

Telkom Foundation works with Eden Park IDOLS



The Telkom Foundation, as one of the key sponsors to the 2015 IDOLS SA event, encouraged IDOLS fans to nominate, through social media forums, schools that needed ICT support. Three of these schools would be selected to receive an ICT lab with an interactive whiteboard, projector, printer and ICT Training for Educators and the Leadership of the school. Fans responded positively to the call and the selected schools were Eden Park Primary School (Gauteng), Mzingwezi High School (Kwa-Zulu Natal) and Gamohana Secondary School (Northern Cape).

The ICT lab handover at Eden Park Primary School took place on the 12th August 2016 and SchoolNet SA had the privilege to be participate in this memorable event.

The event was attended by Gauteng MEC's Chief of Staff, Mr Oupa Bodibe as well as Alberton District Director, Mr Jerry Bhangaloo. Eden Park's Pastor Wrench motivated the school staff, learners and parents and reminded them that "our actual purpose lies towards serving the communities in which we live."

Speeches from the School principal, Deputy Principal and SGB chairperson were used as a platform to instil in learners a responsibility to make the best out of the provided opportunity and to always believe in themselves.

Parents were reminded to ensure that education takes preference in their kids at all times and that the sponsored resources was for the community at large and that as parents they should be actively involved in their children's education.

Teachers were reminded that learners had a great interest in using ICT's and that using these in the classroom would aid in making sure that learner results were improved and this would only happen if teachers took an interest and utilised the resources for teaching and learning in the classroom.

The event culminated in an official handover by Telkom's Senior Manager for Corporate Social Investment, Mr Nathi Kunene and a demonstration of the power of using ICTs in a classroom. Mrs Evangeline Charleson demonstrate teaching electricity using learning stations where learners had to answer questions to suggest alternative types of electricity generation for Eden Park.

