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Membership fees for 2024:

Each School's or Individual's Annual Membership expired on 31 December 2023.

Subscription fees and Webinar rates for 2024.

School Annual Membership fee: R 2000.00 and entitles 6 teachers to join all events at the member rate.

Individual Annual Membership fee: R 300.00 and entitles you to join all events at the member rate.
Webinar fees for non-members: R285.00 per webinar

5% of all bookings will be donated to Kingsway Christian School.

Schools/individuals who are in need, please reach out to SAALED and we will do our best to accommodate you.

If you were a member of SAALED last year, you will have received an invoice for next year's subscriptions. Please liaise with your school and make payment as soon as possible.

BANK DETAILS:

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First National Bank
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Branch code: 250655

Please ensure that your name/school's name appears on any deposit notification.

Dear SAALED members and friends,

Thank you to Ruth Everson for her gentle and inspirational presentation on **'Poetry: A Tool for Hope and Healing'**. I have already rewatched the presentation via the recording as it was so meaningful and powerful. The audience was rivetted throughout the beautiful presentation and we left determined to pay attention to the world!

Some reflections received from participants were: "A passionate and personal presentation that kept me rivetted throughout", "Ruth's passion for writing and using her voice to inspire hope. I'm looking forward to imparting that to my students so that they know they too have a powerful voice", "A reminder that we can connect with our children through stories and that we must be intentional about creating spaces of belonging and safety" and "It was an eye opener for me. I will view poetry differently."

The three winning schools in our competition were Kingsmead, who had the most participants. St Stithians Girls Prep and De La Salle each had the second highest number of participants. Congratulations to these 3 schools and heartfelt thank you to Ruth for her very generous book donation.

Our second webinar this year, **'Exploring Contemporary Picture Books,'** was hosted by Makeda Phekani. Thank you Makeda for inspiring us all through the magic of books. Your vast knowledge around stories and picture books provided such insight and inspiration!

Some reflections received from participants were: "It was exciting and a great refresher", "Interesting is the relation to the South African context and how to practically incorporate this in our classes", "I was especially intrigued by how the learners connected with the book and the incredible progress they made" and "It was great and informative"

Congratulations to Liza Cloete for your phenomenal art work and I hope you enjoy spending your R500 Exclusive Books voucher prize. Thank you to Makeda for her donation towards this prize.



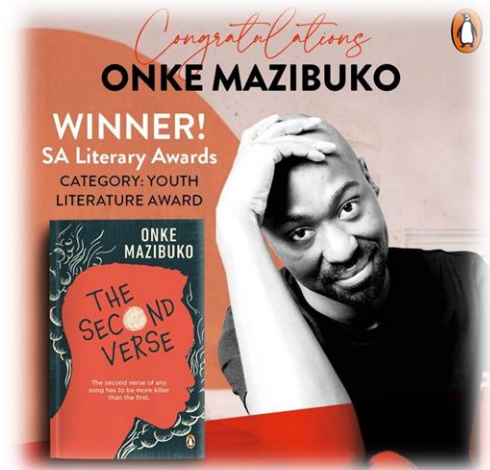
The Winning Picture by Liza Cloete

A reflection on 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton, depicting that what is on our hearts is what connects us and can bring communities together to spread love, positivity and hope.

ONKE MAZIBUKO is our final speaker in the Language and Literature Brought to Life series, on Tuesday, 12 March.

Onke Mazibuko is a mental health professional with experience working in corporate, schools, tertiary institutions, NGOs and rural settings. He is experienced in designing interventions aimed at individuals, groups and communities. He is an author of fiction with strong mental health themes relevant to everyday experiences. Onke is currently the Director: Transformation, Diversity and Inclusion at Kingsmead School.

Book on the SAALED website for this exciting webinar on '*Writing from Life Experience*'. You could win a ticket to a chosen session at the Kingsmead Book Fair on 25 May.



Professional Development & Events

SAALED's mission is to support educators and therapists in cultivating inclusive learning environments. We strive to empower teachers to address educational differences within the classroom, fostering an atmosphere where every student can actively participate and flourish in their unique learning journey.

WEBINAR

Writing from personal experience

We all have a story to tell whether we realise it or not. People can't be separated from their stories that they tell. The story teller and the story are one. Onke will share tools on how to craft a novel out of lived experiences.

Tuesday, 12 March 2024
18h00
Book on the SAALED website.

Special rate applies when booking for all 3 webinars

Onke Mazibuko

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We all have a story to tell, whether we realise it or not. People can't be separated from their stories that they tell. The story teller and the story are one. Recognising the elements of a great story, helps with crafting one's story as one has to relive past experiences, finding new ways to interpret experiences that have already happened. But it is a therapeutic journey that not only provides healing, but also a connection with others who recognise themselves in someone else's story. Onke will share tools on how to craft a novel out of lived experiences.

Join us in celebrating Onke's recent success. A dream come true for him!

Best wishes for a wonderful March!

Onwards and Upwards

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SAALED CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2024

The SAALED calendar of Events for the rest of the year includes the much-anticipated line up for the upcoming, Annual SAALED Seminar and Networking Event, to be held at Brescia House School on 23 May from 11h00 to 16h00.

Date	Presenter	Title	Informercial
Language and Literature Brought to Life			
12 March	Onke Mazibuko	Writing from personal experience	We all have a story to tell whether we realise it or not. People can't be separated from their stories that they tell. The story teller and the story are one. Recognising the elements of a great story, helps with crafting one's story as one has to relive past experiences, finding new ways to interpret experiences that have already happened. But it is a therapeutic journey that not only provides healing, but also a connection with others who recognise themselves in someone else's story. Onke will share tools on how to craft a novel out of lived experiences.
SAALED Annual Seminar: Enrich Learning Creatively.			
23 May 11:00 - 16:00	Ruan Fourie & Gillian Forbes	The art of implementing the Science of Reading: Games and activities for effective literacy instruction	The Science of Reading (SOR) is a vast, interdisciplinary body of scientific and evidence- based research regarding reading and writing acquisition. Join Ruan Fourie and Gillian Forbes as they explore the five pillars of literacy instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension) and its implementation in the classroom through games and activities.
	Lerato Shuping	The journey of utilising tech to empower students.	Join Apple Educator, Lerato Shuping as she explores the creative application of technology to foster inclusivity. Her innovative approach to digital books and storytelling allows all students to fully engage in language learning. Explore accessibility tools, virtual and augmented reality and interactive apps as instruments for optimal student participation.
	Tayla Blaire	Growing a love for language	Tayla, a freelance writer and former senior English teacher will unpack how words are our most potent assets. In her presentation, she'll explore how to appreciate language and provide tangible tips on harnessing its magic in everyday classrooms – no matter what subject or grade you teach. She'll also address how to become more intentional with the words we use and the power they wield.
Exploring Therapy through the Arts			
6 June	Michelle Booth		Art and Dance Therapy
23 July	Jess Mason		Drama Therapy
10 September	Liza Cloete		Music/sound therapy

