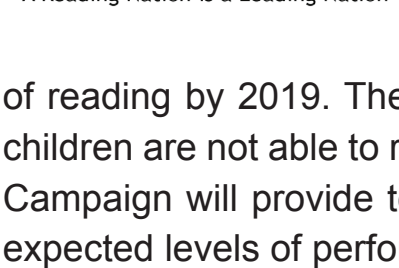


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# Deputy Minister Enver Surty encourages North West community members to become motivated readers

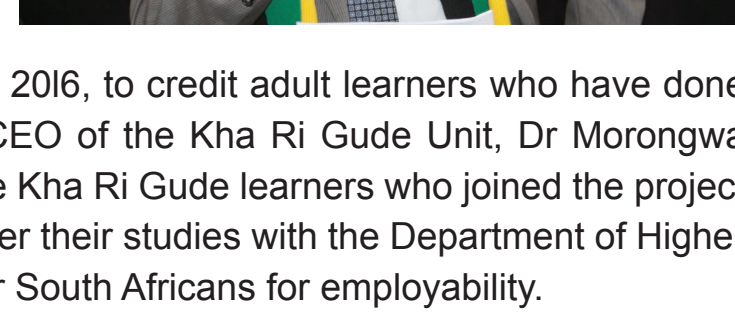
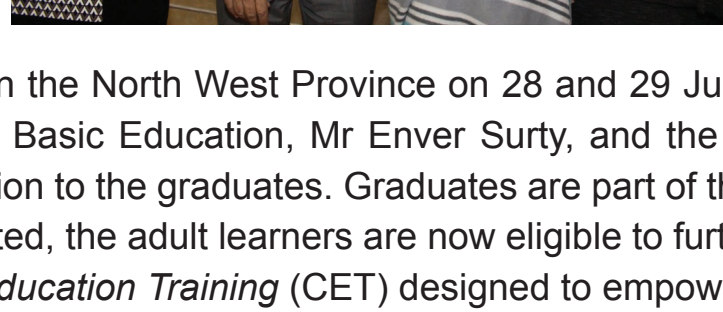
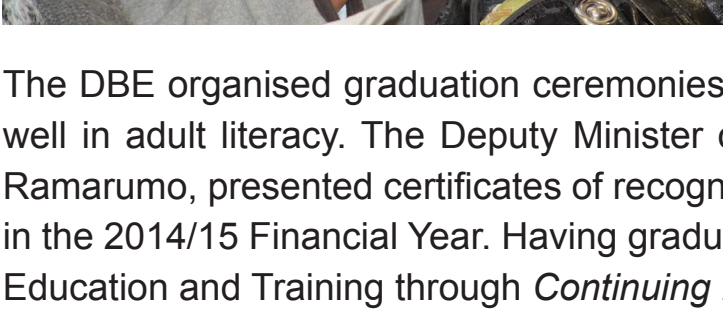


As part of the *Read to Lead Campaign*, Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Mr Enver Surty, officially launched the Bokamoso Service Club for the elderly at the Mosaka II Reading Club in Taung the North West Province on 28 July 2016. This club consists of a *starter pack*, which includes story books and novels in Afrikaans, English and Setswana. The Ministerial *Read to Lead Campaign* is a four-year campaign, which aims at improving learner outcomes as anchored in the *National Development Plan (NDP)*. The main objective of the *Read to Lead Campaign* is to ensure that all learners are able to demonstrate age appropriate levels of reading by 2019. The Campaign is a response to national, regional and international studies that have indicated that South African children are not able to read at expected levels, and are unable to execute tasks that demonstrate key skills associated with Literacy. The Campaign will provide teachers and schools with clear directives on the Department of Basic Education's expectations to achieve the expected levels of performance.

The Department launched a nation-wide call for the refurbishment, as well as the establishment of libraries to cultivate a culture of reading in South Africa during Nelson Mandela International Day in 2015. A great number of libraries have been handed over to communities across the various provinces. This achievement is a result of a collaboration between the DBE and the private sector.

He lamented the lack of motivation by South Africans to read. "Sadly, South Africa does not have a culture of reading. Statistics indicate that only 14% of South Africans are readers of books and that only 5% of parents read to their children. To succeed as a country, we must promote reading in all age cohorts." The Deputy Minister further encouraged all citizens to make reading a regular and established part of their daily routine. "We are indeed mindful that the task of educating the nation is a societal and collective effort. In this regard, literacy, thus better reading skills, has a positive impact on all aspects of living. There are many benefits to reading. Literacy, as an outcome of reading, impacts on society in several ways, namely, literate parents are more likely to send their children to school; literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities; and literate societies are better geared to meet pressing developmental agenda. Let us enjoy the written word, the migrating words. Let us be transported back to that land of the beginnings. Let us mingle with the unborn. Let's us assume numerous forms as we devour in the dish of the written word," concluded the Deputy Minister.

# 4,2 million illiterate adult learners are declared literate through the Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign



The DBE organised graduation ceremonies in the North West Province on 28 and 29 July 2016, to credit adult learners who have done well in adult literacy. The Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Mr Enver Surty, and the CEO of the Kha Ri Gude Unit, Dr Morongwa Ramarumo, presented certificates of recognition to the graduates. Graduates are part of the Kha Ri Gude learners who joined the project in the 2014/15 Financial Year. Having graduated, the adult learners are now eligible to further their studies with the Department of Higher Education and Training through *Continuing Education Training (CET)* designed to empower South Africans for employability.

The CET Programme refers to all learning and training programmes leading to qualifications at levels 1 to 4 of the National Qualification Framework provided for at a college in terms of the *Further Education and Training Colleges Amendment Act, 2013, Section 1. (b) (Vol. 573, Government Gazette No 36271, 19 March 2013)*. Adult education and training, as well as community education training have a vital role to play in addressing the education and development needs of out of school youth and adults, especially those who have been and may still be disadvantaged as a result of past and social inequalities relating to class, race, gender, age and disability.

The Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign continues to reach out to a multitude of South African adults who never had an opportunity to acquire basic skills such as reading, writing and counting prior to 1994. The total number of adult learners who have been confirmed literate citizens through the Kha Ri Gude Campaign stands at 4,2 million in 2016 – an increase from 4,7 million illiterate learners in 2008 when the project commenced. Government introduced the Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign to improve the level of literacy in various South African communities, specifically targeting South African adults who never attended school.

Addressing the North West community, Deputy Minister Surty said Government has made major strides in providing literacy skills to South African citizens and highlighted that the Kha Ri Gude Campaign is one of the projects that is playing a vital role in terms of improving the lives of people living in South Africa. Apart from teaching illiterate adults to read, write and count, the project also created jobs for more than 40 000 people in the country. The Deputy Minister used the opportunity to remind parents to read to their children. He then congratulated the graduates and wished them well in their future endeavours.

# DBE and Supersport Lets Play unveil a multi-purpose sporting facility in Gauteng Province

The DBE, in partnership with Supersport *Lets Play*, handed over a new multi-purpose sporting facility to Inkatha-Ka-Zulu Primary School in Daveyton on 28 July 2016. *Let's Play Schools Challenge* is a programme created by Supersport to promote physical activity amongst primary school learners. The lack of physical activity and sports participation leads to a number of health and psycho-social challenges amongst underprivileged children.

Supersport *Lets Play* CEO Mr Gideon Khobane said through this partnership more sport facilities in various communities will be improved for the better: "This initiative will further play an essential role in strengthening school sport and physical activity in schools". Mr Khobane further added that it is important that sport is integrated with the curriculum in order to promote healthy life styles in schools. Learners who participate in sport were more likely to show significant achievement academically.

The incoming Mayor of the Ekurhuleni Municipality, Mr Mzwandile Masina, former player for Bafana Bafana, Kaizer Chiefs and Supersport United, Mr Jabu Mahlangu, formerly known as Jabu Pule, Builders Warehouse Marketing Director, Mr Andre Steyn, as well as Hitachi Construction Machinery Financial Manager, Mr Charl Oosthuizen, also attended the ceremony.

Mr Masina applauded Hitachi Construction Machinery, Supersport *Let's Play*, Builders Warehouse and the DBE for their enormous contribution to school sport. The Mayor said that Daveyton is a very unique township which has produced a number of important football personalities, including; Pollen Ndlanga, Junior Khanye, Clement Mazibuke, and Jabu Shille Mahlangu. "I hope that this playing field also produces great players that the Ekurhuleni Municipality can be proud of", concluded Mr Masina.

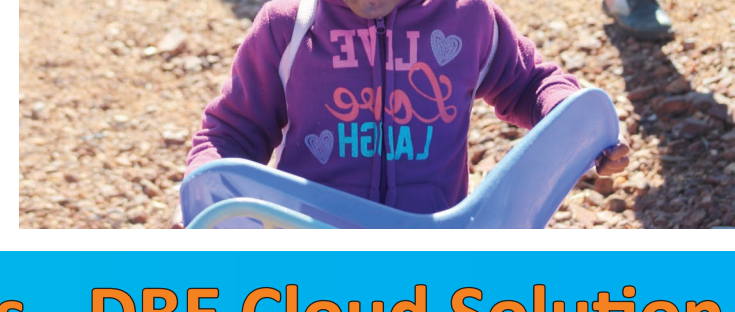


# Toevlug Primary School brings joy to the North West community

The MEC for Public Safety in the North West Province, Dr Mpho Mothabane, handed-over the second ASIDI school in the province to the Toevlug community. With this R37 million investment the DBE continues to restore the dignity of rural education through the ASIDI Programme to deliver state of the art schools.

The school is an education sanctuary to diverse cultures and races that call Toevlug their home. As is the case with many ASIDI schools, Toevlug Primary School boasts state of the art facilities including a computer lab, a science laboratory and a library. The school also has a rugby field, cricket nets and a mixed-use hard court.

Addressing the community and learners, MEC Mothabane urged members of the community to ensure that the school becomes a centre of excellence. "Government has invested in this community; it is now up to you to double that investment by ensuring this school is looked after and that learning takes place within these walls," said the MEC.



# ICT update on Learner and Teacher Resources - DBE Cloud Solution

The DBE Cloud Solution is an educational web-portal for the entire South African community, catering for learners, teachers, parents and school administrators. The aim of the DBE Cloud is to create an engaging interactive online user experience for learners and teachers; to provide teachers with resources and tools to support teaching and learning; and to provide learners with relevant learning materials and tools that support 21st Century learning. Some of the DBE digital content available on the DBE Cloud includes Early Childhood Development (ECD), GED, FET and generic resources such as the Literacy African Storybooks.

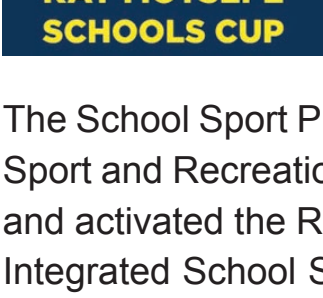
The advantages of the DBE Cloud are, amongst others, to provide learners with access to an online learning and schooling experience, cloud-based digital textbooks (e-LTSM) that are less expensive than printed LTSM, as well as access to the most current learning resources since the cloud-based materials are easily updatable in real time. The DBE Cloud further provides access to electronic interactive assessment (e-assessment) and access to quality-assured educational Apps that provide an interactive learning experience on a specific skill or subject, whilst reducing hardware costs since cloud-based applications can be run on Internet browsers and is compatible with most mobile devices. The DBE Cloud also provides learners with free cloud-based storage, hosting facilities, access to education content, tools and online courses, as well as administrative support to schools. Collaboration tools include news and announcements, as well as calendar facilities.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) will enhance the classroom practice by enabling teachers and learners to access educational resources. This will also assist learners and teachers successfully meet the requirements of the curriculum, as well as the objectives outlined in the *National Development Plan (NDP)*. ICTs will also strengthen the collection of school data through the rapid, reliable, and transparent flow of information between national, provincial, district and school levels.

Click on the below link for additional information:  
<http://www.dbecloud.org.za/web/guest/welcome>



# Sanlam Kay Motsepe Schools Cup National Championship underway



The Sanlam Kay Motsepe Schools Cup National Championship will be taking place in Johannesburg from 04 to 08 October 2016. The Provincial Championships featuring netball and football as the main sporting codes, are currently taking place across the country leading up to the National Championships. The Sanlam Kay Motsepe Schools Cup is open to public high schools as well as private and independent schools with a R1 million prize for the overall national winner and R600 000 00, R500 000 00 and R400 000 00 for the second, third and fourth placed schools respectively.

The Sanlam Kay Motsepe Cup was initiated by Mr Patrice Motsepe through the Motsepe Foundation in memory of his mother and to recognise the integral role she played in his life – encouraging him through school and university.

The School Sport Programme forms a cornerstone of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that the Ministers of Basic Education and Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) signed in December 2011. The DBE, together with the Motsepe Foundation, officially launched and activated the R117 5 million partnership at the Sandton International Convention Centre on 12 April 2016, and aims to implement the Integrated School Sport Framework in all schools. This Framework was developed jointly by the two Departments. The main role of the DBE is to promote mass participation activities that are aimed at enriching the curriculum.

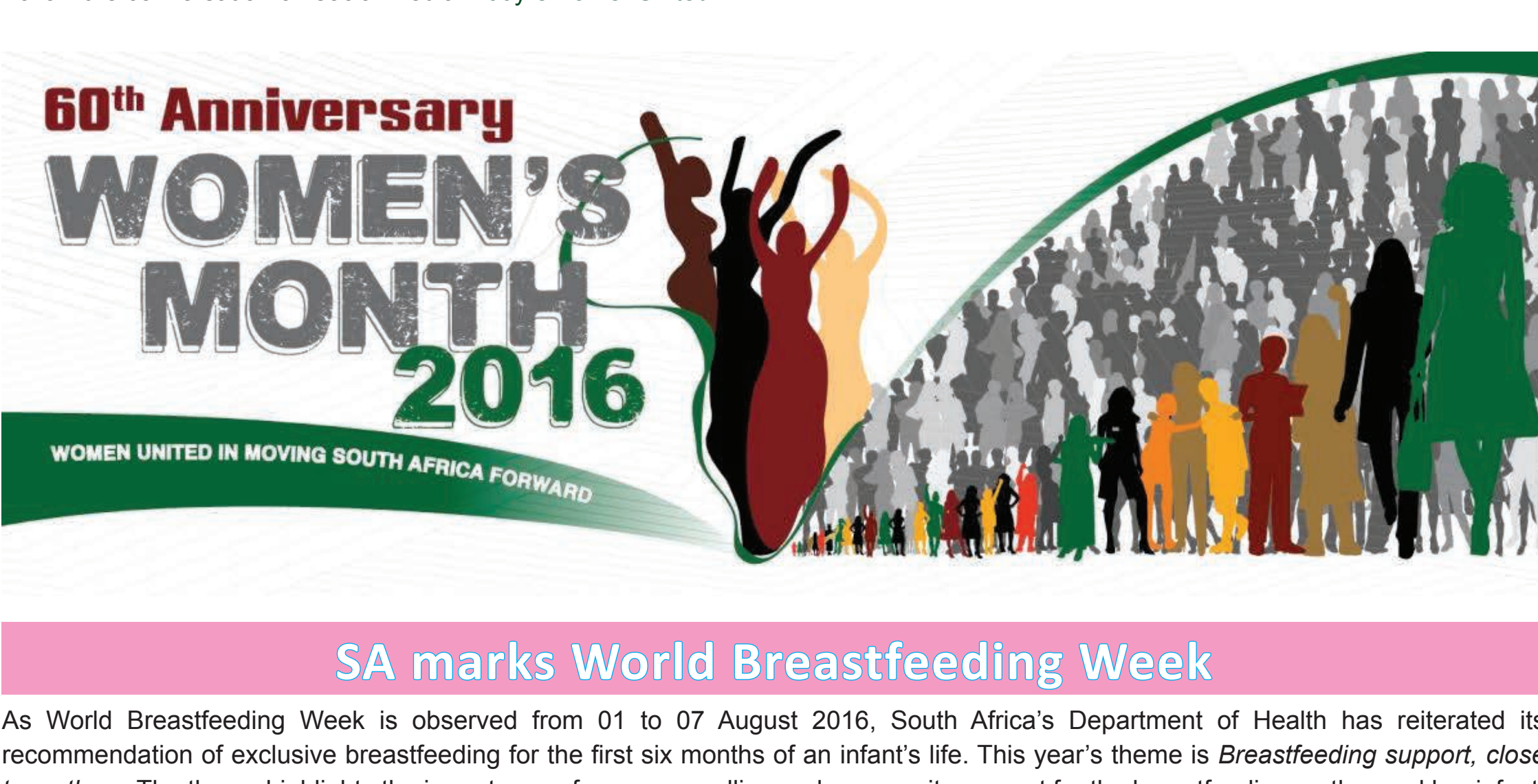
# Women United in Moving South Africa Forward

On 09 August 2016, South Africa will mark the 60th Anniversary of the 1956 women's march to the Union Buildings under the theme: *Women united in moving South Africa Forward*. The annual commemoration of Women's Month is a tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 09 August 1956 in protest against the Pass Laws. The historic march was a turning point in the role of women in the struggle for freedom and society at large. Since that eventful day, women from all walks of life became equal partners in the struggle for a non-racial and non-sexist South Africa. The National Women's Day event will be taking place at the Union Building in Pretoria on 09 August 2016.

Government departments are requested to observe the call to action by participating in a *Tell her story* campaign. The campaign is aimed at encouraging women to tell their stories as citizens of South Africa through posting mini videos on different social media platforms using the #TellHerStory hashtag. Provinces are encouraged to paint murals or cloth paintings by female artists to show case their creativity. Photographs of the mural paintings should be shared on the Women's Month online and social media platforms on 06 August 2016.

Government has made significant progress in empowering women in the political, public and educational spheres, but the marginalisation of poor women severely compromises progress. Women make up almost 40% of the Senior Management Service in the public service and overall women comprise more than 50% of employees in the Public Service. Women have even entered previously male dominated areas in the corporate world, and currently constitute 3.6% of CEO positions, 5.5% of chairperson positions, 17.1% of directorships and 21.4% of executive management positions.

Follow the conversation on social media: #60yrsWomenUnited



# SA marks World Breastfeeding Week

As World Breastfeeding Week is observed from 01 to 07 August 2016, South Africa's Department of Health has reiterated its recommendation of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of an infant's life. This year's theme is *Breastfeeding support, close to mothers*. The theme highlights the importance of peer counselling and community support for the breastfeeding mother and her infant.

The objectives for the week are to highlight the importance of exclusive breastfeeding in reducing child mortality; to emphasise the importance of supporting mothers to breastfeed during the early days post-delivery within households and in the community; and to increase public awareness on the benefits of early feeding as well as continued breastfeeding for child survival.

There are many benefits for mothers too! Breastfeeding lowers the risk of breast and ovarian cancer, as well as osteoporosis and promotes bonding between mothers and their babies. During the National Breastfeeding Consultative meeting held in August 2011, South Africa committed to actively promote and support breastfeeding as one of the most effective interventions at improving child health. In South Africa, less than 10% of moms exclusively breastfeed their babies for the first 6 months despite their best intentions. This year, UNICEF's breastfeeding campaign focuses on creating a supportive environment for women to breastfeed whether they are at work, in a shopping mall or at home. UNICEF encourages employers, partners and community members to take the pledge to support women who choose to breastfeed their babies.

# Upcoming Events

- 09 August 2016: National Women's Day
- 18 August 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Rounds
- 19 August 2016: 2016 Amended Senior Certificate Examination results will be made available to candidates who wrote at schools/registered examination centres in centralised areas
- 20 August 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Gauteng Provincial Rounds
- 22 August 2016: 2016 Amended Senior Certificate Examination results will be made available to candidates who wrote at schools/registered examination centres located in remote areas
- 25 – 26 August 2016: Minister meets with District Directors in Pretoria, Gauteng Province
- 31 August 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Eastern Cape Provincial Rounds
- 01 – 22 September 2016: The Provincial Rounds of the Sixth National School Moot Court Competition
- 03 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Northern Cape Provincial Rounds
- 03 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Western Cape Provincial Rounds
- 09 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Free State Provincial Rounds
- 10 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition North West Provincial Rounds
- 24 September 2016: Heritage Day
- October 2016: Teacher Appreciation Month
- 01 – 02 October 2016: iNkosi Albert Luthuli Oral History Programme and Gala Dinner
- 03 – 07 October 2016: Heritage Education Schools Outreach Programme, North West Province
- 04 – 08 October 2016: The Sanlam Kay Motsepe Schools Cup National Championship will be taking place in Johannesburg in the Gauteng Province
- 05 – 08 October 2016: Sixth National School Moot Court Competition
- 05 October 2016: World Teachers' Day

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