

Provincial Winner

Excellence in teaching Life Skills (Grade 1-6)

Name: Dorothy Jooste

School: Highbury Primary School, Highbury,

Kuils River

District: Metro East

Ms Dorothy Jooste embodies what a Life Skills educator should be. She does not just talk the talk, she walks the talk

As a Life Skills educator she covers all aspects of the curriculum to ensure holistic development of her learners, including Comprehensive Sexual Education, environmental awareness, physical education, spiritual development, as well as making sure that her learners experience learning outside the classroom by taking them on different school excursions. She does everything for and with the learners. From evidence shown, it is evident that she promotes healthy lifestyles for learners and educators.

She uses of her time to work with grades that she does not teach to assist with reading strategies. She attends Teacher Development Programmes to upskill herself and in return she workshops this information with staff members. She has instituted a number of programmes for both

learners and educators. She engages with community structures to improve and strengthen the school community.

She integrates ICT as one of her teaching modalities. She has developed programmes to address social justice issues, such as teenage pregnancy, bullying, substance abuse and social cohesion.

She has developed a network of people with different expertise that she brings into her school to enhance learning and teaching.