



Congratulations to the 17th Annual National Teachers Awards Finalists and Winners



SchoolNet wishes to congratulate the deserving winners and finalists of the 2017 National Teachers Awards. The prestigious ceremony was held at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Johannesburg on Saturday 25 March and will be [re-broadcast on SABC 2 on Thursday 30th March](#)

The National Teaching Awards were established in 2000 and are now their seventeenth year. There are twelve categories, comprising a range of accomplishments from excellence in primary school teaching to excellence in Physical Science teaching. SchoolNet sponsors the prize for the winning teachers in the excellence in the category for Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning. SchoolNet's Megan Rademeyer has been an adjudicator in this category since its inception.

In 2017, Sara Motsitsi of Reseamohetse Primary School in the Free State won the Excellence in Technology-Enhanced, Teaching and Learning category. Sara teaches Grade 4 Mathematics, has a diploma in IT, as well as her teaching qualifications, and wants to assist her colleagues to use technology effectively in their teaching; Sara said "... *Teachers receive tablets without content or instruction and end up not knowing how to use the devices.*" The good news is that Sara will receive the help she needs to support her colleagues to progress in their digital journeys because SchoolNet South Africa has offered training to the value of R 30 000,00 for the whole staff as part of Sara's prize.

Esmarie Rohr from Skukusa Primary in Mpumalanga was placed second in the technology-enhanced category and Cecelia Campbell from Erika Primary in the Western Cape was placed third.



1st Sara Motsitsi



2nd Esmarie Rohr



3rd Cecleia Campbell

Each of these winners is able to select any one of the SACE- endorsed SchoolNet SA courses facilitated for teachers at their respective schools. Furthermore each of the three teachers will have an opportunity to attend/present at a conference in South Africa relating to educational uses of technology in the classroom. The presentation of this award can be viewed on the SchoolNet YouTube channel here <https://youtu.be/lo8TmTfQMg>

Winners of all categories received a brand new car, a range of technology devices, a legacy hotel holiday break and R 10 000.



One of the car prizes



Mr Nathi and Mrs Thuli Kunene of Telkom



Minister Motsheka



Deputy Minister Surty

SchoolNet once again congratulates all teachers in South Africa who work tirelessly to build better futures.