobo at the MEC's Boardroom in Truro House.

Date: 20 June 2024



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THE MEC MEETS TOP MANAGEMENT.



Newly Appointed MEC Sipho Hlomuka met KZNDOE's Top Management

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Mr Sipho Hlomuka met with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education's Top Management, in the MEC's Boardroom, Truro House, Durban.

Date: 20 June 2024.









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MEC FRAZER OFFICIALLY OPENED VEZUKUSA PRIMARY SCHOOL.





BY: Amanda Memela

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer officially opened and handed over a new state-of-the-art Vezukusa Primary School, 23 May 2024, in Jozini.

MEC Frazer was joined by the Mayor of Umkhanyakude District, Mr. Siphile Mdaka, Head of the Department, Mr. Nkosinathi Ngcobo, DDG Adv. Bheki Masuku, DDG Ms. Weziwe Hadebe, and the traditional leadership.

Vezukusa Primary School expended the Department of Education an amount of R21.1 million. Like all the new smart schools recently built by the Department, Vezukusa has modern technology for teaching and learning in the world of the 4IR.

The new Vezukusa consists of 8 standard classrooms, a multipurpose center, a media center, a computer room, an activity room, an admin block, an NSNP kitchen, a Grade R center, ablution facilities, a guard house, fencing, landscaping, and HOD office's.

MEC Frazer expressed gratitude to all stakeholders who contributed towards the project's success and committed to the community that more schools will be built.

"The Government has taken a decision to build smart schools in KZN, and I want to assure you as the community that as we build new smart schools, we are also aligning old schools with 4IR", said MEC Frazer.









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MEC FRAZER OFFICIALLY OPENED TONGAAT SPECIAL SCHOOL.





BY: Sqiniseko Shezi

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer on, 21 May 2024, officially opened and handed over a new state-of-the-art Tongaat Special School in eThekwini Municipality.

The Tongaat Special School project costs the Department R187 million. The school is 98% complete, and the contractor has partially handed over the site to the department for use in teaching and learning.

The new Tongaat Special School consists of 100 hostels for boys and 100 hostels for girls, four matrons flats, an administration block, 15 classrooms, three multipurpose rooms, 22 storerooms, a dining hall, laundry, a computer room, a media center, 4 HOD offices, parking, pump station, and a generator.

"The school belongs to the community. That is why the contractor had to employ people from the local community," said MEC Frazer.

She added that the community is responsible for protecting this school and giving all the support to the principal and educators in the best interests of the learners.







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MEC FRAZER OFFICIALLY OPENED MGAI PRIMARY SCHOOL.










BY: Sqiniseko Shezi

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer, officially opened and handed over a new state-of-the-art Mgai Primary School in Umzinto Local Municipality.

Mgai Primary School expended the Department of Education over R52.7 million. It consists of 16 new standard classrooms, a computer room, a guard house, team teaching with a multi-purpose classroom, abolition facilities for boys and girls, an NSNP kitchen, sports facilities, fencing, a borehole, and a fire water supply.

The project of Mgai Primary Construction created 72 job opportunities and business opportunities for 20 local people.

MEC Frazer urged the community to protect this school..

“We request parents to play a critical role in their children’s education. You must work hand in hand with educators and the School Governing Body,” said MEC Frazer.

She further expressed her gratitude to all stakeholders who played a critical role during the construction of Mgai Primary School.

Date: 17 May 2024

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The Provincial District Awards.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education celebrated the Provincial District Awards on May the 20th 2024. The purpose of the award ceremony is to recognise districts for their effort, hard work, and to commit in ensuring an improvement in the NSC results.

MEC Frazer in her remarks said, “Today, we are here to honour, recognise, and celebrate this remarkable achievement.” She further said it is important that we celebrate the hard work and dedication of all those involved in achieving these outstanding results.

“We pay tribute to the Executive Authority, the leadership team at the Head Office, the district and circuit officials, and, most importantly, our dedicated educators.”

“As we celebrate these achievements, let us not rest on our laurels. We must continue to strive for excellence, build on this solid foundation, and ensure that every learner in KwaZulu-Natal has access to quality basic education. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and building a brighter future for our country,” said the MEC.

Years of hard work, strategic planning, and numerous interventions have seen the province achieving an 86.4% pass rate in the 2023 NSC results.

“Since the inception of Operation Bounce Back and the implementation of various academic improvement plans, KwaZulu-Natal has steadily improved. The province has moved from being associated with failure to being a beacon of academic excellence,” said Minister Motshekga.








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MEC Hlomuka visit's the Intuthuko Special School Boot Camp.









BY: Philakahle Ngubane

The MEC, Mr Sipho Hlomuka has dedicated his time to offer support and restore calm after a recent incident of suspected food poisoning at Intuthuko Special School, under Umkhanyakude District.

The DDG for Curriculum Management Mr M. J. Mazibuko welcomed and introduced all attendees which amongst others, were learners from neighboring schools and lead teachers.

The HOD, in his introductory remarks appreciated the presence and dedication of Lead Teachers. He further outlined the purpose of the visit, which was to offer support to learners and to encourage them to excel in their 2024 NSC Examinations. "I wish for you to look at the MEC as an inspiration as he comes from humble beginnings just like you, but has in his young age achieved high accolades both as a leader and an academic.

The MEC, in his key note address urged learners to focus on their studies, shun all that seeks to distract them because the department and the teachers are behind them. "UMkhanyakude is known as a district that is situated in deep rural areas, yet it has proven to us that it produces excellence" Obtaining number 1 out of 12 Districts is a great achievement and for that we congratulate you," said the MEC.

The MEC showed appriciation all those who assisted learners who suffered from abdominal pain, and wished well on those who had to be hospitalized. He further assured the attendees that all learners have since recovered and continue to learn.

Dr. Chonco thanked all attendees and joined learners in song and dance as they chanted victorious songs.

Date: 25 June 2024

HOD monitors the boot camp at KwaDlangezwa High School.

The HOD Mr G. N. Ngcobo monitored yet another boot camp.

KwaDlangezwa High School accompanied by DDG Mr M. J. Mazibuko, Chief Director Dr. Chonco and Director for Communications, Mr M. W. Mahlambi.













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DDG HADEBE'S SUPPORT VISIT.

BY: Ms Mbali Zulu

As the two-day Uthukela District Academic Support visit came to an end, the four schools that were visited could not stop thanking the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education for the unwavering support that was provided to their schools.

The schools that were privileged to be visited from Estcourt CMC, Mpumelelo High School and Bonokuhle Secondary School, and Mnambithi CMC were Dr. Joseph Shabalala and Ekukhuleni High School, all under UThukela District.

The presentations were presented by uThukela District officials.

These presentations allowed the department to identify grey areas and challenges in order to provide necessary support.

Leading the team from the Head Office was DDG for Institutional Development Support, Ms Weziwe Hadebe. Hadebe applauded the district for always ensuring that support is given to the schools. "It is our view that the four schools that we have visited will do very well at the end of the year due to these visits as they are aimed to improve the level of performance of the district as a whole," she said.
In conclusion, DDG Hadebe addressed Grade 12 learners and educators.

In her address she advised learners to put more effort towards their studies, "make time for your studies, as you prepare for your final exams, every day counts. Ensure that you respect your educators and your parents in order to prosper. I wish you all the best in your final year journey,"
concluded DDG Hadebe

After uThukela District visit, DDG Hadebe indicated that the next district to be visited for support is the Pinetown District.





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UMLAZI DISTRICT TOP PERFORMERS.

BY: Philakahle Ngubane

The District Director UMlazi Ms Busisiwe Mahlambi welcomed all UMlazi District officials who attended the meeting. She expressed her gratitude to the principals who ushered the district to the 8th position in the province, with 20 schools achieving a 100% pass mark in the 2023 NSC Results.

"The purpose of this gathering is for us to celebrate you and for our visionary leaders to share expertise and to emphasize our responsibility of maintaining our 100% pass pass rate" remarked Ms Mahlambi.

In her address the District Director encouraged the officials to work smart, strive for high Bachelors pass rate and do away with Higher Certificate pass rate.

"I have to appreciate the schools that had been placed at the serial under performing schools position, but managed to pull themselves out of that situation because of applying strategies to improve quality learner performance" said the District Director.

Ms J. Govender, the Project Manager for the Department of Basic Education stressed the importance of sustaining good performance and improving it, yet carefully ensuring to never decline. Presentations from school principals followed, with all of them outlining the strategies they use to achieve high pass percentage marks.

MANCO members also contributed to the presentations and engagements of the day all under the shared theme of aiming for the best possible performance.

Date: 12 June 2024

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2024- 2026 INTERN INDUCTION

BY: Carol Ngcobo

The Department of Education in Kwa-Zulu Natal has again made an impact in the year 2024, as it welcomes new interns who will be serving the department for the duration of two years.

More than 300 unemployed graduates were given an opportunity as part of its contribution to skills development initiatives as expressed in the National

Development in National Development Plan, and the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy Guidelines.

This program will provide interns with valuable work experience and increase their opportunity towards employment.

The department would like to pass its appreciation to Mr Vusi Sibiya who led and conducted the induction session as way to welcome all newly recruited interns, to help them settle in, and ensure that they have the knowledge and support to perform their roles.

“We wish all our interns a productive stay in the department and that they utilise the skills obtained in the department,” said Sibiya.







SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS CHORAL EISTEDDFOD MUSIC COMPETITION (SASCE).





UMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT SASCE COMPETITION.

By: Siphokazi Zaca

The Department of Education’s uMgungundlovu District hosted the last day of the much anticipated South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE) music competition. The event took place on the 5th-8th of June 2024.

The final day of the District competition saw high school battle it out on the stage. SASCE seeks to encourage choral music, assist learners to develop their musical skills, and appreciation for various musical genres.
Mrs Prudence Mjwara, Deputy Director: HR Services, representing the District Director, Mr Sqhamo Mabinza, acknowledged the educators for the hard work they put in to SASCE as well as ensuring that they deliver the curriculum effectively. She also expressed gratitude to principals and parents for permitting and supporting their learners to participate in the event.

The adjudicating team applauded all the winners on their excellent performances and offered to provide music support to schools in Umgungundlovu District. The winners will resented the district at the provincial competition.

Date: 08 June 2024.





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HOD ATTENDS 2024 KZN PROVINCIAL ABC MOTSEPE SASCE COMPETITION.

BY: Mbali Zulu

The KwaZulu- Natal Department of Education hosted the final day of the 2024 Provincial ABC Motsepe SASCE Choral Competition, which took place on the 26th June 2024 at Bethsaida Ministries International.
This years competition was celebrated under the theme "Celebrating 30 years of Democracy".

The Provincial Instalment of the ABC Motsepe South African School Choral Eisteddfod ended with a high note of a great performance by schools choirs and conductors across the province.
The programme intends to develop and nature the talent of choristers and increase participation of learners in Sports Art & Culture and Youth Development activities.

The Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo attended the final day of the 2024 ABC Motsepe SASCE Choral Competition. He was joined by some of the members of the senior management including few District Directors.
In his address, he congratulated and thanked all the adjudicators, conductors and school choirs for the wonderful work that have displayed during the competition.

"The ABC Motsepe South African Choral Eisteddfod are an essential sponsor to this competition. We really appreciate and honour them for the wonderful work.
It is also important that we use this competition as a tool to mobilize mass participation through choral music to enhance unity in diversity and social cohesion. These are two most important value systems that should always be part of our endeavour to take this province to greater heights", said the HOD.

The Provincial winners will be representing the KZN team at the National level which will take place in Rhema Bible Church Randburg, Gauteng

SCHOOLS CHOIR RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
SSA SECTION
Empangeni High School
TTBB SECTION
JG Zuma
SECONDARY B WESTERN
Isikhalisezwe High School
SECONDARY B AFRICAN
KwaPata High School
SECONDARY A WESTERN
Zama High School
SECONDARY A AFRICAN
Empangeni High School











GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (GEC).

GRADE 9 GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE (GEC) ADVOCACY ROADSHOW.

By: Nompumelelo Gasa







The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal dedicated week 20-24 of May 2024 to conduct an advocacy campaign in all 12 districts where districts were grouped according to district clusters. Districts MANCO was called to be addressed about the implementation of the GEC program which is a standardized qualification being piloted in South Africa for learners completing grade 9 to give any school leavers some type of currency they can use to either find a job, or pursue a different stream of schooling. The delegation committee for GEC Roadshow consisted of Mr Mbongiseni Mazibuko, DDG for Curriculum Management and Delivery who was also the chairperson of the delegation committee.

Ms Sindi Zakuza-Njakazi, Chief Director for Curriculum Management who was tasked to welcome guests and to outline the aim of GEC program, Dr. Raymond Penniston, Chief Director for Examination, Assessment and Quality Assurance who was given a role to be the programme director for all sessions, Dr. Mjoli, CES for Quality Assurance who was giving overview of the GEC, broad goals, and conceptualization of GEC, Mr Kunene, DCES for Quality Assurance who presented components of GEC assessment.

In his address, the chairperson DDG Mazibuko outlined GEC that it is a flagship programme of the Department of Education designed to expand the learning pathways and success opportunities of South African Grade 9 learners. "The GEC is intended to formally recognize learner's achievement at the end of the compulsory phase of schooling. Its primary purpose is to facilitate subject choices beyond Grade 9 and articulation between schools and TVET



colleges," said DDG Mazibuko.
In conclusion, DDG Mazibuko advised that GEC program is not introduced to promote decline in results as the Department of Education in KZN will be claiming position one in 2025. "The advocacy and training will continue until we are fully capacitated," concluded Mazibuko.

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CAF CHAMPIONSHIPS.

CAF Champions School Sport.

BY: Xoli Thompson

School Sport is on the rise! The newly crowned Continental Champions arrived victoriously at King Shaka International Airport after winning the CAF Schools Football Championships for girls under 15s in Zanzibar, Tanzania. The team comprised mainly of learners from the famous Pietermaritzburg's Edendale Technical High School as well as players from other schools in the Province and Gauteng. Edendale Technical has made a name for themselves in the tournament by single handedly winning the continental tournament at least twice before. The tournament comes with a USD300 000 prize money. KZNDSAC Head of Department, Dr. Thobile Sifunda together with Department of Education officials and learners with their Principal were at the airport to welcome the team.



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MTN'S "LEARN TODAY, LEAD TOMORROW INITIATIVE".

BY: Noluthando Zitha

KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education partnered with MTN as MTN turned 30 and celebrated 30 years of yellow care with the key focus being "Learn today, lead tomorrow". This event focuses on Artificial Intelligence and digitalisation with 4 schools in KwaZulu-Natal who have been invited to show case their robotic inventions.

Mr Clive Thomas opened with a prayer and highlighted how the learners present are young eagles and how they are meant for greatness.

UMlazi District Director, Mrs Busi Mahlambi, welcomed all the delegates and schools-she also noted that the schools present were part of the school's which have obtained 100% pass rate in the UMlazi District. Mrs Mahlambi noted the collaboration between The KZN Department of Education and MTN as a great initiative which will open doors for future leaders. In closing, she stated that learners are the future leaders which shows that the future is in capable hands.

Regional Manager from MTN, Ms. Busi Dlamini, started by sharing the purpose of the program as it is meant to identify talented learners who have interests in the technological space with innovative skills and ideas in coding, robotics and artificial intelligence. Learners were awarded with prizes for their innovation.
Schools were judged against the following:
1. Innovative;
2. Creativity;
3. Design; and
4. Overall presentation

The four schools that participated and presented were, Sibusisiwe Comp Tech, Sobonakhona Secondary, Zuzumqhele Secondary, and Ullovu Secondary. The stellar presentation of robots by learners saw the event being a major success.

The results were as follows: Sibusisiwe Comp Tech - 3rd place prize money of R10 000, Ullovu Secondary - 2nd place prize money of R15 000, and a big congratulations to the winner of the first prize Zuzumqhele Secondary who is walking away with a prize worth R25 000.







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PAYING VISIT TO SUPPORT THE BEREAVED FAMILY.

















MEC HLOMUKA VISITS THE BEREAVED THUSI FAMILY IN LADYSMITH

By: Sphelele Madlala

The Department of Social Development and Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal visited the Thusi family in Ladysmith following the incident that claimed the lives of 8 people who were shot in an ambush.

Ms. Popi Mokoena, the District Director of Uthukela District, together with the principal of Limehill High School, Mr. Dlanga, were present to show their support to the bereaved family.

Date: 21 June 2024

100% AVERAGE AT EMACHOBENI SECONDARY SCHOOL.



Mrs Nomusa Beauty Majozi

"THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS"

The above mentioned school has been producing excellent results for the past 7 years and this is due to high dedicated educators who work extra ordinary hours to try to keep up with the school's motto, **"Strive for Excellence".**

Our normal day starts at 06h30 for the matriculants and 7h00 for the rest of the school- that is Grade 8 to 10, bearing in mind that the Grade 11s are treated as matrics. What takes place in Grade 12 is the same in Grade 11.

Morning classes start at 06h30 and our first period commences at 07h45. Afternoon classes start at 15h00 and finish at 17h00.

Our school commence one week earlier than normal school calender, so as to get started with our Annual Teaching Plans in their respective subjects.

Academic Progress Chart:
We use Grade 11 report as the base for statement of results, where at the top we put learner's name and stream. Then we have table where we put learners subjects and Grade11 results, and then set targets for first term. This is done in the presence of the parent so as to make sure that parents commit to the performance.

At the beginning of the second term, we (Principal-Parent and Learner) embark on checking if the set targets were met or not, then comment on performance per learner. After that, we set new targets for the 2nd term.

What differentiates our school from the rest, is that the tone is set right at the beginning of the year for our matriculants. We involve parents in our first consultative meeting, where we outline our colour coding method as the reminder since it is something that they have been familirised with since Grade10 (FET Phase).

To keep up with high quality results, we set our targets to 50 percent, where every learner strives for 50 and above.
Colour coding simple means each term, learners will be grouped based on their performance and that performance will exclude task forming part of SBA, which means we analyse their perfomance based on raw marks.

In terms of colours, RED means danger. If a learner falls under that category, we then explain to both the learner and the parent the threats of the category and how the school will assist the learner with improving the areas of difficulties.

Papers concentration on different cognitive levels is then assigned to those learners.

The school always make sure that the are parents are involved, for close monitoring of progress.

As a norm, we teach, test, and give immediate feedback.

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FAREWELL CELEBRATION OF MS THULISILE NTOMBELA.

BY: Hlengiwe Mncibi

The community of Menzi High School in the UMlazi District proudly hosted a distinguished farewell
ceremony to honor Ms Thulisile Muntu Brenda Ntombela, an exceptional educator with an illustrious 30-year career in service to the Department. Her sevice includes seven years as a principal after the former principal, the late Mr Felix Mshololo.

Throughout the speeches, Ms. Ntombela was hailed as the guiding light, illuminating the entire community with her boundless love and unwavering passion.

This was evident in the Class of 2023, who sung praises of Ms. Ntombela for the support she provided to them.

The event was graced by the distinguished presence of the Phumelela Circuit Manager, Mr Bukhosibakhe Mzolo. In his speech, he mentioned that, “ We are here to celebrate a leader who never chased positions. She started teaching at Menzi in 1985, Ms. Ntombela was part of the team who made Menzi High School a well-known school not only in the province, but in the whole country, “ concluded Mr Mzolo.

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