

MASIKHULE

we are growing




ANOTHER BUSY QUARTER!

Another busy quarter is behind us and we have lots of news to share with you. Thank you, as always, to the amazing donors and supporters that keep us going, as well as our Masikhule team and the inspiring staff at the ECD centres we work with – they all ensure that **#togetherwecanmakeadifference!**



HEALTH & NUTRITION TRAINING

31 ECD principals attended our 2-day Health and Nutrition Workshop and all agreed it was a resounding success! Dr Claudine Bill covered the most important aspects of health and wellbeing in pre-school children. Dietitian Stacy-Leigh Strydom covered the value of nutrition on growth, brain development and learning potential, and Masikhule trainers Jeanine Andro and Karen Bufe covered the importance of Health and Nutrition policies within the centres. The ECD principals received resource kits which included items such as a Wonderbag, 'Healthy Eating' and 'Sometimes Food' posters, and policy documents.



EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP)



Our weekly training continues to ensure ECD educators are equipped to fully implement our Masikhule Daily Program – thus ensuring all areas of child development are stimulated. Learning through play is the key to developing important skills such as curiosity and experimentation, as well as gross and fine motor skills, social skills, problem-solving and so much more.





BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Hosted by Masikhule and presented by GROW, our Business Management Course ran over 6 modules with 21 ECD principals attending and was very well received. The content ensured the principals are empowered and have all the tools needed for successful management of their ECD centres. The Grow App (available on smart phones and tablets) is utilized to manage all relevant financial aspects of the ECD business eg. cash flow, financial planning & budgeting, invoicing, as well as learner and staff management, learner progress reporting and more.



MASikhule Keep On Track

Keeping children on track with their development.

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◀◀ MASKOT ▶▶

Our online ELP has been keeping us very buzzzy! During our development phase we made a call to change the name from Masikhule LEARN to MASKOT (Masikhule – Keep On Track). We have teamed up with a local platform, Beeline Learn, to ensure our programs are accessible and user-friendly. We will be launching this platform within a couple of months!

We are super-excited to share MASKOT as it covers our 0-3 ELP and 3-5 ELP theme-based curriculums, a vast library of Early Intervention resources such as OT activities and videos and other ECD resources.

SPECIAL PROJECTS





OUTDOOR PLAY PROJECT

Through our screening assessments, our OT group work, training and mentoring, we have found that the vast majority of children in the ECD centres we work with have poorly developed gross motor skills which can be seen in under-developed postural control, core and proximal strength, poor balance, agility, motor planning and coordination. The development of gross motor skills lays the foundation for the development of fine motor skills and learning competencies. We were thus excited to receive funding that enabled us to install a wonderful jungle gym at Incredibles Playschool and a jungle gym and sandpit at Buzy Bees Preschool. *As we would love to install more outdoor play units at more ECD centres, please let us know if you would like to make a contribution to this Special Project.*



PILOT TABLET PROJECT

In conjunction with our Early Learning Program and Business Management training, we launched a pilot project to assess whether or not tablets (plus data) would make a significant difference in implementation of the training. 10 Tablets were provided and safes were installed at the ECD centres to ensure the security of the devices. The feedback thus far has been very positive. A comment from one of the ECD principals was that she felt very professional working digitally on her tablet – plus this saves on printing, which is often difficult to access for these centres. This project has tremendous growth potential so we will be looking for funding to roll this out.



FIRE EXTINGUISHER PROJECT

Every child deserves the right to education in a safe environment and protecting lives is important to us - plus a fire extinguisher is a legislative requirement for ECD centres to be compliant for registration. Thanks to a generous donation, we worked with Firesafe Solutions to supply 14 ECD centres with a fire extinguisher that was appropriately mounted along with the required signage. The staff at these centres were also given basic training to ensure they are all competent in using the extinguishers.





EARLY LITERACY PROJECT

Thanks to CheAfrica and Felicity Gallagher, we have been able to provide a further 10 ECD Centres with a well-stocked Book Nooks, carefully created and stocked by Siyazana YDF. Each Book Nook includes a lovely mat and cushions to create a warm and inviting reading space.

EVENTS



CAST ON 4 KIDS 2023

We are looking forward to spending 67 minutes with you on Mandela Day!

Join us any time from 11h00 to 14h00 on the 18th July at Urban Voice ... sit and knit, chat and crotchet or just drop off your donation.

Small fleece blankets would be much appreciated, as well as knitted blankets, beanies and scarves.

Reminder that the children are all between 3 months and 5 years old.



CAST ON 4 KIDS
Mandela Day 2023
We are collecting knitted and fleece blankets and beanies. Please join us on the day to sit, knit, crochet or drop off!

Venue: Urban Voice Church
(c/o Schapenberg and Sir Lowry's Pass Roads)
Time: 11h00 - 14h00
Date: 18 July 2023
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THANK YOU



Thank you to ALL our donors - large and small. Every cent is spent on ensuring the ECD community as a whole - the children, practitioners, principals, parents and caregivers - benefit from Masikhule's needs-based programs and initiatives. Thank you for walking the road with us.

IF YOU WANT TO WALK FAST, WALK ALONE.

BUT IF YOU WANT TO WALK FAR, WALK TOGETHER.

~RATAN TATA



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