



Minister Debbie Schäfer

Winter schools help learners prepare for final exams

Grade 12 learners in the Western Cape have been attending Winter Schools during the holiday to assist them in high enrolment subjects ahead of the 2019 National Senior Certificate (NSC) exams.

The Winter Schools programme is one of many interventions by the WCED to support and assist Grade 12 learners to prepare for their final school exams.

Many of the programmes on offer are taught by tutors selected by the WCED. In some schools, curriculum advisers are supporting and assisting individual school programmes. Additional resource materials have also been developed to complement the lessons being presented.

Minister Debbie Schäfer visited Salt River Secondary School last week where learners from four schools attended an intensive revision programme.

She encouraged the learners to stay focused and put in the hard work that is required to succeed in the NSC.



From left: Sura Swart and Neville Goliath

Tune into Radio Tygerberg for broadcasts on the T2P Strategy

Radio Tygerberg 104fm, a community radio station broadcasting from Parow, will be broadcasting two interviews with Warda Conrad about values in education and the growth mindset.

The first interview was broadcast last night at 18:30 and the next interview will air on 04 July 2019.

The discussions are expected to enhance the public's understanding of the WCED's Transform to Perform (T2P) Strategy.

Radio Tygerberg broadcasts a weekly education discussion programme "Ek en My Kind" which is presented by Neville Goliath, a school psychologist, and Sura Swart, a school social worker.

You can tune in on 104fm or listen to podcasts at the following link: <https://iono.fm/c/3596>.

Youth Month

June is celebrated as Youth Month in South Africa with a specific focus on Youth Day on 16 June to commemorate the 1976 youth uprising in Soweto.

The Western Cape Government offers many programmes that focus on youth development. This includes the MOD programmes, Youth Cafés, PAY internships, the Year Beyond programme and the National Expanded Public Works Programme.

The Western Cape Government's Youth Development Strategy (YDS) takes on a whole-of-society approach and guides the programmes aimed at young people in our province.

The goal is to equip youth with the skills and tools needed to lead a life of value and is based on 5 pillars, including:

- strengthening families,
- improving education and training,
- increasing access to economic opportunities,
- giving youth a positive sense of belonging, and
- providing effective services and support to reconnect to society.

Show care and concern for others' well-being

Anita Nangu, a School Social Worker in the West Coast Education District, says concern for others is about caring enough to empathise with others. Empathy is an emotional skills.

She offered the following **tips to show care and concern for others:**

1. Smile. A smile can brighten someone's day and show care
2. Give someone a hug
3. Listen
4. Send an encouraging text
5. Bake a special treat
6. Give them a call
7. Take the time to hang out with someone

How do you become a caring person?

1. Help people in need.
2. Ask people about their lives
3. Apologize when you need to
4. Do favours for people
5. Share
6. Check in with people
7. Remember the details about people's lives
8. Volunteer



Anita Nangu
West Coast Education District: School Social Worker



SURVIVING THE WINTER CHILL

It has been pretty chilly of late, so we asked some Head Office staff what their favourite winter meal was and how do they stay warm....



Jennifer Addinal

Directorate:
CD: Districts

Jennifer's favorite Winter meal is thick vegetable soup and Curry Bunnies. She keeps warm during the Winter months by snuggling under the bedcovers with hot chocolate and a good book.



Ryan Isaacs

Directorate:
Financial Accounting

Ryan's favorite Winter meal is Butter Chicken and Garlic naan. Ryan says that keeping warm in winter is easy if you dress appropriately, but also likes a good fire.



Khotso Smous

Directorate:
Service Benefits

Khotso's favourite winter meal is Chicken curry. Going to gym is his answer to keeping warm during the winter months.



Darren De Klerk

Directorate:
GET

Darren loves thick vegetable soup during the cold winter months and keeps warm by walking, dressing warm and not forgetting to always be happy!

It seems there may have been a tie between chicken curries and vegetable soups!

