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Dear Principals

What a special three days we had at the **ACSI National Principal Conference** last week! The worship each day lifted everyone's spirits as we turned our eyes to the Lord and worshipped him "with body, mind and spirit". Our grateful thanks to the unbelievable worship team from New Covenant Church Bryanston, who added so much to the conference. Equally meaningful were the words of encouragement from pastors John Crumpton, Paballo Thekiso and Craig Rowe.

The plenary speakers were varied in their topics and yet a golden thread ran through all their talks as they used the conference's theme of 'Encouraging Faith' to touch the hearts of those in the audience. We really appreciate all the preparation that went into their presentations, as well as the spirit with which they were given. Thank you Kim Ballantine, Gavin Brettenny, Trevor Hartley, John Mathuhle and Confidence Dikgole – you left us with much to think about.

When we first started planning the event, the number one criterion was that it had to be in a beautiful place, where people could immerse themselves in God's creation, and this it definitely was. Glenburn Lodge and Spa set a standard that will be hard to match. We were also grateful to the many sponsors and exhibitors who displayed their services at the conference, which allowed each delegate to go home with a copy of the excellent book *Teaching Redemptively*. They also sponsored seven principals to attend the conference.



My thanks to all who worked so hard to make the conference a reality, but especially the amazing ACSI team. They worked tirelessly since last year to ensure that the event would be one to remember. Under the guidance of Nicole Thomas, a stickler for details if ever there were one, all of the various parts came together wonderfully.

The conference also saw the launch of the **Christian School Improvement Platform (CSIP)**, an online platform developed by ACSI Europe to help schools with school improvement. Should you not have received the information, and you'd like to find out more, click on this [link](#). I would recommend that you discuss the implementation of the CSIP with your management staff and possibly also with your board. It will require input from all stakeholders in the school to be really meaningful and shouldn't be rushed. Then, if your school is interested, please register on the South African CSIP site, which is at this [link](#).

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Events in July:

- **Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay Principal Meeting**, Wednesday, 10th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 12th June 2024.
- **Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 13th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 5th July 2024
- **Eastern Cape – East London Principal Meeting**, Wednesday, 17th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 10th July 2024.
- **Eastern Cape – East London Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 20th July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 12th July 2024.
- **ACSI Prayer Hour**, Tuesday, 23rd July 2024 from 14h00-15h00. [Click here](#) to register.
- **Western Cape Principal Meeting**, Wednesday, 31st July 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 25th July 2024.

Events in early August:

- **Western Cape Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 3rd August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 26th July 2024

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

God Bless

Neil Malherbe

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