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Membership fees for 2023:

School Membership: R1,850 per annum which includes any 6 teachers, therapists, facilitators or parents to attend any/all 2023 webinars and seminar at membership rates.

Individual membership: R275 per annum which allows you to attend any/all webinars and the seminar at membership rates.

If you require an invoice for your membership fee, webinars or the seminar, please send an email to events@saaled.org.za. All proof of payments must also be sent to the above email address.

All membership application forms together with a proof of payment must be sent to memberships@saaled.org.za. Each individual and school member must complete the membership form attached to this newsletter in order to receive their 2023 SAALED Membership Number/Numbers

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Dear SAALED members and friends,

Our phenomenal year, just keeps getting better!

Series of 3 Mathematics Webinars

Lucinda Pinto, Principal of Crawford International Sandton Pre-Primary School, completed the 3 part Maths Webinars with a great webinar on Inquiry-Based Learning in the early years. She reminded us that we are preparing our students to make a difference both locally and globally. Thank you, Lucinda. We are indebted to you for sharing your extensive knowledge and expertise on Inquiry-Based Learning and will remain focused on thinking about "why we are doing, what we are doing."

The webinars were endorsed by SACE, and participants who attended all 3 webinars will receive 10 CPTD points.



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SAALED Annual Seminar and Networking Event

Thank you to St Stithians Girls' Preparatory School for providing a perfect venue to accommodate our face-to-face Annual SAALED Seminar and Networking Event. The host school's wonderful facilities allowed us to network and collaborate across all disciplines to provide meaningful support for neurodiverse learners in our schools. We were able to take down the salient points using our pens and notepads, generously donated by St Stithians for the occasion.

All our delegates will receive 5 CPTD points for attending the event.

With speakers, who are experts in their fields, sharing evidence-based knowledge and strategies with the audience, our Seminar could only be a remarkable success. Thank you to our three superb speakers.

• ***Understanding the neurodiversity of learners in the classroom.*** Dr Nicola O'Kelly (nee Winson) gave an overview of the neurodiversity of the brain and how teachers need to modify their strategies to accommodate all learners.

• ***The keynotes of auditory processing*** was presented by Natalie Herb (nee Wiesner) who explained the keynotes of auditory processing and gave valuable tips for teachers to use with learners who have auditory challenges

• ***Does vision enhance or hinder learning? An educator's guide to classroom vision problem.*** Casha Meintjies, a behavioural optometrist elaborated on the relationship between vision and learning, emphasizing the importance of regular eye examinations.

All three speakers graciously agreed to share their slides with the delegates, which you should have already received. Please don't forget that you earned 5 CPTD points from SACE for attending the Event.

The vendor exhibits gave insight into 21st Century innovations that can complement learning in a creative way. Grateful thanks to the following vendors who each provided an awesome prize, which was gifted to some lucky delegate

**The Brain Bus*

**Mind Moves* also gifted all delegates with a set of posters (with youtube links) on how to do the mind moves. These were valued at over R300 per set.

**Weighted Bear*

**LabelPal*

**Aromadough*

**Greenbean Learning Resources* who have also announced a 10 %discount for the next 14 days on any resources purchased.

We were delighted with the R500 gift voucher sponsored by Exclusive Books and thank them for their generosity and interest in SAALED. Happy birthday and congratulations to Zoe who won the voucher!



WEBINAR
**DEMYSTIFYING
DYSPRAXIA**

Tuesday
20
June,
2023
18:00-
20:00

JENNIFER
MAUDE

LISA
GLOVER

This webinar aims at enhancing your understanding of what the underlying developmental concerns are in a dyspraxic child, including verbal dyspraxia, and how to support them on a practical level in the classroom, with the goal of helping the child reach their full potential.

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Upcoming Webinars

We look forward to seeing you online on 20 June as we explore Demystifying Dyspraxia. Jennifer Maude an Occupational Therapist and Lisa Glover a Speech and Language Therapist and Audiologist will be presenting from 18h00 – 20h00. We have applied for our SACE endorsement. The purpose of this webinar is to raise awareness of Motor and Verbal Dyspraxia and Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) amongst teachers and the following will be unpacked and discussed

- Dysfunction in motor planning (praxis)
- Gross motor, fine motor and / oral motor: a foundational understanding
- First described by Jean Ayres when she was outlining her theory of sensory integration. The historical research.
- Underlying sensory processing difficulty in the proprioceptive, vestibular or tactile system. Brief explanations unpacked.
- Definition of Verbal Dyspraxia and interchangeable names.
- Who is at risk for Verbal Dyspraxia?
- Characteristics of Verbal Dyspraxia to be aware of.
- What speech patterns may be evident in the child's articulation?
- How does Verbal Dyspraxia impact children at school?
- How may a child with Verbal Dyspraxia present in the classroom?
- How is it diagnosed and who should you refer to?
- How to support a child with Verbal Dyspraxia in your classroom.

The webinar aims at enhancing your understanding of what the underlying developmental concerns are in a dyspraxic child. This includes verbal dyspraxia and how to support these children on a practical level in the classroom. The goal is to help every child reach their full potential. A percentage of all bookings will go to the Bahia Formosa school

Bookings open on our website, www.saaled.org.za.



Professional Development & Events

SAALED's mission is to inform and educate teachers on learning and educational difficulties ensuring that all learners, with and without disabilities, pursue their learning potential to the fullest. For bookings of events please visit the website.

As we fondly remember the late and great, Tina Turner, may your June be 'Simply the Best!'

Kind Regards

Onwards and Upwards

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