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Game Changer

Newsletter

Changing the game to enrich communities

From the editor

As we near the elections on the 8th of May, we continue to reach significant milestones across the Game Changers.

This includes holding our 119th Premier's Stocktake, which was the final one for this term of government and was celebrated with a chocolate cake!



Career Awareness Competition winners announced



Yesterday, the 29th of April, Western Cape Minister of Education, Debbie Schäfer congratulated learners at Oval North High School who won a number of prizes that were up for grabs in an Apprenticeship Game Changer Career Awareness competition - it ran in our 71 Technical High and Maths and Science Schools in the first term.

The competition was linked to a series of Career Awareness posters that were rolled out to schools promoting apprenticeships as a viable career path. Prizes included two ICT bursaries from Pearson Institute of High Education, 3 Apprenticeships at Imperial Technical Training Academy and tablets. The school with the most entries won R100 000 for additional Smart Classrooms.

Over 6500 valid entries were received from across the province. Winners were drawn from a number of schools including Oval North, Sophumelela, Philippi, Spine Road High Schools and the Centre for Science and Technology (COSAT).



Final stocktake held

On Tuesday, the 16th of April, the final round of stocktakes were held for this term of government; ending with the eLearning Game Changer stocktake.

Since the first stocktake in September 2015, a remarkable 119 stocktakes have been held.

The stocktakes involved the Premier, Ministers, HODs, DSU and departmental lead of each Game Changer and provided the focal point for accountability and performance tracking.

They provided an opportunity to identify any problems that were blockages to delivery and to come up with solutions at a senior management level.

What is even more impressive is that Premier Helen Zille only missed two stocktakes over the past three-and-a-half years.

The DSU would like to thank the Premier and everyone else who supported these critical meetings that ensured ongoing independent oversight of the game changers.



Energy consumption reduced by 3.5%

We know that load shedding not only has an adverse impact on the personal lives of energy consumers, but also impacts negatively on economic growth and the Western Cape as an attractive investment destination.

The risk is that there will be insufficient power to support the economic growth rates to which the Western Cape aspires.

The Game Changer goal is therefore to ensure energy security that supports economic growth in the province, incorporating diverse and low carbon sources of energy by 2020.'

The Key Performance Indicator (KPI) is a 10% reduction in demand between 2015 and 2020, which the Game Changer is achieving through energy efficiency and the creation of alternative energy sources.

As at March 2019, the Province had reduced its electricity consumption by 3.41% since 2015, a significant achievement in light of resource pressures.



After School #enrichED Symposium



The After School Game Changer team recently announced that they will be hosting the #enrichED Symposium from the 7th to the 8th of June 2019.

The Symposium is a collaborative learning event focused on celebrating the growth of the After School Movement over the past three years.

The event will examine the systems, partnerships, capacity building and co-ordination that has made this growth possible and will then focus on mapping an After School Movement and enrich Education within the province and the rest of the country.

More information about the Symposium can be found on the [event website](#).

