



→ Provincial Winner

Excellence in teaching Mathematics (GET)

Name: Ethon Leigh Alexander
School: Fraaisig Primary School, Knysna
District: Eden and Central Karoo

Mr Ethon Alexander serves as the deputy principal at Fraaisig Primary School in Knysna, where he teaches Grade 7 Mathematics. His unwavering dedication to enhancing the quality of education has made a significant impact on both learners and educators alike. As the head of Learning and Teaching Support Material at the school, he oversees the procurement, distribution, and management of educational resources.

Ethon's teaching approach integrates ICT with Mathematics, utilising interactive tools such as Zipgrade, Kahoots, ChatGPT, Coding (REACH), and Visnos. He also contributes to KILT (Knysna Initiative for Learning and Teaching), a local organisation dedicated to improving educational outcomes in the area. Through his involvement with KILT, Ethon collaborates with other educators and stakeholders to develop and implement strategies for enhancing teaching and learning. Notably, he procured a bursary for one of his

athletes through this initiative.

Beyond his teaching responsibilities, Ethon plays a pivotal role in mentoring both novice and experienced educators, focusing on the integration of ICT and Mathematics in their teaching practices. He leads various Mathematics PLCs, fostering collaboration and growth among educators. Under his guidance, Fraaisig Primary School achieved remarkable success, securing third place in the GrowSmart competition. He also conducts workshops for educators from neighbouring schools, sharing best practices and strategies for effective teaching. His commitment to holistic learner development is evident through his engagement with community stakeholders, including the South African Police Services and religious institutions. Ethon is set to graduate later this year with an Honours degree in ICT from the University of Pretoria. His dedication to education is further exemplified by his decision

to return to teach in the community where he was raised. He emphasises practical, real-world applications of Mathematics, partnering with corporates like ABSA to promote financial literacy and saving habits among learners and their families as part of the school's TogetherWeRise initiative.

Mr Alexander is actively involved in his community through outreach activities like clothing banks, "winter warmer beanies", motivational podcasts and feeding schemes.

As a lifelong learner he inspires curiosity in his learners, encouraging them to explore the world and develop a passion for Mathematics.

As a pioneering educator and ambassador for innovative teaching practices, Ethon's unwavering commitment to innovation, collaboration, and learner-centred learning makes him an exceptional leader in the field of education, positively shaping the lives of countless learners and educators alike.