



Dear ACSI Family!

**Please see the latest edition of
From The Director's Desk**

023 ACSI From The Director's Desk | **18th July 2024**

Dear Principals

I am currently in the beautiful Eastern Cape, literally travelling the length and breadth of this very special province, while visiting schools and attending various events. On Wednesday last week, Willow Academy in Gqeberha hosted twenty principals at an excellent Principal Meeting, at which we also enjoyed the flavours of the sea with some excellent fish and chips. Then it was off to Jeffreys Bay, where the team from Global Leadership Academy went out of their way to welcome almost 200 delegates to the Eastern Cape Teacher Conference on Saturday. One particularly meaningful aspect of this conference was the prayer room, where students from the school had left prayerful words of encouragement for the teachers to collect, while spending some time in prayer.

Sunday saw many hours travelling up into the mountains, to an icy Barkly East. Snow still shimmered on the southern slopes and in crevices where the sun had not yet managed to penetrate, and Monday dawned with an arctic chill, at -7 degrees. After an enjoyable visit to Forest Ridge Private School, it was another few hours of spectacular scenery en route to Tsolo, where I was warmly greeted by the staff and governing body members at Wonderland Primary School.

On Tuesday I took the meandering road through the lush green hills of the old Transkei to visit Zithulele Independent School, in Mqanduli, near Coffee Bay. I don't think the children at that school know just how fortunate they are to be able to look out over the beauty of God's creation each day. What a beautiful spot it is, with views out to sea, and the staff there really are raising up a future generation of lovers of Jesus.

Yesterday the East London principals were spoiled at the impressive campus that is Hope Schools, and once again we appreciated their team's willingness to host us for the Principal Meeting. Then, in a first for this part of the country, on Saturday we will present the first ACSI Teacher Conference for the eastern part of the Eastern Cape. We trust that the Lord will really make it special for all who attend, and that it will grow in the future. Thank you to Abbotsford Christian School and the Christian Centre Abbotsford for co-hosting this event.

POLICIES

As part of our ongoing policy support to schools, we continue to improve and update the policies on our website. Three policies have been updated on the website since the last update notice. The policies that are required of or related to UMALUSI are marked green on the website and when listed below.

- Parents: Parent Manual Guideline 2024 - [Click here to view.](#)
- Learners: Community Service Guideline 2024 - [Click here to view.](#)
- Administration: Independent Schools and the Dept. of Ed. Guideline 2024 – [Click here to view.](#)

IGNITE

The most recent *Ignite* was published last week, with a rich assortment of interesting articles. It may be found [here](#). We are always on the look-out for interesting articles or stories about what is happening in your school, so please feel free to email these to annerie_vanderwalt@acsi.org.

ACSI AFRICA NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024

[Click here](#) to read the ACSI Africa Newsletter from the office of the Africa Director, Dr Sosthene Maletougou.

SERVICE PROVIDER

Yenza Promotion

Yenza is a multi-award winning career pathing platform for Grade 7-12 learners, which is now fully available in English and Afrikaans. Yenza assists learners and schools with innovative psychometric-based assessments to guide career, subject and tertiary choices. The platform also offers online courses and various other career planning tools.

Yenza is offering **ACSI Partner Schools 50% off their product** and given that it is now subject choice season, this is a great opportunity to investigate further. Click [here](#) for more information about the ACSI promotion, [here](#) for the Yenza Prep flyer and [here](#) for the Yenza Senior flyer.

SAOU TRAINING

The following SAOU training opportunities are available this term:

- Dealing with learners who cut themselves: Monday 29th July 2024 at 15h00. [Click here](#) to register.
- How to set high quality exam papers by looking at questioning techniques: Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 15h00. Click [here](#) to register.
- ECD development in line with the ELDAS and NELDAS: Thursday 8th August at 15h00. [Click here](#) to register.
- How to expand your language curriculum and ensure it is embedded: Wednesday 11th September at 15:00. Click [here](#) to register.

For information on other SAOU events/training click [here](#).

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Events in July:

- **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 August:

- **Western Cape Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 3rd August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 26th July 2024.
- **KwaZulu-Natal North Principal Meeting**, Tuesday, 13th August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 7th August 2024.
- **Mpumalanga Principal Meeting**, Tuesday, 13th August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 2nd August 2024.
- **KwaZulu-Natal North Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 17th August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 9th August 2024.
- **Discussion Forum: School Finance**, Wednesday, 21 August. **Save the date.**
- **NW-Brits Principal Meeting**, Tuesday, 27th August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 21st August 2024.
- **Free State Principal Meeting**, Wednesday, 28th August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 21st August 2024.
- **NW-Brits Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 31st August 2024. [Click here](#) to register by 23rd August 2024.

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

Matthew 4:19

God Bless

Neil Malherbe

ACSI Director