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This month South Africans celebrated the life of the first president of a democratic South Africa, Tata Nelson Mandela. The 2022 Nelson Mandela International Day was celebrated under the theme: 'do what you can, with what you have, where you are'. As South Africans we need to walk the Mandela talk and make a difference in the lives of others. There is no better way to honour the late former president than being dedicat-

ed to the service of our fellow human beings. This year's theme dispels the misconception that it is only financially stable people who are able to make a difference in society.

July 2022 was also a monumental month for South Africa as our National Women's Football Team Banyana Banyana was crowned as the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) champions.

We are delighted by this superb victory by our national

team. They have indeed made us proud on a continental stage. As we celebrate Nelson Mandela month, this is a befitting celebration and honour to the father of this beautiful nation.

*Mrs L.P. Mahasa  
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**18 JULY 2022**  
**MANDELA DAY**  
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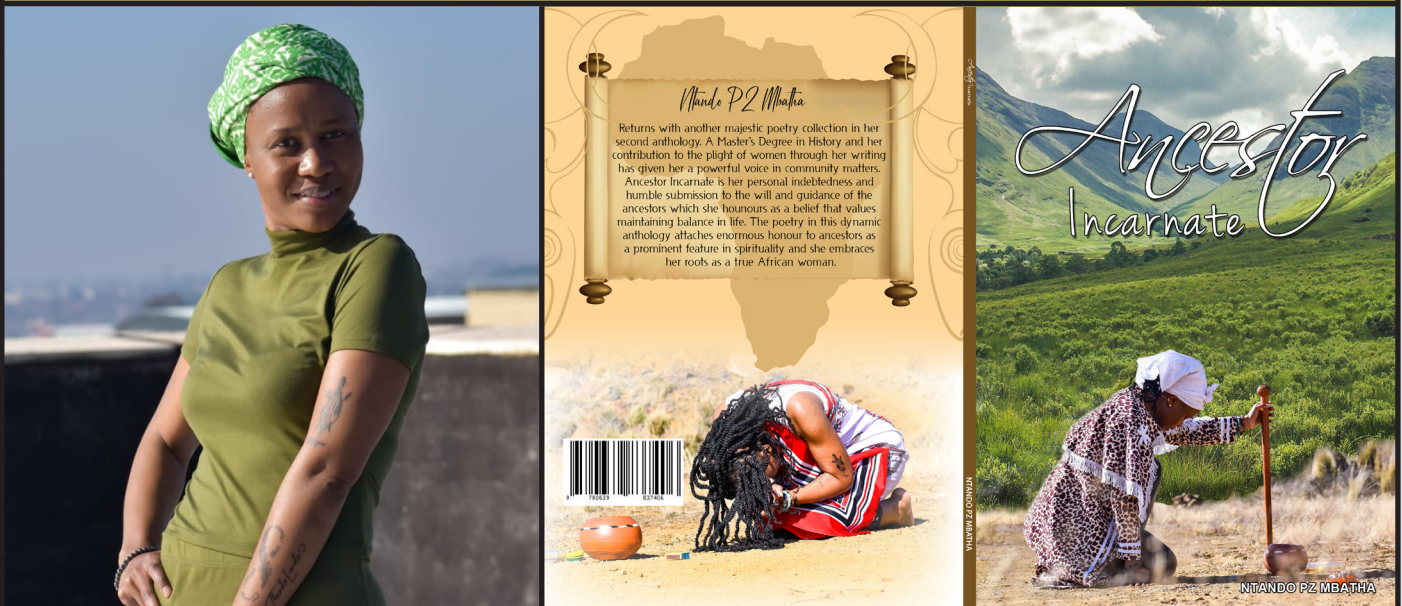
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# DSACR OFFICIAL NTANDO MBATHA RELEASES 2ND BOOK



Picking up from the milestone of her debut book titled *“In her Voice”*, Ms Ntando Mbatha has released her second offering which focuses on spiritual healing and her personal spiritual journey as a healer. Her new book *“Ancestor Incarnate”* helps readers acknowledge and address their hardships, pain and personal struggles which all of us encounter in life. Written in a poetic form, *“Ancestor Incarnate”* serves as a guide to realising spiritual healing and restoration to one self’s morality as well as humanity.

The self-published author laments that, “Part of why I wrote this book was to try heal past, present and future generations”. She further alludes that, “the book is divided into three sections, namely, Divinity, Restoration and Acknowledging hurt”. Through this new offering, Ms Mbatha seeks to encourage her readers to be in charge and responsible for their own lives. As a spiritual healer who has embraced her calling, she advocates that people must escape web of victimhood and self-blame but rather follow their spiritual radar and be masters of their own destiny.

Ms Mbatha works as the Heritage Coordinator for the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation. As an activist and someone who is pro-women both in rhetoric and in action, Ms Mbatha is inspired by other great women who’ve walked her path such as Maya Angelou, Lebo Mashile and Geina Mhlophe. These are examples of authors who’ve inspired her as a child while growing up. She also boasts a Master’s degree in History from the University of the Free State and is very passionate about the role of women played in the struggle against apartheid.

“Ancestor Incarnate” is available from the author and the first **100 copies sell for R160** and thereafter the book will sell for **R180 per copy**. Ms Mbatha can be reached at **078 057 5750**. Details of the book launch will be communicated soon.

# DIPALE TSA MAKELEKETLA GETS LAUNCHED

Five (5) young women; Palesa Morobi, Niniwe Steven, Lerato Mokhele, Lebogang Maina and Pinky Lebetsa from Makeleketla (Winburg) joined a team of literature practitioners from the Free State Province, together with the DSACR officials, and made their way to the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape for the pre-launch of their book called Dipale Tsa Makeleketla. The book is based on the rich political history of Winburg and focuses on the role played by the women of Makeleketla in 1959 during the fight against pass laws. The Women in Literature Winburg Book Project started in August 2019 when Language Services first visited the community of Makeleketla near Winburg and invited learners from surrounding schools. The first workshop was held at the Voortrekker Monument where a number of learners were workshopped on the book project. The intention was to have a book based on the role the women of Winburg played during the 1956 resistance against the pass laws. The female learners were expected to go do their own research, and consult with elders at home or around the community and then write their own stories about the history of their town. The project was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown we experienced in 2020. However, due to persistence, when the lock-



down restrictions were lifted the project resumed. Five (5) out of a total number of 20 manuscripts were selected, workshopped and transformed into a book with translations representative of the 6 languages spoken in the Free State. The project authors, P

On the 18th of July 2022 the book was showcased during the Mandela Day Campaign in Winburg when the Premier of the Free State Me Sisi Sefora Ntombela together with other MEC's, including the MEC for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation Ms Limakatso

Mahasa, visited the township. The book was officially launched during the Basotho New Year Celebration event held at Basotho Cultural Village near Qwaqwa.

# SACR HOSTS LEARNERS FOR TAKE A CHILD TO WORK CAMPAIGN



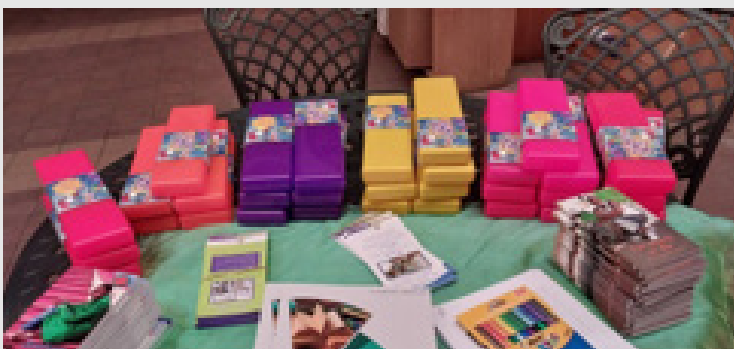
During youth month, the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Special Programmes Unit hosted 17 learners from Sehunelo High School as part of the Take a Child to Work Campaign. The learners got an opportunity to spend the day with officials from the department so that they could get a feel of the work that the

officials perform on a daily basis. Ms Dipolelo Hou-Deputy Director Special Programmes outlined the purpose of the campaign which forms a basis for the learners to make informed career choices as most of them are nearing the end of their schooling years. The day started at the Free State Sport Science Institute

(FSSSI) where the learners were given an in-depth presentation on the different careers and opportunities that are available in the field of sport science. They toured the centre and got an opportunity to test some of the high performance equipment at the centre. The learners were then taken to library services at Willem Postma

building in Mangaung, where they toured the establishment and were encouraged to consider studying towards a degree or diploma in library services as this was a scarce skill in South Africa. The learners were gifted with learning material that will assist them in their studies. The day concluded at the Military Museum where they

were treated to a scrumptious lunch and performances by local artists such as DJ Blind and Shaun Dihoro. The learners expressed their heartfelt appreciation for a program such as this one as many of them were not aware of the many career paths that are available in the department.





## LANGUAGE SERVICES COMPILES SESOTHO CODING AND ROBOTICS TERMINOLOGY

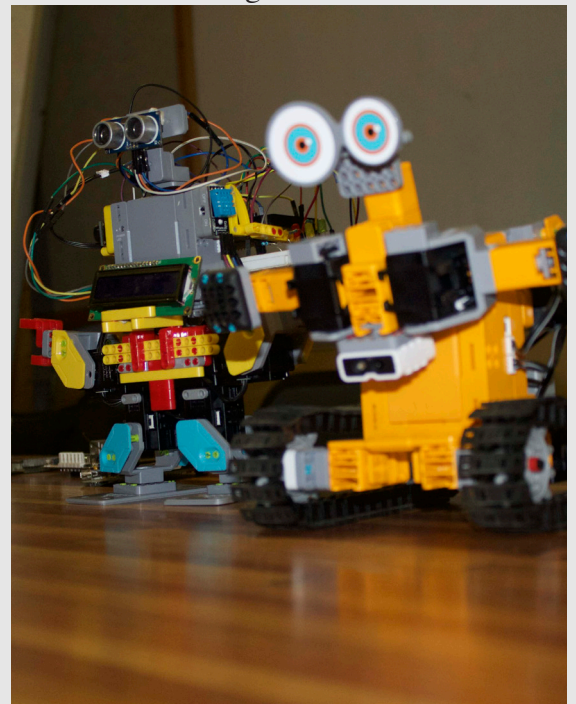
The Language Services unit held a two day terminology collaboration workshop on coding and robotics. The workshop was aimed at producing Sesotho terminology for coding and robotics.

During day one, terminology on coding and robotics was discussed and Sesotho equivalents were given to the technical terms of coding and robotics. Attendees on the first day included, Mr

Kabaro Mokoena an Electromechanical Engineer; language practitioners; translators; editors and officials from the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation. Day two was a

workshop that was led by Mr Mokoena where he had a demonstration for learners from Hodisa Technical School and Com Tech High School. The demonstration showed how the field of coding

and robotics works. This coding and robotics terminology project is the first of its kind in the province.



# NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY 2022



In November 2009, the United Nations officially declared 18 July as Nelson Mandela International Day. Recognising Tata Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity and acknowledging his contribution to the struggle for democracy.

Even though the Nelson Mandela International Day is earmarked on the 18th July (his birthday), in South Africa we embrace the chance to celebrate Nelson Mandela's life for the whole of July. The Nelson Mandela International Day campaign remains rooted in

the call Nelson Mandela made in 2009 to honour him by working in communities rather than by celebrating his birthday.

The global theme for 2022 was "Do what you can, with what you have, wherever you are." The theme awarded all South Africans the opportunity to heed the call to action for people to recognize their individual power to make an imprint and change the world! In his address during the 90th birthday celebration of Mr Walter Sisulu, Nelson Mandela said, "what counts in life is not the mere fact that we

have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead".

This year the Office of the Premier in the Free State collaborated with all provincial departments by celebrating Madiba's birthday in Makeketla (Winburg). In honour of the late statesman, the members of executive council together with the premier and other stakeholders delighted the community of Winburg by assisting in service delivery interventions such as food and blankets donations, fixing potholes and

cleaning illegal dumping sites. The Premier urged the community to take care of the government facilities in the area as those amenities are there to better their living conditions.

A group of 5 young girls from Winburg who wrote a book about Winburg were also celebrated at the event. MEC Limakatso Mahasa took pride in the exceptional work that has been done by these young people and encouraged them to continue setting a positive example to other young people in this community. The Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

urges all South Africans to heed the clarion call to make a difference in our communities to celebrate the life and legacy of former President Nelson Mandela, these small gestures of kindness should become a normal part of our lives and not only on the 18th of July. "Our call is for everyone to support this annual campaign by participating in long lasting sustainable interventions that will be of benefit to their communities", said MEC Limakatso Mahasa.

# SACR SUPPORTS DEAF SPORTS



Deaf Netball South Africa (DNSA) and South African Deaf Sports Federation (SADSF) hosted the 7th National Deaf Netball Championship (NDNC) from the 06-07 August 2022 in Bloemfontein, at the Dr Petrus Rantlai Molemela Stadium. 14 Netball Clubs from 6 provinces in the country (Limpopo, Free State, Gau-

teng, Eastern Cape and Kwazulu Natal) took part in this championship. Ms Dipolelo Hou from the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Special Programmes unit represented the department at the event.

The organisers expressed gratitude to the Free State Deaf Sports Federation (FSDSF),

Netball South Africa (NSA) and the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation department

from all participating provinces for their continued support to the Deaf Sport programs. Congratulations

to the Rabbits Deaf NC who were crowned as the champions for 2022.

