



Overview of the Telkom Foundation Schools ICT project in Multigrade Farm Schools

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Background to the Project

SchoolNet South Africa was appointed to conduct professional development workshops required for teachers in the thirty six Telkom Foundation Schools in three provinces in the Eastern Cape, Free State and the Western Cape.

| 12 Eastern Cape Schools |
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| Bhongolethu JP |
| Hukuwa J.S.P |
| Lower Didimana J/S Primary |
| Masakane Junior Primary School |
| Whittlesea Primary School |
| New Hope Combined School |
| Nozipho JPS |
| Poplar Grove J.S.P.S |
| Shiloh Junior and Senior Primary |
| Sozizwe Junior Primary School |
| Thembisa J.S. Primary |
| Yonda Combined Primary School |

| 10 Free State Schools |
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| Adamsonvlei Farm School |
| Bovaal School |
| Hamsverwacht Primary |
| Hou-Aan Farm School |
| Itokisetseng Combined |
| Sekgweng Inter. School |
| Stilte Farm School |
| Summerville Farm School |
| Vetrivier Inter School |
| Vierhoek Inter School |

| 14 Western Cape Schools |
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| Achtertuint Prim |
| Agterwitzenberg Prim |
| Boplaas Prim |
| Britsum Prim |
| Die Eike Prim |
| Ezelfontein Prim |
| Koue Bokkeveld Prim |
| Kromlin Prim |
| Paardekloof Prim |
| Rietfontein Prim |
| Skurweberg Sec |
| Tandfontein Prim |
| Wanganella Prim |
| Voorsorg Prim |

SchoolNet's role in this project is to facilitate professional development for Principals and the Senior Management Team and spate learning pathway for teachers on ICT Integration.

Overview of SchoolNet activities to Date

- All stakeholders, including principals, e-learning and curriculum advisors, were invited to briefing meetings per province and SchoolNet representatives provided an overview of the project and discussed and agreed on roles and responsibilities of stakeholders during the professional development activities.
- Change Leadership coursework files were printed and distributed to all Senior Management Team members.
- Base line surveys of current ICT integration were completed by the majority of schools
- 15 teachers attended the ICT in the Classroom conference 2015, in KwaZulu Natal from 01-03 July 2015.



- Facilitation in Change leadership has started in all provinces.
- ICT integration

- All schools in the Eastern Cape attended the start to Intel Teach Getting Started training
- All participating project schools in the Free State are scheduled for Intel Teach 01-02 August 2015
- All project schools in the Western Cape are scheduled for training 01-02 August 2015.



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Eastern Cape

The twelve schools have a staff complement of 122 teachers. Schools were divided into four geographic cluster to ensure that travelling to training was minimised.

Two (of seven) modules of change leadership cited below have been completed in May and July 2015. These modules are highlighted below:

The remaining five modules will be scheduled between now and March 2016.

One day of Intel Getting Started training was facilitated for teachers in all schools. Further professional development will be provided once an orientation on the pre-loaded content is provided by Mustek.

The following teachers were selected to attend SchoolNet's ICT in the Classroom conference.

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| Neliswa Zini | Shiloh PS |
| Mzikayise Luwalala | Yonda PS |
| Bulelwa Msola | Poplar Grove PS |
| Dazola Mpote | New Hope PS |
| Vuyiswa Matrose-Futshane | Bhongolethu PS |

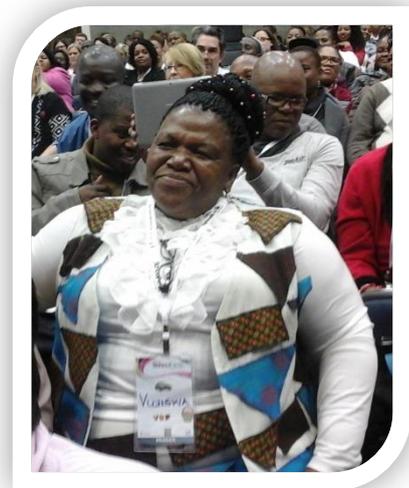
Vuyiswa Matrose-Futshane from **Bhongolethu PS** had the following to say about her experience:

“WOW, what a GREAT EVENT!

It was my first , great time to experience such an amazing, great event ever , "TELKOM SCHOOLNET CONFERENCE 2015' "Everything was GREAT : Welcoming, exhibitions 4 beginners, the flight, the food, guest house, the tutors who were well prepared, the different sessions, the mood and atmosphere which was conducive for learning .

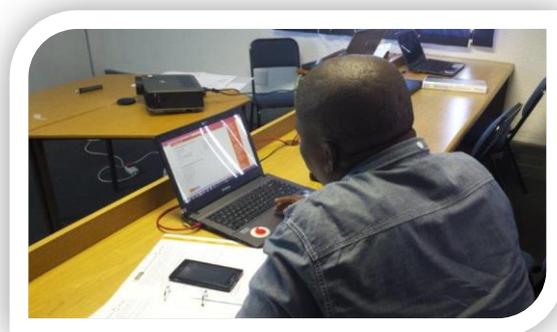
We learnt a lot : -How to integrate curriculum CAPS and Technology.-How to create learning activities using free tools e.g. You Tube, Sway etc. -Sharing and collaboration using Social networking and blogging. -Learning how the 21st century child learns because whether we like it or not TECHNOLOGY is here to stay. It is true that we are not going to be able to predict the skills that people will need in 20 years to come.

AS teachers we need to rethink the way we teach to make sure our students will be successful in future. That’s why myself, Vuyiswa and my colleagues came to a conclusion after the conference that we form a cluster and report back to our teachers and colleagues in neighboring schools to make sure that what we've learnt from the conference is known and implemented successfully.”



Free State

Change Leadership professional development took place at the



Lejweleputswa District Teacher Development Centre as this was the most convenient location. The trainer reported that the enthusiasm displayed was something to marvel at. Changing the teacher's attitudes towards technology, ICT professional development for teachers and integrating technology into day to day classroom practice were common threads in all discussions relating to the changes these principals would like to see at their schools.

The base line survey was completed and based on the results the teachers were clustered to ensure that training is focussed at particular levels of need that will guide teachers from where they are to where they want to be with ICT integration.

The following Free State teachers were selected to attend the ICT in the Classroom conference in KwaZulu Natal.

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| Dikiledi Kola | Adamsonvlei PS |
| Michael Masitsa | Vierhoek PS |
| Dikotsi Ramolelekoa | Sekweng CS |
| Thabo E. Monyane | Itokisetseng CS |
| Hendrik Kleynhans | Bovaal IS |

DS Ramolelekoa from Sekweng Comprehensive had the following to say....

"The trip was excellent, everything was organised very well, the presenters were always punctual. I learned of many applications of technology. The place where we were accommodated was excellent. We were taken care of and the shuttle was always on time. Personally, I will like the school-net to organise the same educational trip for other educators, so that they can learn about the importance of technology and the applications that learners can use. The officials of SchoolNet, were always caring and supported us. I can name few of them if you allow me, Zodumo, Randall and others who were supportive to us. I will say to school-net officials: Keep it up, guys !!! Do to other what you have done to us. Thank you for the opportunity and thanks to Telkom for sponsoring us."

Western Cape

There are 14 schools in the Cape Wine lands district. This district is very eager to support the schools in their integration and use of the sponsored equipment and are waiting on complete installations from Mustek. Furthermore access to the Internet is not yet available as this will help teachers supplement the content resources that are pre-loaded onto sponsored laptops.

In the meantime though, one module of change leadership has been completed and the other is due to be completed on the 25th July 2015. The change leadership course aims to get the SMT of schools to work through and practice issues regarding the following:

Modules

1 Why are we doing this?

- 2 Understanding the change process
- 3 Capacity Building
- 4 Facing Challenges
- 5 Communication for a change
- 6 A culture of learning in the workplace
- 7 A culture of evaluation

ICT Integration training is scheduled for August 2015 and the teachers are eagerly awaiting professional development in this regard.

The following teachers attended the **ICT in the Classroom Conference**

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| J. Ockhuis | Voorsorg PS |
| Elaine Calitz | Britsum PS |
| Candice Koopman | Wanganella PS |
| W.van der Merwe | Bokkeveld PS |
| A. Present | Boplaas PS |

Elaine Calitz from Britsum PS had the following to say



“The Conference was a good learning school. I absolute realize how important and easy technology make our lives and learners change lives. A sense of positivity prevailed. The speakers was good and professional. Thanks for all the arrangements and spoiled during the conference. we appreciate it very much.”

Stay connected to hear about how the schools and teachers are growing as we continue our work with teachers to ensure that Telkom’s sponsorship gets maximum use for teaching and learning.

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