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Dear SAALED Members and Friends,

Welcome

Welcome to our February edition of the newsletter from the Southern African Association for Learners with Educational Differences.

As the year gets into full swing, there's something energising about this time in schools. Classrooms are finding their rhythm again, new goals are being set and educators everywhere are leaning into the opportunities that a fresh year brings. It's also a reminder of how powerful our community is when we work together to support learners with diverse needs.

In this edition, we're excited to share updates, learning opportunities and insights that we hope will encourage and support you in your work. Whether you are new to the SAALED community or have been walking this journey with us for some time, we're glad you are here.

Here's to a meaningful start to the year, full of collaboration, growth and plenty of moments that remind us why this work is important.

Our next Webinar: Beyond Worksheets Creative Maths Assessments

We're also excited about the next webinar planned by Qwanita Burger. Her goal is for participants to leave with a clear and confident understanding that when we move beyond traditional worksheets in Mathematics, something powerful happens. Learners begin to develop deeper conceptual understanding, become more actively engaged in their learning, and build the critical problem-solving and reasoning skills that meaningful mathematics truly requires.

The session will focus on practical ways teachers can create learning experiences where thinking, exploring, and discussing mathematics take centre stage—helping learners not just complete work, but actually understand and apply it. We're hoping to see you online!

The cost is R230 for SAALED members and R320 for non-members. School block bookings should be sent directly to events@saaled.org.za

SAALLED
 WEBINAR

BEYOND WORKSHEETS

CREATIVE MATHS ASSESSMENTS

Discover how meaningful, engaging assessment can transform the way learners understand and experience mathematics. This session empowers teachers to move beyond traditional worksheets and embrace creative approaches that make learners' thinking visible, deepen conceptual understanding, and strengthen problem-solving and reasoning skills.

Join us to explore fresh, practical ways to assess maths learning—approaches that inspire curiosity, encourage deeper thinking, and make every learner's mathematical journey more visible and meaningful.

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2026
18H00

Qwanita Burger
 EDUCATOR AND LECTURER

More Information
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Reflection- Webinar- Maths that Makes Sense- Differentiation without the Drama

The first webinar of 2026 was an astonishing success! We were thrilled to welcome over 100 participants who joined us for this exciting and engaging mathematics session.

We were delighted to receive positive feedback following our recent webinar *Maths that Makes Sense – Differentiation Without the Drama* hosted by SAALED in collaboration with Cedarwood School. It was encouraging to hear how practical and relevant ideas were for educators working with diverse learners. One participant shared how much they appreciated the emphasis on using stations to support different learners at the same time, allowing each child to engage with mathematics at a level that suits them. Another reflected that it was a “great reminder that keeping it simple and concrete is best!”

A special thank you to the three team members from Cedarwood Preparatory School for hosting such a captivating and well-presented webinar. Your enthusiasm and dedication truly made the session memorable.

Once again, thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making this webinar such a fantastic start to the year. We look forward to many more successful sessions ahead!

Moments like these affirm how powerful it can be when we focus on accessible, thoughtful strategies that truly meet learners where they are.

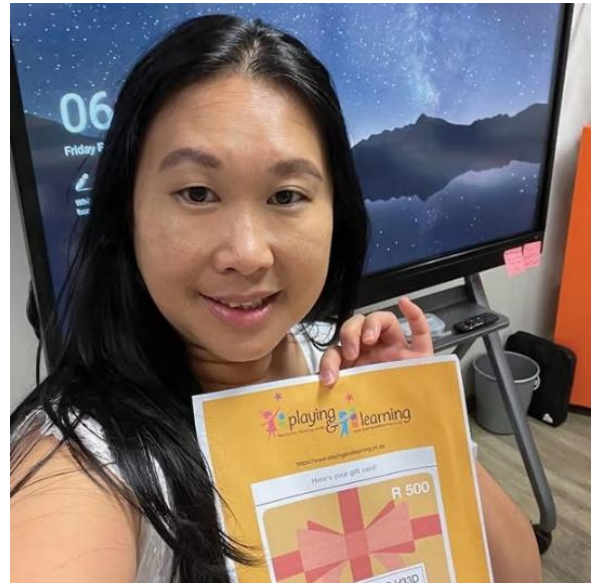
Congratulations to our prize winners:

3rd Prize: Venessa Pitt – Carlswald House Preparatory School

2nd Prize: Laurienne Calvert – Redhill School

1st Prize: Hannah Said

Thank you, ladies, for your outstanding answers and active participation — well done!



Inside the Neurodivergent Classroom- 25 March – Save the Date!

Inside the Neurodivergent Classroom is a practical, strategy focused webinar designed for those in the educational space. Together we'll step into the shoes of neurodivergent students to better understand their school experiences. You'll discover evidence informed, realistic adjustments that can truly make a difference, increasing engagement, supporting positive behaviour, and enhancing learning for everyone. Instead of focusing solely on labels or managing behaviour, this session highlights how thoughtful classroom design, self-regulation strategies, and inclusive practices can help every learner thrive.

Tarren Leigh lives in Dublin and is our first international speaker in many years. We look forward to engaging with her.

The webinar takes place on 26 March 2026 at 18h00 via MS Teams and will be presented by Tarren Leigh Agnew-Skalska, a teacher trainer with Europass Teacher Academy. The cost is R230 for SAALED members and R320 for non-members. School block bookings should be sent directly to events@saaled.org.za

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

INSIDE THE NEURODIVERGENT CLASSROOM

Strategies that work

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Date
Thursday
26 March 2026

Time
18h00 SAST

Tarren Leigh Agnew-Skalska
Education Programme Development |
Community Engagement and Outreach Lead

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Proposed SAALED Webinars and Seminar Events for 2026:

	<p>Webinar</p> <p>Keeping Teachers Well: Burnout, Balance, and Boundaries</p> <p>12 May 2026</p>
	<p>Webinar</p> <p>Early Years, Ready to Learn: Play, Purpose, and Progress</p> <p>4 June 2026</p>
	<p>Annual Seminar at Dainfern College</p> <p>Boundaries with Heart</p> <p>25 June 2026</p>
	<p>Webinar</p> <p>Connected or controlled? Tech, Teens, and Teaching Boundaries</p> <p>28 July 2026</p>



Webinar

Sensory Science: Bringing Experiments to Life for Neurodiverse Learners

17 September 2026



Webinar

Reading for All: Creative and Inclusive Literacy Practices

15 October 2026

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.

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In conclusion

As February comes to a close, we are reminded once again that meaningful change in education rarely comes from doing more of the same, it comes from brave shifts in thinking, collaboration and a willingness to shift change. Thank you to every teacher, therapist, school leader, and supporter who continues to walk this journey with SAALED. Your commitment to help to build classrooms where every child is seen, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive. We look forward to the learning and connection that the months ahead will bring.

Stay connected, stay inspired and keep making a difference!

With heartfelt appreciation,

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