



PSP NEWSLETTER

Keeping you up to date with PSP teacher development

2021 TERM 3

From the Director

We are always here for you

Our database shows that many teachers and schools are making full use of PSP's essential training courses as they navigate another challenging year, demonstrating their confidence in the support these courses provide.

PSP's insights and understanding of the educational challenges associated with lengthy school closures and staggered timetables and the cumulative impact on teaching and learning, have allowed us to anticipate and plan appropriate teacher training and assistance. We have been extremely pleased to welcome teachers who have joined courses online from all over South Africa.

Capitalising on the wonderful opportunities presented by online platforms PSP is thus able to reach out to teachers, despite Covid-19 restrictions. We model how lessons can be presented safely and creatively to help children learn. PSP also connects with other organisations, linking teachers to a wide range of learning opportunities, information and resources relevant to their needs.

Ongoing reflection, flexibility and hard work allows us to manage the unexpected and to proactively adapt to changing circumstances. Our particular strength lies in the unity and support of the whole PSP Team, and a collective commitment to our vision - "excellent primary schooling for all South Africa's children, where all educators are highly skilled, committed and confident, and are well prepared and resourced to teach."

We wish schools, teachers and learners a healthy and positive Term 4 2021.

Stay safe and take care. 😊

Dr. Zorina Dharsey

Children still benefiting



PSP's Sandra Rossouw (Project Co-ordinator: Overberg) was delighted to receive photos from a teacher at Gansbaai Primary School which show that children are still benefitting from the Maths Resources Kits which the school received during the 2017/2018 cycle of the *PSP/Counting with Coronation Foundation Phase Maths Project*.

In celebration of Arbour Day 2021...

...PSP is again partnering with Cape Nature in this fun competition for learners in Grades 4-7 to create awareness about the importance of flora, and especially trees.



Introducing

"I am eager to use my experience and skills to continue the legacy of quality education and help prepare learners for future success."



PSP warmly welcomes our new facilitator, Vuyokazi Fatyela to the Foundation Phase Maths team. Vuyokazi has eight years of teaching experience in primary schools and with learners who have different barriers to learning. She did her undergraduate degree at CPUT and graduated in 2014. In 2016 she completed a BEd Honours degree, specialising in Inclusive Education. In 2017 she registered for a Master's degree which she has just recently passed and will be graduating in December. Vuyokazi is a mother of three boys and lives in Philippi East.

ALL PSP COURSES IN 2021 ARE SACE ACCREDITED



School registrations for 2020 were carried through to 2021



A wonderful response

Our online workshop on 'Intervention' presented by consultant Lemeez Gasant on 14 August was attended by 170 first-time teachers from all over South Africa. We were delighted to welcome teachers from new schools in Thabazimbi, Springs, Benoni, Alexandra (Johannesburg); Bryanston (Johannesburg), Kimberley, Kakamas, Kuruman, Gqeberha, Oudtshoorn and more, in addition to teachers from many schools in the Western Cape.

"Please thank Mrs. Gasant for an extremely learningful session, she really exposed us to all the methodologies etc. to keep in mind in order to optimise our lesson planning and also provided a blueprint for creating a meaningful learning experience which is applicable to the whole spectrum of subjects in all phases."



Participant from Rainbow Primary School, Delft

🌀 Tips for Teachers and Parents 🌀



Focus and attention

Reduce extraneous and meaningless noise during lessons.

Physical activities

Pair music and rhythmic drumming with language instruction and other lessons.

Use music and dance /movement as a relaxation or stress-reduction technique and to regulate breathing.

Teaching approaches

Sound new words often and use them in different sentences to help children become familiar with these.

Nurture a growth mindset in children by helping them to understand that their brains can change and become stronger.

PSP BELIEVES...



Children should be given regular, positive feedback to encourage learning and to build self-confidence.

LIFE LESSONS FROM A PANDEMIC

- ✓ We have the capacity for resilience
- ✓ Community is essential
- ✓ Don't take freedom for granted
- ✓ Recognise the value of the people around you
- ✓ Make the most of opportunities that present themselves

EDUCONSERVATION IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES



Partnering with the Cape Town Science Centre (CTSC) the PSP is excited to be developing materials and resources with educationists and teachers in a number of African countries in the SPAC Project.

This long-term project provides the opportunity to develop awareness and knowledge about the rich environmental resources of Africa with teachers and children in countries such as the Congo and Namibia. It is exciting to see teachers implementing new methodologies in their classes and encouraging children in more active learning.

Learning about the Energy chain



PSP facilitator, Nadiema Gamielien introduced Grade 4 learners at Hillside Primary (Bishop Lavis) to the Energy chain with a loaf of home-made bread to get them thinking and talking! She did a demonstration lesson of the Energy story of bread and afterwards learners made their own drawings with labels and short sentences in their notebooks.



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