



# NEWSLETTER

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## Membership fees for 2026:

### Subscription fees and Webinar rates for 2026.

### School Annual Membership fee:

R2400.00 and entitles 6 teachers to join the webinars and seminar at the member rate thereafter non-member rates apply.

### Individual Annual Membership fee:

R350.00 and entitles you to join all events at the member rate.

Webinar fees for members:  
R230.00 per webinar

Webinar fees for non-members:  
R320.00 per webinar

5% of all bookings will be donated to our Outreach School, Kings School Muldersdrift

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

Please liaise with your school and make payment as soon as possible.

## BANK DETAILS:

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Dear SAALED Members and Friends,

## Welcome

We are reminded of the importance of connection, collaboration, and continued learning as we progress through the year. May has been a month filled with meaningful conversations, professional development opportunities and inspiring examples of educators making a difference in the lives of learners with educational differences.

## Change of Date: Early Years Webinar - Ready to Learn: Play, Purpose, and Progress

To ensure we maximise professional learning opportunities for both our Early Years community and attendees of the upcoming SAALED Seminar, we have made the decision to reschedule our webinar, Ready to Learn: Play, Purpose, and Progress.

The webinar was originally scheduled for **4 June 2026** and will now take place on **17 September 2026**.

We look forward to welcoming members to the SAALED Seminar, AGM, and Networking Event, which will be held at Dainfern College on 25 June 2026. This special event will provide valuable opportunities for learning, collaboration, and connection among educators and professionals who are passionate about supporting learners with educational differences.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to engaging with you at both events.

**SAALED Seminar- Boundaries with Heart – 25 June 2026**

The poster features a blue background with a yellow circular logo at the top right containing the text 'ALL ABOUT LEARNING, DIFFERENTLY' and 'SAALED Southern African Association for Learning & Educational Differences NPO 015-241'. The main title '2026 ANNUAL SAALED SEMINAR & NETWORKING EVENT' is in large white and yellow letters. Below it, a yellow banner reads 'BOUNDARIES WITH HEART'. Three speakers are featured in circular frames: Julia Dunn, Prof. Jonathan Jansen, and Stuart West. Each has a yellow callout box with their name and topic. The date and time '25 JUNE 2026 | 08H30' and location 'Dainfern College, Johannesburg' are in a white box. A paragraph at the bottom describes the seminar's theme. The footer includes a 'Registration Now Open' button, membership fees, social media icons, and the website 'saaled.org.za'.

**2026 ANNUAL SAALED SEMINAR & NETWORKING EVENT**

**BOUNDARIES WITH HEART**

**JULIA DUNN**  
From Control to Connection:  
Rethinking Boundaries in  
Modern Classrooms

**PROF. JONATHAN JANSEN**  
A pedagogy of love:  
empirical correlates of a  
mushy idea.

**STUART WEST**  
Affirmation : The Power of  
Boundaries, Belonging  
and Possibilities

**25 JUNE 2026 | 08H30**  
Dainfern College, Johannesburg

Join us for an inspiring seminar exploring connection, belonging, affirmation and the human side of education. Together, our speakers will challenge us to rethink boundaries in modern classrooms, reflect on the power of possibility, and unpack the idea of a "pedagogy of love" in meaningful and practical ways.

Hosted by  
**DAINFERN College**

Registration Now Open  
MEMBERS: R 650.00  
NON MEMBERS: R 795.00

Visit our website  
**saaled.org.za**

We are excited to invite members to our upcoming SAALED Seminar, AGM and Networking Event, taking place at Dainfern College from 08h30 – 15h30.

*'Boundaries with Heart'*

This year's programme brings together leading voices in education who will explore the balance between care, connection, and clear boundaries in learning environments. There are awesome giveaways too!

Speakers include:





- **Prof Jonathan Jansen (University of Stellenbosch)**  
*A pedagogy of love: empirical correlates of a mushy idea*
- **Mrs Julia Dunn (Head of Redhill Junior School)**  
*From Control to Connection – Rethinking Boundaries in Modern Classrooms*
- **Mr Stuart West (Executive Head of Steyn City School)**  
*(Affirmation: The Power of Boundaries, Belonging and Possibilities)*

We look forward to a thought-provoking and inspiring day of dialogue, reflection, and professional connection with colleagues across the education community.

To make booking for the Seminar, please click on the link below:



**Proposed SAALED Webinars and Seminar Event for 2026:**

	<p><b>2026 Annual SAALED Seminar, AGM and Networking Event at</b></p> <p><b>Dainfern College</b></p> <p><b>Boundaries with Heart</b></p> <p><b>25 June 2026</b></p>
	<p><b>Webinar</b></p> <p><b>Connected or controlled? Tech, Teens, and Teaching Boundaries</b></p> <p><b>28 July 2026</b></p>
	<p><b>Webinar</b></p> <p><b>Early Years, Ready to Learn: Play, Purpose, and Progress</b></p> <p><b>17 September 2026</b></p>
	<p><b>Webinar</b></p> <p><b>Reading for All: Creative and Inclusive Literacy Practices</b></p> <p><b>15 October 2026</b></p>

These events may be subject to change based on circumstances that may be unforeseen. This will be communicated in advance and closer to the time, as needed.

## Reflection: Keeping Teachers Well: Burnout, Balance and Boundaries



Our recent webinar with Kolean Padayachi offered a powerful and practical exploration of burnout within the educational context. The session unpacked how prolonged stress, emotional labour, and blurred boundaries can gradually impact both wellbeing and professional effectiveness.

Kolean helped participants identify what burnout can look like in everyday school life and highlighted why achieving balance is often more complex than it appears. Importantly, she shared practical, evidence-based strategies to support educators in recognising unhelpful patterns early and taking steps toward healthier, more sustainable ways of working.

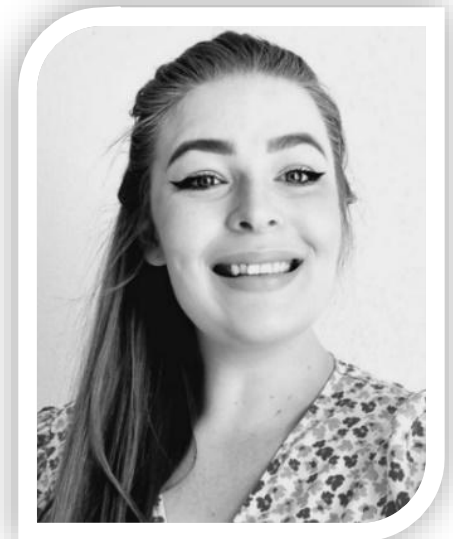
The webinar left participants with actionable tools to strengthen boundaries, restore balance, and prioritise long-term wellbeing—both personally and professionally.

## Farewell to our Board Member, Storm Pollard.

We extend our sincere thanks to Storm Pollard for her time on the SAALED Board. Storm brought thoughtful reflection, creativity, and a strong commitment to inclusive education during her involvement with the organisation.

We are grateful for the energy she contributed, the professional insights she shared, and her passion for collaboration and learner support across home, school, and community contexts.

As she steps away from the Board, we wish her every success in her continued journey and look forward to seeing the positive impact she will undoubtedly continue to make in the field of education.



## Reminder – Adding SAALED as a beneficiary- MySchool MyDifference Programme



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### Closing Note

As we wrap up this edition of our newsletter, we look forward with great anticipation to welcoming as many members and non-members as possible to our upcoming SAALED Seminar, AGM, and Networking Event. It promises to be a meaningful and thought-provoking gathering that brings our community together around shared purpose and practice.

This is truly an event not to be missed. We look forward to seeing you there. Please book via the [saaled.org.za](http://saaled.org.za) website.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
**Joe Pillay**  
Chairperson, SAALED

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