



➤ Provincial Winner

Excellence in Grade R Teaching

Name: Ms Hester Horn
School: Paul Greyling Primary School, Fish Hoek
District: Metro South Education District

After 30 years of Grade R teaching, Ms Horn still portrays a deep commitment and dedication to be a reflective and life-long learner. Her calm and confident disposition inspires a change in the perspectives of those in her own and extended teaching environment. She meets each learner or adult where they are and provides them with opportunities to find their own strength and build confidence.

Ms Horne extends all knowledge gained to uplift others around her, namely her learners, colleagues, parents and the broader community through her outreach projects. These projects transcend far beyond what is expected in the classroom. Her passion and focus lie in the skills development of all learners, preparing learners not only for Grade R but for life.

The learners in her class are of different nationalities, cultures, religions,

languages and socio-economic backgrounds, but they are one team and they play together. After she identifies areas for improvement, she provides her learners with multiple opportunities where she changes her teaching methods and rethinks learning situations by using new methods and techniques when assessing.

Ms Horn models excellence by not only teaching the values but living them due to how it impacts the community. She believes that you must do and say the same thing.

All her social interactions are based on respect and love - a language that everyone understands. Through social cohesion practices within the classroom, Ms Horn ensures that she never leaves any learner on the sideline. Her classroom motto is, *"Did you do your best? Because your best is important, and not being the best."*



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