

Masikhule top six awards event

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The Masikhule top six awards event was held in November at Sage and Thyme in Somerset West to honour those principals, teachers and early childhood development (ECD) centres that have really shone during the year.

It is an opportunity to give recognition to those who have shown commitment and determination, and who have succeeded in various spheres – shining a light for all.

Léanne Keet, founder of Masikhule, said: "Within the early childhood development field, there is no time for mediocrity and through our training and mentorship programmes, we have seen preschool teachers and principals grow, develop and be truly empowered.

"The challenges these educators face are often extreme, but their commitment and dedication to ensure all children have access to quality ECD programmes is what sets them apart.

"Thank you each and every one of you – whether award-winners or not – for



■ Alice's Daycare principal, Alice Nikani; Alice's Daycare teacher and teacher of excellence award winner, Zukiswa Mabumbulu; and Masikhule trainer and mentor, Coreen Vlok.

facing the challenges with grace and optimism. In the words of award recipient Zukiswa Mabumbulu: 'Masikhule has given me wings and now I can fly.'" The following ECD centres received Masikhule awards:

- Best ECD programme for 3 to 5 year olds: Apple trophy awarded to Ronel Paulse and Gaironegia Visagie of Playway Pre-Primary School.

- Best implementation of nutrition programme: Deborah Hoepfl trophy awarded to Twinkle Star Crèche.

- Masikhule library member of the year: Vlok Family

trophy awarded to Bundles of Joy Educare.

- Most promising newcomer of the year: Fiona Drysdale trophy awarded to Kumnandi Educare of Strand.

- Most consistent ECD centre: Masikhule trophy awarded to Sunshine Kiddies of Sir Lowry's Pass.

- Teacher of excellence award 2018: Masikhule trophy awarded to Zukiswa Mabumbulu of Alice's Daycare.

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