



NEWSLETTER

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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:

R2000.00 and entitles 6 teachers to join the webinars and seminar at the member rate.

Individual Annual Membership

fee: R300.00 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

Account No: 62046846020

Branch code: 250655

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

Dear SAALED Members and Friends,

It is indeed an honour to step into the role of Chairperson for SAALED. I look forward to continuing the incredible work of our organization.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Shirley Gray for her outstanding leadership and dedication as the outgoing Chairperson. With many years of teaching experience, Shirley has guided SAALED to new heights, and her contributions have been invaluable. I am pleased to share that she will continue to bring her wisdom and expertise to our board.

Thank you, Shirley, for your unwavering commitment and the remarkable impact you have made. Together, with the support of our dedicated board members, we will continue to enhance the educational experiences and professional growth of all those we serve.

We bid a fond farewell to Tarryn McLaren, whose workload as Head of Kingsmead Junior School has become too demanding to accept her nomination to the Board. Tarryn, we will miss you and your support over the past two years. Your presence at our Board meetings will be greatly missed.

Additionally, Fleur Durbach has decided not to accept her nomination to the Board after over 35 years of dedicated service. In recognition of this remarkable achievement, we are delighted to offer Fleur Honorary Life Membership. Thank you, Fleur, for all you have done. Your critical thinking and valued input will be sorely missed.



SAALD's Annual Seminar and Networking Event held at Brescia House School on 23 May 2024

We are delighted to share a recap of our recent Seminar, held on 23 May at Brescia House School. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the engaging sessions and the enthusiastic participation of all attendees. We are deeply grateful for the hospitality extended by our hosts at Brescia House. Our heartfelt thanks go to Dr. Chaland van Zyl-educational psychologist, Loredana Borello, Principal of the Secondary School and Deborah Zambon, Principal of the Preparatory School, from Brescia House, for their kind support.

Here is an overview of the sessions presented during the seminar:



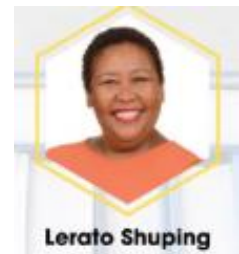
Ruan Fourie & Gillian Forbes

Session 1: The Science of Reading

Presented by Ruan Fourie and Gillian Forbes, this session delved into the Science of Reading. Their presentation was very well received, highlighting effective strategies and practical applications for improving reading skills in the classroom. Attendees appreciated the insights and actionable tips provided by both Ruan and Gill.

Session 2: Utilising Tech and AI to Optimise Learning

Lerato Shuping led the second session, focusing on the journey of incorporating technology and artificial intelligence to enhance learning experiences. This session was particularly well received, with Lerato effectively addressing the integration of AI and promoting diversity in accessing and using different IT platforms. Participants found the session both informative and inspiring, gaining valuable knowledge on how to leverage Tech and AI in their educational practices.



Lerato Shuping



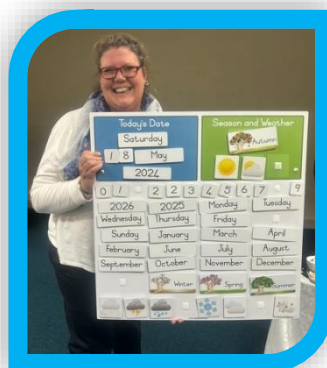
Frankie Cilliers

Session 3: Computer and IT Innovation with Kami

The final session was presented by Frankie Cilliers from Kami, who shared the successful use of Kami to innovate with technology in the classroom. Frankie demonstrated how the app can be used to create interactive and engaging learning experiences. The session was a great success, leaving attendees excited about the possibilities of integrating such innovative tools into their teaching methods.

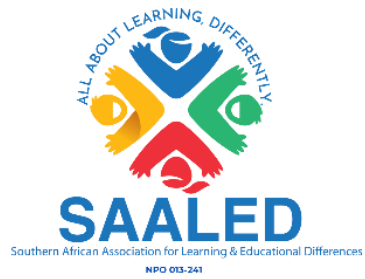
Event Highlights and Prize Winners

We are thrilled to acknowledge our generous sponsors who provided fabulous prizes for our lucky draw. Here are the winners:



Depicta- Weather Chart valued at R2 500 Prize Winner: Nicola Crooks





Playing and Learning- Voucher valued at R500- Prize Winner: **Gwyneth Origgi**



Aromadough- Hamper- Prize Winner: **Leigh Scheepers**

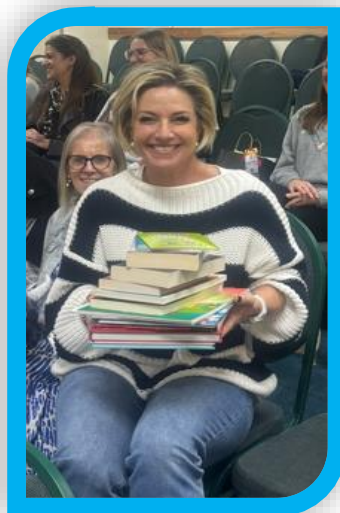




Weighted Bears- Purple Dinosaur - Prize winner: **Zelda Wolfsohn**



Label Pal-Voucher to the value of R500- Prize Winner: **Karen Stein**



Pan Macmillan - 15 Book Hamper- Prize Winner: **Tammy Letcher**



Exclusive Books-Voucher to the value of R500- Prize Winner: Sonia Oshry



Purple Mash- Orchid and Spa Voucher to the value of R2 000- Prize Winner: Kirsten Adair





Margaret McGillivray- Mind Moves Prize Winner



Jene Gall- Mind Moves Prize Winner



Nicola Crooks- Mind Moves Prize Winner

Mind Moves-Winners of the posters and manuals are **Margaret McGillivray** and **Jene Gall**. Winner of the R17 000 teacher training programme is **Nicola Crooks**. She has very kindly offered to share this wonderful prize with our SAALED School, Kingsway Christian School.

Congratulations to all our vendors and winners! Your participation and support made this event memorable and impactful.

Tayla Blair, who was scheduled to present at the seminar, was unfortunately unable to attend. We will reschedule her presentation for later in the year.

The seminar at Brescia House School was an enriching experience for all who attended. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our speakers for their insightful presentations and to everyone who participated. Your commitment to professional development and to enhancing the educational experiences of our students is truly commendable.

SAALED’s Board Members for 2024 & 2025

During the seminar, we also held our Annual General Meeting and election of our board members. We are pleased to announce the election of the following individuals to the SAALED board:



- Jennifer Cosslett**
- Michelle Decker**
- Ruan Fourie**
- Shirley Gray**
- Shannon Jacobs**
- Pearl Makhene**
- Joe Pillay**
- Lucinda Pinto**
- Lerato Shuping**
- Chaland van Zyl**



Storm van de Westhuizen joins the board as a co-opted member. We welcome all our board members and look forward to their contributions to the growth and success of SAALED.

Creative Therapy Webinar Series

We are also excited to share the details of our Creative Therapy Webinar Series, which includes three separate sessions, **Art Therapy and Biodanza**, **Drama Therapy** as well as **Music and Sound Therapy**. This 3-part series is SACE accredited, ensuring that your participation contributes to your professional development.

We are delighted to share the success of the first webinar in the series: **Webinar 1: Art Therapy and Biodanza**

On 6 June, Michelle Booth, presented an insightful session on Art Therapy and Biodanza. Although we experienced minor connectivity issues, these were quickly resolved, and the participation and enthusiasm from our community were truly inspiring. We thank everyone who contributed to making this event a success.

We are thrilled to announce the **next two** engaging webinars in our Creative Therapy Series, designed to enhance therapeutic practices and professional growth.

BOOK NOW: Webinar 2: Drama Therapy: Creativity as a Bridge to Awareness

WEBINAR PRESENTED BY SAALED

**AN INTRODUCTION TO
DRAMA
THERAPY
CREATIVITY AS A BRIDGE TO AWARENESS**

IN THIS WEBINAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE FIELD OF DRAMA THERAPY: A CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE APPROACH TO PSYCHOTHERAPY.

THE WEBINAR WILL INCLUDE A BRIEF EXPERIENTIAL DRAMA THERAPY PROCESS, SO PARTICIPANTS CAN GET A TASTE OF WHAT THIS THERAPY APPROACH ACTUALLY LOOKS AND FEELS LIKE

JESSICA MAYSON
HPCSA-registered Arts
Therapist (Drama Therapy)

Tuesday
23 July
2024 | 18h00

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Booking Information: Bookings for all events can be made on the SAALED website- <https://www.saaled.org.za/> We encourage you to reserve your spot early to ensure you don't miss out on these valuable learning opportunities.

COMING SOON: Webinar 3: Music and Sound Therapy

Date: 10 September 2024

Speaker: Liza Cloete



In this session, Liza Cloete will discuss the therapeutic uses of music and sound. Learn how these elements can be harnessed to support emotional and psychological well-being in various settings.

We look forward to welcoming you to the two upcoming webinars. Remember, individual and school memberships receive a discount, making it easier for more educators and therapists to benefit from these enriching experiences. Furthermore, an **additional discount** is on offer to any of our members who attend **all three parts** of the series.

Your continued support and participation are what make our community thrive. Thank you for your dedication to professional growth and for being an integral part of SAALED.

Yours in Education,

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