



PSP NEWSLETTER

Keeping you up to date with PSP teacher development

2022 TERM 3

From the Director

Optimism builds a brighter future

Teaching is the greatest act of optimism (Colleen Wilcox, US, Superintendent of School) since the results are ultimately measured in the future and are mostly unknown to the teacher.

An optimistic teacher instinctively believes in each child's potential and will extend herself to help children achieve this with the courage, strength and wisdom needed to overcome daily classroom challenges. A teacher's optimism will encourage and motivate children to grow greater confidence, and foster belief in a brighter future.

Martyn Newman, a clinical psychologist, maintains that optimism involves the use of opportunity "sensing" and resilience. Optimists are able to maintain a positive attitude and focus their attention onto what they can and ought to do. Optimism is a conscious choice.

We applaud the commitment of the many teachers who regularly attend PSP's afternoon and Saturday training courses voluntarily, dedicating their free time to participate, hone their craft and equip themselves with knowledge and skills. Optimism motivates them to reflect professionally and to seek out additional learning opportunities for themselves.

PSP supports teachers' optimism, as we collectively work towards inspiring children and developing their full potential.

We wish all schools, teachers and learners an optimistic and productive fourth term 2022.

Dr. Zorina Dharsey

In Term 2, 903 teachers from 176 schools across South Africa benefitted from PSP activities.

Focus on Foundation Phase Life Skills

PSP's expertise in Foundation Phase Life Skills, Beginning Knowledge (Science component) has been in high demand this year, with invitations to collaborate and partner with organisations and institutions.

ADVANCED CERTIFICATION IN TEACHING (ACT) COURSE

In partnership with the Schools Development Unit (SDU) of UCT, the PSP is presenting the ACT Beginning Knowledge course for 63 registered Foundation Phase teachers.



Over 32 hours the course includes a range of topics from theory of Beginning Knowledge, teaching strategies to classroom management and assessment.

We applaud teachers for persevering with their studies over and above their heavy work schedules.

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING WITH KEY TEACHERS

In collaboration with the Metro East Education District (MEED), the PSP is running a Life Skills course with 93 key teachers (teams of HODs) from 35 schools over three terms in three languages. The feedback has included: *I've learnt many new and vibrant ideas of how to make Life Skills interactive in class; I've learnt how to use the Life Skills Science kit; I've learnt how to support learners with low skills.*

LIFE SKILLS COURSE AT CTLI WITH NOVICE TEACHERS



In collaboration with the WCED, PSP presented the Life Skills Beginning Knowledge course for novice teachers at the Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute (CTLI) over three days this term. Presenters Dalene Steenkamp, FP Subject Advisor, West Coast Education District and PSP's Florence February, Nadiema Gamielien, and Tracy Stevens provided excellent practical training for the new young teachers.

Annual Mass Planning Forum Online

Look out for invitations and SMS booking reminders as follows...

- * **Early October:** Survey for teachers to indicate priority needs (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
- * **19 October:** Invitation for all teachers to attend (**SUPER IMPORTANT**)
- * **2 November:** Invitation for all SMTs to attend (**MOST IMPORTANT**)

ALL PSP COURSES ARE SACE ACCREDITED



Booking essential for all courses – see programme for booking links

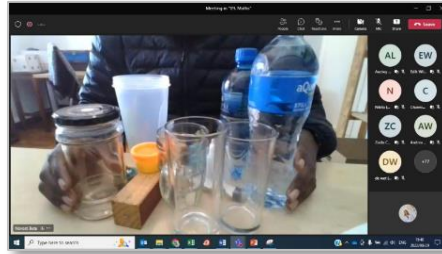


Maths moments



Maths resources were joyfully received at Inkanini Primary School, Khayelitsha, thanks to Coronation Fund Managers.

Online practical Maths course with 83 Grade 4 – 7 teachers. Novosti Buta shows how he prepares for a practical activity on measuring capacity and volume.

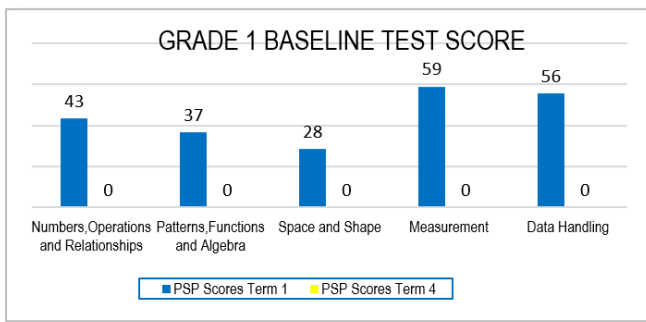


PSP BELIEVES...

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.

Nicholas M. Butler

Importance of data



Numbers tell us a story, so the analysis of what our data tells us is very important in guiding our decision-making, and for showcasing the social return on investment by our funders and other stakeholders. PSP uses a range of tools to collect information on the various aspects of our project work.

We are currently fine-tuning these processes to elevate the importance of quantitative data, to link different data sets and to present visually for more meaningful interpretation. This together with the many qualitative stories gives a fuller picture of the impact of our work.

FREE ONLINE COURSES

PSP FREE ONLINE COURSES FOR TERM 4

Look out for our PSP programme with joining links which will be shared via email and SMS before the start of the new term. Please book in advance.

TIPS FOR TEACHERS

- INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT READING**
- ✓ Use text that has different font and text sizes and wider spaces between sentences and / or paragraphs.
 - ✓ Record children reading extracts from a story and replay back to them. Talk about the reading and give guidance where necessary.
 - ✓ Label items around the house or classroom to familiarise children with names of objects.

PSP Mentorship Project Recruitment 2023-2024

Calling all novice teachers and final year B.Ed. & PGCE students

The PSP Mentorship Project mentors, coaches and supports novice primary school teachers for a two-year period with training, classroom coaching and mentorship sessions tailored to your needs. This is offered at no cost to the teacher nor to the school. If you are in

your final year of study, or have been teaching for less than 3 years, this opportunity is for you.

We invite you to apply through this link: <https://bit.ly/3QheGrl>

Motivate why you would like to be considered above all other applicants before 30 November 2022.

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