



Provincial Winner

Excellence in Grade R Teaching

Name: Charles Mokoena

School: Dirk Boshoff Primary School,
Uniondale

District: Eden & Central Karoo

Mr Charles Mokoena, a Grade R teacher at Dirk Boshoff Primary School in Uniondale, is suitably recognised for this prestigious award. He is a teacher with exceptional dedication, passion and impact in the classroom and the community. He demonstrates a deep commitment to the learners' success, growth and development by going above and beyond, creating a positive, inclusive and engaging learning environment.

With creativity and energy, a vibrant personality, excellent knowledge and skill, he inspires learners to reach their full potential, adapts his teaching to their diverse needs, and continuously seeks innovative ways to make learning meaningful. Mr Mokoena uses the context of the learner to write stories that are relatable to the learners in a fun way.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is confidently and appropriately introduced into the classroom to prepare the learners for the future. Examples of this are evident in his talks on the local radio station and social media platforms where the sharing of best practices and how to teach topics in the classroom are showcased.

Mr Mokoena's commitment to nurturing not only academic success but also the emotional and social wellbeing of every learner, is truly commendable. Extra effort is made to collaborate with surrounding Early Childhood Development Centres giving ideas and offering concrete ways to enrich each learner's early learning experience.

He is a lead teacher, a mentor, an influencer, a musician and a content creator, and serves on the governing body of the school and other community forums. He not only leaves an indelible mark on the lives of the learners and immediate community but reaches further, enriching colleagues, through curriculum sharing on various platforms as well as confidently engaging with stakeholders to improve and enhance the school environment for the interests and needs of the learners and school.

Mr Mokoena is a true example of a dynamic lifelong learner who is working hard to make a difference in the lives of the learners and community. He is testimony to the quote "*A great teacher not only imparts knowledge but also changes lives and lights the path for generation to come.*"

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