

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 non-members:

R320.00 per webinar

5% of all bookings will be donated to a 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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First National Bank

Account No: 62046846020

Branch code: 250655

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

Dear SAALED Members and Friends,

Welcome to this year's final newsletter.

As we reach the end of an eventful and inspiring year at SAALED, we pause to reflect on the learning, collaboration, and heart that defined our work in 2025. From powerful webinars to meaningful conversations across our community, each moment reminded us why inclusive education matters now more than ever. This newsletter brings together the highlights, celebrations, and gratitude we want to share as we close the year with pride and step forward with renewed purpose.

SAALED Memberships for 2026

As we look forward to another year dedicated to supporting learners with educational differences, we invite you to renew your SAALED membership for 2026. With your continued support, SAALED can expand its resources, advocacy, and professional development programmes to empower educators, parents, and specialists in making meaningful contributions to our learner's progress. Renew your membership to stay connected to our vibrant community, exclusive webinars, seminars and the latest research insights on inclusive education. Together, let us make 2026 a year of growth, collaboration, and progress for every learner.

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Webinar Review: Using Tech and AI in the Classroom presented by Xoli Mahlangu



Our final webinar of 2025, led by Xoli Mahlangu, was an insightful close to the year. Xoli guided us through the evolving world of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies with clarity and practicality, making complex ideas feel relevant to our work. Attendees appreciated the actionable strategies shared, with many considering new ways to integrate technology into their classrooms, therapy spaces and professional settings. The discussions were thoughtful, the questions were constructive, and the session left us with a clear sense of direction for the year ahead.

MySchool Update: Introducing the New MyDifference Programme

WHAT STAYS THE SAME	WHAT'S NEW (AND HOW IT BENEFITS YOU)
You remain a registered beneficiary/cause on MyDifference.	Now that WRewards and MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet have joined, you unlock access to a much larger Woolworths customer base.
Joining is free and supporters can still select up to three causes to support.	Reselection of cause(s) keeps your supporters connected and committed, helping your cause receive steady, intentional support.
Once reselected, supporters still raise funds for your cause every time they shop and scan their MyDifference card at Woolworths, at no extra cost to them.	Supporters now earn even more benefits while giving back to a cause they care about, encouraging more frequent shopping and more funds for you. We also 'lock-in' cause selections annually, providing you with greater funding stability.
You will continue to receive monthly payments based on customer spend, paid 30 days in arrears.	Gain greater visibility and transparency on our Woolies app, where supporters can track total contributions and learn how your cause uses funds to inspire ongoing support.
The heart of the programme remains unchanged – making a difference through everyday choices.	No more juggling cards – any Woolworths card linked to MyDifference works, and online purchases count towards giving back automatically.
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Payments: Standard beneficiary payments continue until 30 June 2026Cause selection: Window period runs from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026Cards: MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet and WRewards cards remain active until 30 June 2026	

WRewards and MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet have officially joined forces to create **MyDifference** — a bigger, stronger, and more connected loyalty programme. This new platform carries forward the legacy of MySchool while offering improved visibility, simplified giving, and greater opportunities for causes like ours to thrive.


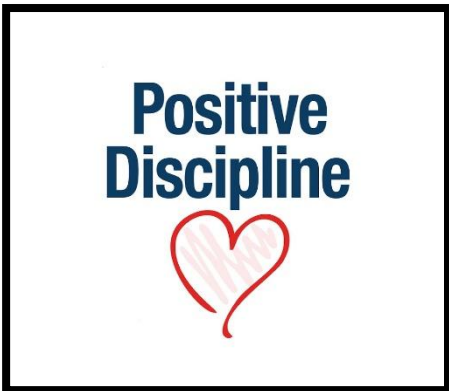


We want to reassure our SAALED community that this transition comes with built-in support.

As MyDifference rolls out, we will keep you informed and guide you through any steps needed to ensure your support for SAALED continues seamlessly. We are grateful for every swipe, tap, and contribution you have made through MySchool — and we are excited to see how this new programme strengthens our ability to serve learners with educational differences.

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Proposed SAALED Webinars and Seminar Events for 2026

	<p>Inside the Neurodivergent Classroom: Strategies That Work</p> <p>Webinar</p>
	<p>Positive Discipline Reloaded: Boundaries with Heart</p> <p>Seminar</p>
	<p>Maths that Makes Sense: Differentiation Without Drama</p> <p>Webinar</p>
	<p>Beyond Worksheets: Creative Maths Assessments</p> <p>Webinar</p>



Keeping Teachers Well: Burnout, Balance, and Well-Being

Webinar



Reading for All: Creative and Inclusive Literacy Practices

Webinar



Sensory Science: Bringing Experiments to Life for Neurodiverse Learners

Webinar



Early Years, Ready to Learn: Play, Purpose, and Progress

Webinar



Connected or Controlled? Tech, Teens, and Teaching Control

Webinar

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.

Join Us in 2026 – Become a SAALED Member and Be Part of a Growing Community!

We would love for you to continue this journey with us as we step into an exciting new year of learning, collaboration, and impact. By becoming a SAALED member in 2026, you will unlock access to our webinars, practical resources, and a supportive network of educators, therapists and specialists committed to championing learners with educational differences.

Our upcoming webinars will dive into fresh, relevant, and transformative topics designed to inspire your practice and strengthen inclusive education across Southern Africa.

Do not miss the opportunity to learn, share and grow with a community that truly cares. Join SAALED in 2026 and be part of another meaningful year of professional development, connection, and positive change.

Closing Message of Gratitude and Appreciation for 2025

As we close out 2025, our hearts are full and our gratitude is immense. To every speaker who shared their expertise, every member and board member who gave their time, and every supporter who walked this journey with us—thank you. Your commitment to building inclusive, affirming learning spaces has shaped a truly remarkable year. From powerful webinars to meaningful collaborations across our community, your passion has been the driving force behind every success.

Thank you for standing with us, encouraging us, and reminding us why this work matters. As we pause to rest, reflect, and recharge, we wish you a restorative summer break. Here is to stepping into 2026 with renewed energy, fresh ideas, and the same unshakable belief that every learner deserves to belong. We cannot wait to continue this important work with you in the new year.

Stay inspired and keep making a difference!

With heartfelt appreciation,

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