



PSP NEWSLETTER

Keeping you up to date with PSP teacher development

2018 TERM 4

From the Director

Make the emotional connection

We continually absorb information through physical and emotional encounters every day. The quality of these encounters influences how we connect, learn from, remember and make sense of the world.

A clever teacher will take full advantage of this by creating engaging and exciting learning environments and sensory experiences for children which result in positive emotions. Emotion has considerable influence on the cognitive processes in humans, affecting attention in particular, as well as perception, learning, memory, reasoning and problem solving. Emotion also motivates actions and behaviour.

Children who are able to use their senses in learning activities and connect these with positive emotions, make stronger links with content, and firmer conceptual development.

Wishing all schools, teachers, learners and parents a splendid fourth term, and a joyful and safe December break!

We look forward to working with you all again in 2019!

Dr. Zorina Dharsey

NS Cluster Cycle concluded with 'Planet Earth & Beyond'

During the last course of the NS Cluster Project cycle, teachers were inspired to learn more about topics such as tides and seasons, history of life on Earth and fossils, as well as astronomy topics and making telescopes. Together with PSP's practical approach to all these topics, teachers also found the additional focus on learners' science notebooks very helpful.



"Awesome way of gathering and storing information in their notebooks – thank you!"
Grade 6 & 7 teacher, Parow Valley Primary School



Overberg teachers made their own telescopes in their Cluster course in Gansbaai.

PSP excursion to the SAAO



Teachers enjoyed the PSP visit to the SAAO in September, where they experienced some exciting activities and the range of resources available for schools.

Interested in setting up a science club at your school?

Through the SAAO, school science clubs will be registered with the South African School Science Club network.

Contact Sivuyile at SAAO for assistance.
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Pointers to guide a creative process of compiling science notebooks with learners:

Topic and date

- Learners must record an aspect of the work done in their books each day, and date it.

Introduction to topic

- Mind map (with key words or ideas)
- Question/s
- Word lists (in more than one language if appropriate).

Records of investigations and activities

- Heading / name of activity
- Full investigation / technology process (or parts), e.g. questions, steps, methods, diagrams with labels, tables, graphs.

Consolidation

- Questions and answers
- Sentences using key words, short explanations, summaries, shared writing paragraphs, learner's own free writing.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS 2019



Remember to register your school for 2019 PSP courses.
Contact Glenda S. on 021 691 9039



Leading the way with Life Skills



Nadiema Gamielien setting up a wonderful display for 'mini-beasts'.

The PSP was invited to present at the first ever WCED FOUNDATION PHASE LIFE SKILLS Conference with over 250 lead teachers from across the Western Cape, during the holidays at Groote Schuur High School.

The conference was arranged around the four main themes in the Life Skills curriculum: Personal and social wellbeing; Beginning Knowledge; Physical Education and Creative Arts.

The PSP presentation dealt with an investigation into mini-beasts.

Teachers each received an expanded, re-worked version of the Foundation Phase Life Skills curriculum, now a valuable resource. The PSP had been involved in a peer review of the Natural Sciences section of this WCED document.

The PSP commends Elizabeth Fredericks, Deputy Chief Education Specialist; Life Skills, for leading the way in this ground-breaking project.



Teachers loved the practical approach and the real encounters with mini-beasts.

PSP BELIEVES...

Learning is an emotional activity. A good teacher knows how to connect learning to children's positive emotions.



TEACHERS KNOW THAT...

If you want to help children reinforce their conceptual understanding in maths for lasting impact, let them manipulate concrete objects, such as bottle tops in maths problems. This can make a huge difference!



PSP TEACHER CONFERENCES

Saturday, 27 October 2018

- MSP Eastern Cape Conference
- Overberg Cluster Conference

More good news stories



A warm welcome to our new Trustee. Sinazo Jikijela is an Audit Consultant with Woolworths Head Office

and a highly valued addition to our board.



We are very proud of PSP Language Facilitator, Vangiwe Makhubalo, who presented at the Literacy Conference

held at UWC on 10 September.

PSP participants at significant events



Zorina Dharsey at the DBE Round-Table

Conference on Pre-service Teacher Education.



Novosti Buta deliberated with HEIs on how the needs of in-service teachers can inform

improved pre-service teacher training nationally.



Florence February co-ordinated the 2017/2018 Joint Mentorship Project Conference which

celebrated the best practice and stories of flourishing first-time teachers.

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