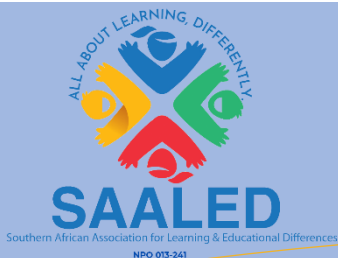


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Dear SAALED members and friends,

As we approach the end of 2023, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable progress we've made in advocating for learners with educational difficulties in Southern Africa. SAALED continues to be a beacon of hope, support, and education for these learners. We are committed to creating an inclusive, nurturing, and empowering environment for them. I'm excited to share our new SAALED School that we will be supporting for the next two years and our first trilogy of webinars for 2024. with you in this newsletter.

Let's continue our journey toward a more inclusive and accessible education for all.

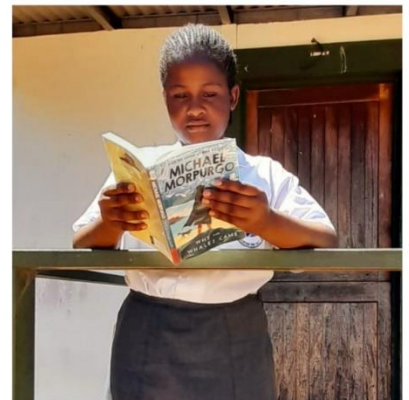
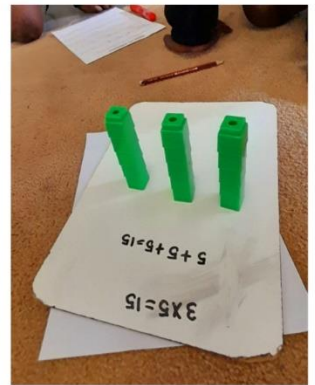
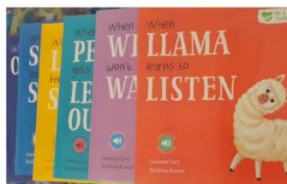
The final webinar for this year was a resounding success. Grateful thanks to Mumsy Malinga for sharing her insights on 'Humanising Diversity and Inclusion'. It was a most thought-provoking webinar and gave us ideas and strategies on how to handle sensitive conflict situations in our various workplaces.



Wishing Bahia Formosa School every success

We have been supporting Bahia Formosa School in the KwaNokuthula district in the Western Cape over the past 2 years. This has been possible with the percentage that we used from your bookings for all our events this year. Attached is their letter of thanks. We are including a few photographs of some of the things we have bought for them over the year.

We wish them every success in the future and hope to see them on our very exciting 2024 webinars



**BAHIA FORMOSA SCHOOL**



THANK YOU SAALED FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANKS TO SAALED WE ARE ABLE TO CREATE A DREAM LIBRARY STOCKED WITH A VARIETY OF READING BOOKS FOR BOTH FOUNDATION AND SENIOR PHASES!



The insightful webinars you provided have empowered our staff with new research and teaching strategies, enhancing our ability to accommodate our diverse range of learners.



YOUR SUPPORT HELPED US ACQUIRE ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICAL APPARATUS LIKE:

- unfixed cubes
- measuring tools
- capacity instruments
- a scale
- trundle wheel.

Welcome to Kingsway Christian School.

The school that SAALED has chosen to support for the next two years is Kingsway Christian School. A percentage of all bookings will be used to supply items that are on their wish list. We so look forward to working with this school and hope to make a meaningful difference in the lives of their learners who come from the Zandspruit community. Here is a little introduction to their school.

Kingsway Christian School is a subsidized independent school that was founded 38 years ago. It operates from the premises of Honeyridge Baptist church. It caters mainly for children from Zandspruit informal settlement. The school subscribes to a Christian ethos, our community is encouraged to believe and depend on the Triune God's provision, guidance and wisdom.

The school is known for offering good quality education and creates opportunities for its learners to be accommodated in good high schools of Johannesburg.

Kingsway Christian School endeavours to restore the dignity of learners and their parents by believing in them and involving them in all matters that concern the children

face our country through its presence in the community of Zandspruit and to have a positive impact on the lives of families associated with the school. Kingsway truly believe in the saying that 'education is a powerful weapon that can change lives'.

Welcome Kingsway Christian School, we look forward to welcoming your teachers.

Parents are enthusiastic, supportive and always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. They show confidence in the school by cooperating and offering solutions whenever they are invited to.

The school is committed to tackling challenges that face our country through its presence in the community of Zandspruit and to have a positive impact on the lives of families associated with the school. Kingsway truly believe in the saying that 'education is a powerful weapon that can change lives'.

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LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE BROUGHT TO LIFE – first trio of webinars for 2024

Our first three guest speakers for the trio of webinars entitled LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE BROUGHT TO LIFE are: Ruth Everson, Makeda Phakadi and Onke Mazibuko,

Poetry as a tool for healing and hope, presented by Ruth Everson on Tuesday 13 February.

Poetry switches our brains into another way of thinking as it creates different and novel connections. The poet has a way of making connections to places of sanctuary and hope. Poems articulate worlds which we are unable to find for ourselves. Poems can be agents of hope and hope is a skill that can be learnt. Poet, Ruth Everson, will share her poetry, combined with the practical skills of hope, in this interactive presentation that will take you to unexpected places.

Makeda Phakadi will our guest presenter on Thursday 29 February.

Exploring a contemporary picture book with young readers in the Foundation Phase.

This webinar hopes to explore the dynamic world of contemporary picture books and their role in addressing South Africa's literacy challenges. This session will delve into the intricacies of small group literacy activities focused on using a selected picture book. This talk will shed light on how young readers in the foundation phase (and beyond) can engage with a contemporary picture book, both orally and through painted responses. Moving learners' responses from superficial interactions to more nuanced and creative engagements, showing the impact of facilitation and peer interaction will be explored.

. Valuable insights for teaching, emphasising the integration of picture books into literacy programmes for rich and meaningful reading experiences will be unpacked. By embracing and applying the findings of the research on which this talk is based, educators can actively contribute to fostering a love for reading among young learners.

Onke Mazibuko is presenting his webinar on Tuesday 12 March.

Writing from Life Experience!

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

More details to follow.





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.



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Spread the Word: Connect with us on social media and share our resources and events to increase awareness and support for learners with educational difficulties.

Add us as a beneficiary to your **My School Card**

Thank you for your continued support in our mission to create a more inclusive and supportive educational environment for learners with educational difficulties in Southern Africa. We look forward to connecting with you at our upcoming events and sharing more success stories in our next newsletter.

Best wishes for a well-deserved rest and happy holidays everyone!

Onwards and Upwards

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