

NC DISTRICT SCOOPS 3 NATIONAL AWARDS



The Northern Cape Department of Education salute and acknowledge the excellent work done by the ZFM District at the recent National District Excellence awards held in Pretoria. The District won awards for the Best Performing District in Mathematics and Physical Sciences, obtained the third position for the implementation of the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) and Soverby Primary School was awarded for the second best school for its outstanding implementation of the NSNP. The awards were handed to the District Director, Gordon March by Minister for Basic Education, Angie Motshekga. Alongside the Minister is Deputy Minister, Enver Surty and DBE Director General, Mathanzima Mweli.

Nama language to be preserved through Education

Northern Cape Department of Education made history when it officially launched recently one of the oldest spoken languages in South Africa, Nama. The event was held in Riemvasmaak, outside Kakamas, and graced by the Deputy Minister for Basic Education, Enver Surty, Northern Cape Premier, Sylvia Lucas and a Delegation from the Namibian government. The launch follows the granting of the introduction of the Nama language as an extra-mural activity in Grade R classes by the Minister for Basic Education Angie Motshekga.

Two schools, which are Riemvasmaak and Kuboes primary schools, were identified in the Namakwa district for this pilot project. The Nama language remains a widely spoken language in the two communities. With the standing Twinning Agreement between the Northern Cape Provincial Government and the Namibian //Kharas Region which focuses on the three streams, Local Government, Economic Development and Social Stream, Delegates from Namibia have been frequenting the two identified schools to make sure that the re-introduction of Nama is a

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success. Speaking at the launch, Premier Sylvia Lucas said the Provincial Government entered the agreement with the Namibian //Kharas Region focusing on the areas of common interest such as basic education, transports and sport amongst others.

"The re-introduction of Nama language at the schools is not foreign in the Province as it has been taught before. The incorporation of Nama language is an indication to assist upcoming generations to to preserve the culture of Nama. We also want to the thank the Namibian I!Kharas Region who also brought the Learner Teaching Support Material, This will surely assist our learners to progress in the language", Lucas said

Khoekhoe is a Khoisan language spoken by about two hundred and fifty thousand people in parts of South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. It is spoken by three groups of people, the Nama (Khoekhoen), Damar and Hai?om. The language is also known as Nama. Many Nama speaking people reside in Upington, Kakamas, Riemvasmaak, Pella, Kuboes, Steinkopf, Augrabies and Marchand. Nama, therefore as a subject, is not foreign to Northern Cape schools. It was once taught in four schools in our Province, here at Riemvasmaak, Steinkopf and the Richtersveld- all areas with strong Nama roots.

Strengthening and protection of the indigenous languages of our Province has been an area in which the Department of Education has played an active role in empowering especially the communities of Platfontein and the Namakwa region in the development of these languages.



Delegates from Namibia hand over Learning and Teaching Support Material to Province during the launch of Nama language in Riemvasmaak. Pictured above: Deputy Minister for Basic Education, Enver Surty, Northern Cape Premier, Sylvia Lucas, MEC for Education, Martha Bartlett



MESSAGE FROM THE MEC

The National Development Plan sets targets of a higher pass rate in matric with a greater focus on subjects such as mathematics and science; it identifies the problem of too many young people dropping out before completing their matric; and it sets goals for improving the quality of teaching in schools to ensure that our young people obtain the best education possible.

Parents, teachers, education officials, and learners all play different yet vital roles in the process of developing an individual into a skilled and educated person. The point I am stressing is that education is a collective responsibility. The National Development Plan calls for the implementation of a joint "national initiative involving all stakeholders to drive efforts to improve learning outcomes in schools". We must make a commitment to work together if we want to see the outcomes we desire.

Education being an apex priority of our people centred government is a clear indication of the immense responsibility we have to deliver on the mandate. The Department deeply appreciates the magnitude of this task and will continue to capacitate its officials to respond adequately to this call. We are further inspired by President Ramaphosa's State of the Nation Address: 'Making your future work better – learning from Nelson Mandela'.

The Department must re-position its daily operations and activities in order to respond to this clarion call. The Northern Cape Department of Education remains committed in pursuit and achievement of our goal of Vision 2030 of improving Basic Education.

LEARNERS BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL SHOES DONATIONS



In the first quarter of the academic year, thousands of deserving learners around the Province benefited from the school shoes donation made possible by the partnership between the Department and private sector companies.

The level of participation by privator sector companies within the Education sector is on a rise following donation of thousands of school shoes and other much needed school related amenities. Recently, the Department in partnership with Central Energy Fund Group donated 2 119 pairs of school shoes to learners in farflung areas of the Namakwa district.

With government having declared education a societal issue, the much needed relationship between government and private companies is beginning to yield results. One of the country's leading cellular network provider, MTN has also donated hundreds of school shoes to learners in Okiep and Steinkopf outside Springbok.

During the recent provincial EXCO Outreach in the same district, various provincial departments also



donated school shoes, school uniforms, sport equipment, refuse removal bins, and sanitary towels to needy girl learners. Some of the learners who benefitted are from Loeriesfontein, Steinkopf, Okiep and Brandvlei.

MEC Martha Bartlett has commended private companies that are contributing to this noble course of helping restore dignity to the most needy learners.

MEC CALLS FOR COMMITMENT FROM LEARNERS AND EDUCATORS



MEC Martha Bartlett addressing the learners in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District as part of her schools-reopening campaign drive.

During the first quarter of the academic year MEC Martha Bartlett visited schools in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District as part of her school re-opening campaign drive. In all the schools she visited, MEC emphasized the importance of discipline and dedication of learners.

She encouraged both educators and learners to be in school on time so that learning and teaching can progress without any delays. Learning and teaching commenced the first day when schools re-opened as planned. This was also made possible by the commitment from the Department

which delivered the Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM) at the end of the previous academic year. Speaking at the schools she stressed the importance of parental involvement as a way that can improve learner outcomes.

"Government has taken a decision to prioritize Education and make it a societal issue. As part of improving learning outcomes, we are also saying communities should help us as well, because other reasons inhibiting this objective is the lack of parental involvement. It is not only the responsibility of educators to make sure that our learners succeed, parents as well must play their part", said MEC.



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LEARNER ADMISSION 2019

All public schools will be open for admissions of learners for the 2019 academic year from **7 – 31 May 2018** on the day determined by the school



Feedback on 2018 SGB Elections



Schools in the Northern Cape Province completed their School Governing Body elections recently.

Although the elections were generally a success, there are some complaints received by district offices with regard to the parent component elections which will be attended to in due course.

The elected SGBs will commence functioning immediately and Principals are expected to manage the induction of the newly elected governors and the handover process.

The term of office will be for 3 years.

Duties of the SGBs are outlined in SASA Section 20 and 21 which include making recommen-

dations with regard to appointments, managing school finances, managing learner discipline and maintaining school buildings.

The Department will soon capacitate newly elected governors on Policy Development, School Planning linked with Financial Management, Managing Appointment processes and Managing Minor and serious learner misconduct.

The first elections were conducted under the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 with the intention to "promote the best interest of the school and strive to ensure its development through the provision of quality education for all learners at the school. The elections must be free and fair.



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Your right to Read



Date: 25 April 2018
Venue: Mayibuye CC
Time: 11h30

More learners attend Autumn Camps

The Northern Cape Department of Education held successful annual Autumn camps that would help improve the overall learner academic performance and success rate of Grade 12 learners in 2018. More than 2000 learners from 65 schools participated in the camps which for this year focused on Borderline Learners, Top Achieving Learners and the Talent Development Programme.

In total, there were 8 residential camps in the Province. These learners will receive guidance in career choices, study skills and exam techniques. The targeted Subjects were Afrikaans HL, English FAL, Mathematics, Physical Science, Life Sciences, History, Agricultural Sciences, Geography and Accounting.

The Autumn Camp Programme is specifically designed to enhance Grade 12 learners' performance particularly in schools that underperformed in the focus subjects in the 2017 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations. It also assists learners in all aspects of the current Matric syllabus, but especially in those areas that were highlighted as problematic in the 2017 Diagnostic Report and the Northern Cape Item Analysis.

The Programme consisted of a series of daily presentations and tutorials with consolidation of content as the main driver of the programme. Learners were also given notes, exercises and suggested solutions each day on the topics covered, as well as past Grade 12 examination papers. Learners who struggled with conceptual understanding of the core topics were also accommodated in the programme in order to prepare them for the final examination.

Experienced teachers with high success rate record of learner achievement offered tutorials at various camps. There was also reinforcement of classroom learning by allowing learners to put their knowledge and skills into practice through revision exercises and the consolidation of content. The Talent Development Autumn Camp for Top Achieving Grade 11 and 12 learners is done in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology and the University of Stellenbosch.



More learners across the Province took part in the annual Autumn Camp Programme during the school holidays. The main objective of the camp is to improve learner attainment in Grade 12 especially at the underperforming schools.

Hard work pays off for 134 NC Educators



The Northern Cape Department of Education together with various sponsors celebrated excellence and recognized hard working teachers who are in the Further Education and Training (FET) phase, during the Teacher Appreciation Awards held in Kimberley recently.

More than 130 teachers were recognized during this year. The Teacher Appreciation Awards, is a prestigious event where hard work, diligence and commitment are recognised and teachers, from all quintiles, are awarded for outstanding teaching and leadership per subject from all quintile across the school spectrum.

The following criteria were used to select the winners in each subject:

- Number of distinctions
- Quality passes above 50%
- Subject average
- Total number enrolled learners
- Impact of failures on the result

During her keynote address, the Deputy Director General of Examination and Curriculum, Dr Michelle Ishmail saluted the award winners and encouraged them to work even harder to motivate



Northern Cape Department of Education DDG Dr Michelle Ishmail encouraged teachers to keep on working hard as they are the main role players in shaping the future of learners during the recent FET Teacher Appreciation Awards.

and inspire our learners.

"Your achievement shows that despite the times of challenges and controversy we face in our education system; our schools continue to have a cadre of torch-bearers, tirelessly working hard to deliver quality teaching. Better education is sorely needed by the young and this beautiful country of ours that is in dire need of development. I can say with confidence that, given the level of excellence displayed by tonight's recipients, we are on the right path that will help us overcome the many challenges confronting our education system", said Ishmail.

EXCO outreach in Namakwa District



1. Officials from various departments hand over school shoes and uniforms to 78 deserving learners of Loeriesfontent Primary School.

2. Community members in Brandvlei gathers at the local hall for Premier Sylvia Lucas's address.

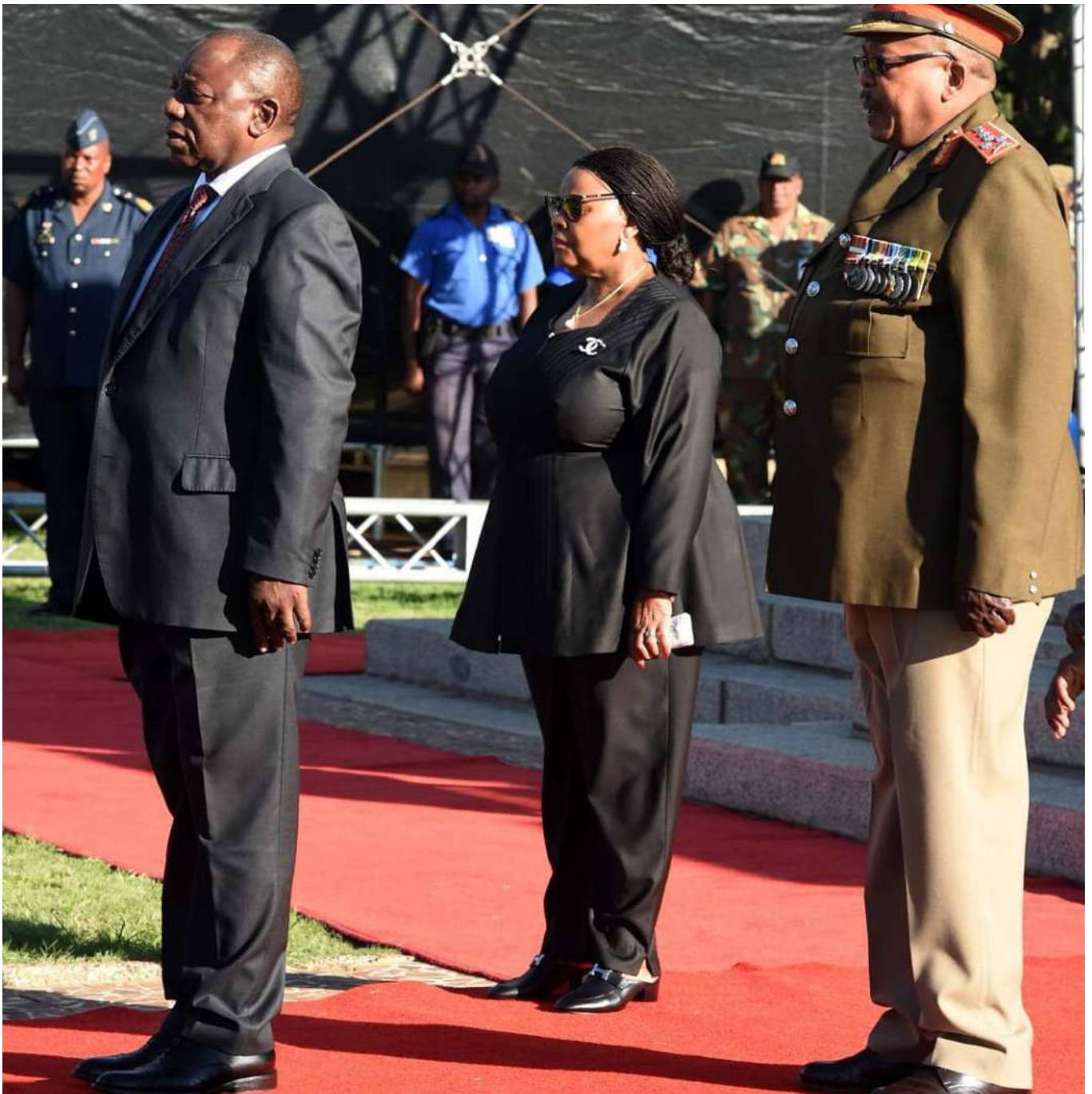
3. Loeriesfontein Primary School learners gathers to witness the donation of schools uniforms and shoes during the recent EXCO Outreach.

4. HOD Tshepo Pharasi pays attention as learners from Brandvlei Primary school read to him.

5. Namakwa District Director Kitty Links addressing learners at one of the schools she visited during the EXCO Outreach.

6. MEC Martha Bartlett hand over rugby kit to Brandvlei High School.

NC hosts Armed Forces Day



More than 18 000 learners from Kimberley and the surrounding areas witnessed the 2018 National Armed Forces Day which took place from 15-21 February at the AR Abass Stadium. Learners were exposed to various career opportunities that they can follow if they choose to join the army. Most of them were not aware of such vast career opportunities that they can follow within the army.

The week long celebration kept the learners entertained and most of them showed interest in joining the army.

The event is held in commemoration of the sinking of the SS Mendi that took place on the same date in

1917, whereby a lot of our soldiers lost their lives, and also to honour the members who gave patriotic service to the nation and also to pay homage to all those who died in the line of duty.

The event is also used as a platform for the SANDF to showcase its capabilities. South African National Defence Force Commander in Chief President Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the masses in Kimberley who came to witness what the army is all about.

The celebration was declared in 2012 by the then CIC President Jacob Zuma who indicated that 21 February of each year will be observed and commemorated as Armed Forces Day.