



FPS NEWS OCTOBER 2011

OPENING OF MALMESBURY AND WORCESTER FORENSIC PATHOLOGY LABORATORIES

The newly built Malmesbury and Worcester Forensic Pathology Laboratories were officially opened by the Western Cape Minister of Health, Theuns Botha, on 23 and 27 September 2011 respectively. The new laboratories offer 'fit for purpose' facilities to the community with more spacious waiting areas, improved storage facilities, larger dissection areas with upgraded technological equipment and private interview facilities.

These facilities will provide services to the greater Malmesbury and Worcester and their surrounds including, Moorreesburg, Piketberg, Riebeeck-Kasteel, Riebeeck-West, Porterville, Yzerfontein, Darling, Redelinghuys and Koringberg, Ashton, De-Doorns, McGregor, Montagu, Rawsonville, Robertson, Toussivier, Villiersdorp communities.

The facilities will be operational between 07:30 and 16:00 daily but the service will be available 24/7 as personnel are available through on-call and standby duties.



Minister Theuns Botha with Aldrid Witbooi's family during the opening of Malmesbury FPS



Mr Kobus Marais (DA MP Western Cape; Dr. Berth Engelbrecht (DDG Specilaised and Emergency Services; Minister Theuns Botha, Mrs Vonita Thompson and Mr. Deon Bruiners unveiling the plaque at Worcester FPS

The department would like to remind the public of the following should a family member pass away due to unnatural death:

Body Identification

A relative or friend must view the deceased to confirm his/her identity.

Documentation:

A green bar-coded ID/passport/birth certificate/temporary permit for asylum seekers of the deceased will enable a relative to access and identify the body

Sudden and unexpected death:

Relative should bring all medical documentation/information or Road to Health chart (clinic card) regarding the deceased.

From the desk of the Deputy Director



Mr. Deon Bruiners, Deputy Director of Western Cape Forensic Pathology Service

Forensic Pathology Services has established itself as an integral part of the Department of Health since its inception in 2006, driven by a National Cabinet decision.

It has also brought humanity and compassion into the passing of loved ones and created an environment to assist the next of kin to get closure on these tragic events.

Forensic Pathology Service provides an efficient service to its stakeholders, public and the community it serves.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Forensic Pathology Service Directorate for their loyalty and dedicated service and that they will continue in this fashion to ensure that the Directorate meets the service delivery needs and operational requirements of the community and stakeholders it serves.

The Directorate would like to thank, the staff of Malmesbury, Worcester FPS for the work well done during the opening of their facilities recently.

Barret Survey: what it means for FPS

What is the meaning of C²AIR²?

The Department of Health and the Provincial Government has embarked on a Barrett Survey. The survey has assessed the values of different categories of staff: administrative staff, doctors, nurses and other health professionals.

This assessment analyses what the various categories of staff define as their personal values and the current and desired values of the organisation. The top ten current organisational culture values of the department as seen by the staff that participated in the survey:

	STAFF	DOCTORS
1)	Bureaucracy	Bureaucracy
2)	Client orientation	Cost reduction
3)	Cost reduction	Long hours
4)	Hierarchy	Hierarchy
5)	Accountability	Blame
6)	Teamwork	Confusion
7)	Accessibility	Control
8)	Control	Rule orientation
9)	Long hours	Info withholding
10)	Confusion	Teamwork

The set of values mostly held by those that participated in the survey and desired for the organisation is C²AIR². This is therefore the set of values adopted by the PGWC and the Department of Health.

C	= Caring
C	= Competence
I	= Integrity
A	= Accountability
R	= Responsiveness
R	= Respect

Do you want to know more about the Barrett Survey?
– Ask your Manager.

FPS BEACH SPORTS DAY

The Forensic Pathology Service staff will hold its Annual Beach Sports Day at Kleinmond Beach on 17-19 November 2011. All FPS staff are welcomed to attend as this will be a special day for everyone to mingle and spend the day at the scenic beach of Kleinmond.

This is a good opportunity for everyone to refresh, revitalise and ready for the festive season.

A fee of R170 is payable from every FPS member that will be part of the day. **GET YOURSELF READY!!**

"We Serve, Solve and Soothe".

Forensic Pathology Staff member climbs a corporate ladder

Juanita Levendal from Skaapkraal, Philippi has been promoted to Admin Officer recently, She was also awarded a Managers Choice Award for the Southern Cape Region last quarter . This award is a third that she received in three years as an employee of the Forensic Pathology Services.



Juanita Levendal with two of the awards she won since started working for W.C Forensic Pathology Services

Juanita Levendal started working for Forensic Pathology Services six years ago and through hard-work and dedication managed to achieved the following.

Certificate of Appreciation - Feb 2008
from FPS SCK Region
Managers Choice Award - 2009 from FPS SCK Region
Managers Choice Award - 2010 from FPS SCK Region
Managers Choice Award - 2011 from FPS SCK Region

Her responsibilities at FPS include, systems controller of Logis for Forensic Pathology Services, trains and mentor new appointees and she has recently been nominated Chairperson of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. " I am so ecstatic and the award could not have come at a better time" Juanita said.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Ladies at Forensic Pathology Services Head Offices, UCT and University of Stellenbosch gathered together on 30 September 2011 to celebrate the end of the Women's Month. The event was a gesture to thank women on the challenges they face at home and work on a daily basis. They invited a motivational speaker to talk to women on how to deal with challenges and keeping themselves fit. Nutri Stahl was present on the day to inform ladies on their goodies and promotional item give-aways.



Wilmarie Visser with a prize she won on the day while Safia Samodien, Lorna from Nutri Stahl looks on.

Fifth Xhosa lesson by
Fiki Magqashela October 2011

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Hello again

Today we are going to learn Days of the Week

Namhlanje
Kungolwesingaphi namhlanje
iCawe
uMvulo
uLwesibini
uLwesithathu
uLwesine
uLwesihlanu
uMgqibelo

today
what is the day today?
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Kungolwesingaphi namhlanje?

What is the day today?

kungeCawe
kungoMvulo
kungoLwesibini
kungoLwesithathu
kungoLwesine
kungoLwesihlanu
kungoMgqibelo

It is Sunday.
It is Monday.
It is Tuesday.
It is Wednesday.
It is Thursday.
It is Friday.
It is Saturday.

We can also learn

Izolo
Ngomso
Yonke imihla
Ngenye imini
Kule veki
Ngempelaveki
Namhlanje

yesterday
tomorrow
every day
one day
this week
during /over the week-end
today

Umhla
Usuku
Imini

day
day
day

All 3 words are the synonyms meaning day

THAT'S ALL FOR THE DAY! NEXT TIME WE ARE GOING TO TEST OUR KNOWLEDGE BEFORE THE LESSON. CHEERS!