



PSP NEWSLETTER

Keeping you up to date with PSP teacher development

2024 TERM 4

From the Director

This year marks a significant milestone for the PSP as we celebrate 40 years of working with teachers!

We are proud that teachers and their professional training needs continue to remain at the forefront of all our work. Through long-term investment in teachers, we strengthen the foundations of schools, ultimately benefiting future generations.

PSP supports teachers with classroom implementation as new policies and innovative approaches are introduced by the Department of Basic Education. We are thus looking forward to engaging with the Mother Tongue-based Bilingual Education (MTBBE) policy for Grade 4 Mathematics and Natural Sciences in 2025.

As we reflect on our 40-year journey, it's important to acknowledge the dedication of countless teachers who embrace lifelong learning. Their resilience during challenging times emphasises their passionate commitment to learner success.

We look to the future as we continue to provide transformative experiences for teachers.

Wishing all principals, teachers, and learners a joyous and peaceful Festive Season.

Dr. Zorina Dharsey

More than **450 teachers** participated in the conferences and special events in Term 4.

And **111 learners** participated in the Language Festival.

English Language Festival



Highlights of outcomes from PSP's 2023/2024 English Language Project were showcased at our first ever Language Festival, hosted at Walter Teka Primary School in Nyanga. Learners from the five project schools performed English reading, poetry recitals, drama pieces, and both written and oral Spelling Bees, supported by their teachers and parents. Walter Teka's famous marimba band added to the festivities.

"Everyone had so much fun, and it was heartwarming to witness the positive outcomes of the two-year project reflected in these learner performances — a true testament to the progress achieved in their spoken English through this project. We have had wonderful feedback from the teachers involved."

Vangiwe Makhubalo, PSP Language facilitator



PSP celebrates **40 YEARS** ...of excellence in teacher development with...

- *Our first Language Festival
- *Mentorship Project Conference
- *Counting with Coronation Maths Conference
- *Launch of two new Life Skills books
- *Two Annual Mass Planning Forums with teachers and SMTs

ALL PSP COURSES ARE SACE-ACCREDITED



Booking is essential for all courses
See programme for booking links or WhatsApp 071 2902 804



Maths Conference celebrates progress



Vibrant and passionate teacher presentations (interspersed with singing and dancing!) as well as hands-on display tables from various schools showcased best classroom strategies developed during the project.

Teacher feedback confirmed that the conference was a fitting end to a project that built confidence, enriched teaching methods, and fostered a love for Maths in the Foundation Phase.

Another two-year Counting with Coronation Foundation Phase Maths Project cycle involving 26 schools concluded with an uplifting, fun-filled conference at Aberdare Primary School in Delft. Teachers from participating schools in the Overberg joined online from a venue in Barrydale.

"I enjoyed seeing the progression and the content of TIME across the Grades. It was lovely listening to colleagues from other schools."

Teacher from Leiden Primary School, Delft



PSP is commended on our Mentorship Project

Two years of individual novice teacher mentorship culminated in a conference where mentees presented their best practice and key learnings from the project cycle.

Prof Rouaan Maarman from UWC congratulated PSP on our important

work in mentoring newly qualified teachers to develop their teaching skills 'on the job'. He was inspirational with his down-to-earth insights and messages for teachers and schools.

Click or scan the QR code to listen to 9 mins of highlights extracted from his address.

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PSP BELIEVES...

Confident and inspired teachers make a meaningful impact in the classroom every day



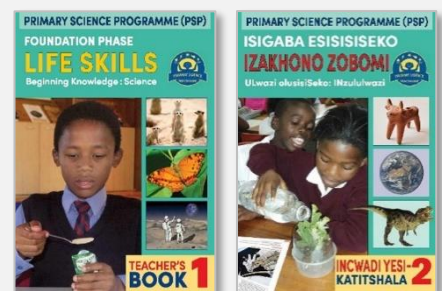
ANNUAL MASS PLANNING FORUMS (AMPF)

The keynote speaker at the AMPF for teachers, Sandra Cauffman, shared insights into her remarkable life journey from humble beginnings, overcoming challenges to follow her dreams which led to her becoming Deputy Director of the Astrophysics Division of NASA Headquarters in the USA. This was an uplifting reminder to teachers of their pivotal role in shaping their learners' hopes and ambitions.

Over 100 members from school management teams attended their AMPF.

The new 2025 online course programme will be circulated before the end of this year.

PSP LIFE SKILLS BOOK LAUNCH



Two new Life Skills: Science books were introduced to Foundation Phase teachers at a launch held at Dr GJ Joubert Primary School in the Strand.

Teachers received sample copies and engaged with activities from the books. The books are available in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa and can be purchased along with PSP Animal Cards by contacting info@psp.org.za



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