



Back to school



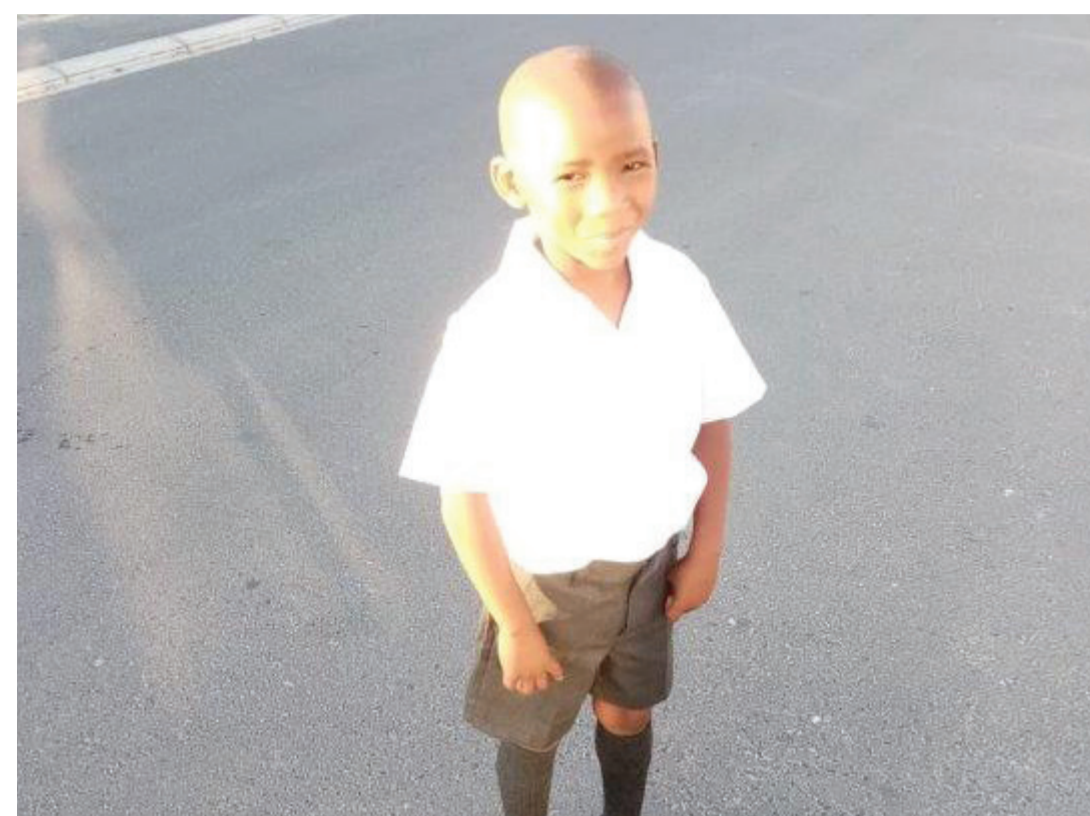
More than a million learners reported at schools in the Western Cape for the start of the academic year.

Sihle Gxowa, the daughter of WCED officials Thembisa and Theo Gxowa, was one of more than 100 000 Grade 1 learners. She couldn't wait to start school while her brother, Siphosethu, who is in Grade 3 this year, was less excited.

Kholosa Gosana, an Admin Clerk at Head Office, shed a few tears

when her son, Khanya, started his first day of school.

All the best to these learners and all new learners in our system as we work hard to ensure quality education for them all!



Sihle and Khanya start their first day of school!

Parents beam with pride as their children matriculate



The Western Cape achieved an 82.3% pass rate in the 2019 National Senior Certificate exams and a number of WCED staff members were among the proud parents celebrating learners' success.

Neville Goliath's daughter, Kristen, matriculated from Tafelberg School. Goliath, the provincial coordinator of the Positive Behaviour Programme, commended his daughter for the hard work she has put in over the years. Kristen has enrolled in a culinary school this year.

Nomgcobo Matakane, a Language Practitioner, accompanied her daughter, Inga, to Table View High School to collect her results. Inga passed with five distinctions and is studying towards a BA Law degree at Wits in Johannesburg.

Dean Pretorius of Exams also celebrated with his daughter, Lezané. She wants to become a teacher and is working as a classroom assistant this year.



New lifts in operation



Two of the first 'riders' - Ismael Solomon and Andrew Matthews try out the lift on its first day of operation.

The long awaited new lifts in the Grand Central Building are finally in use and staff members have responded positively to the shiny look and spacious feel to the elevators.

Work to replace lifts A and B started in September last year and resulted in long delays when trying to use the remaining lifts. This is thankfully something of the past.

Staff will be informed when the scheduled maintenance of lifts C, D and E will take place.

Martin Witbooi of the Directorate Physical Resource Planning and Property Management said the department wants to thank all staff members for their co-operation during the replacement and repair of the lifts.

MEED T2P Meet-and-Greet



MEED T2P CONNECT

Metro East Education District (MEED) kicked off its Transform to Perform (T2P) 2020 campaign with a Meet-and-Greet for district staff on Friday, 17 January 2020. The event also launched the MEED T2P Identifier and hashtag #MEEDT2PConnect.

Benjamin Scherka, District Director, opened the proceedings by highlighting the importance of all WCED officials making the Transform to Perform Strategy an ideal that is realized and

impacting our schools, school communities and society at large.

Pierre De Villiers, an Educator at Alta Du Toit School, showcased the "Values Song" written by the school to inspire and motivate the learners to adopt a values-driven lifestyle.

Olivia Rustin, the T2P District Champion said, "The identifier aims to strengthen and bring about a multi/inter-sectorial approach, making sure the Transform to Perform vision is embodied and driven by every member of our district, from the district office right down to every learner. The identifier unites us to the cause of ensuring quality teaching and learning in every school. Wherever the Transform to Perform banner is flying high in our district, it is our responsibility to share and celebrate it. Hence, all district officials and educators are encouraged to post initiatives on Social Media using #MEEDT2PConnect. We hope that the Transform to Perform vision will begin to trend in more than just our schools."

Make it happen in 2020



Robyn Matthews
Metropole North – Administrative Clerk Circuit 1

Robyn says that one of her goals this year is to assist and resolve all learner placements we have in our circuit. This year she also wants to join the Provincial Netball Team.



Julean Dirks
West Coast Education District – Transport Control Officer

Julean says that this year she wants to maintain a healthy work-life balance approach that allows her to perform efficiently and also wants to interact with others in an effective way to adhere to what really matters.



Lee-Ann Hess
Metropole South – Management and Governance Administrative Officer

Lee-Ann's goal is to align her personal values with the values of the WCED, in particular, Innovation. "I plan to find innovative ways of working not only efficiently but also smarter."



Joshua Felix
Head Office – Financial Accounting

Joshua's goal for 2020 is to further his studies so that he can get a higher position.