

INNOVATION KEEPS LEARNERS ENGAGED

To ensure that learners are not left behind, Tshukudu High School has come up with an effective solution.



BUSY BEES... Tshukudu High School principal Tshireletso Motheng (left) and educator Keorapetse Mashimo greeted each other before discussing the 2021 academic year.

In the knowledge that some learners cannot cope with the technological demands of online teaching methods, Tshukudu High School has come up with an approach that caters for all learners registered for what could be another hectic 2021 academic year.

“We make photocopies of learning and study material for those who have no access to the internet or social media platforms at home. It worked very well last year, so we have decided to maintain and perfect this strategy for 2021,” Tshukudu High School principal Tshireletso Motheng explained.

The school arrived at this strategy through experience.

“Only Grade 12 learners were attending school during the final term last year. We found that the best way

to prevent COVID-19 from affecting the educational process was to switch to online education while making sure that our communication lines with parents remained open,” said Motheng.

It was through this regular communication with parents that the school discovered that several learners did not have access to computers, laptops or smartphones at home and therefore could not switch to an online approach. The school will not allow this to take away their opportunity to learn.

Providing photocopied lessons, worksheets and study material requires extra effort on top of the extreme effort the educators are already putting in to adjust their lesson plans to a completely new platform, but they feel it is worth it.

FOOD SECURITY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Joy reigned at Tlhokomelo Centre in Mabitse and MTS Ancillary Old Age Home Health Care Services when their elderly beneficiaries received food parcels from Anglo American Platinum and Rustenburg Community Development Trust (RCDT) on 9 and 12 December respectively.



CARING HEART... Rustenburg operations SP specialist Keabetswe Diale has a passion for helping the vulnerable.

Grateful elders were wreathed in smiles as they lined up to receive their parcels. This gesture from Platinum and the RCDT expresses both entities’ commitment to enhancing the well-being of host communities through acts of compassion and empathy. Tlhokomelo Centre manager Sibongile Sebola said the food parcels will go a long way towards meeting some of the cost of providing food for residents. Both centres rely on financial and material assistance from well-wishers to maintain their day-to-day operations.

Social performance (SP) and development manager Tumelo Dilotsothe said: “Attending to the needs of those living in our host communities is an important aspect of how we go about our mining activities.” RCDT chairman Nthabiseng Matsobane echoed these sentiments. She also emphasised the need to fight gender-based violence (GBV), which is rife in many communities. MTS Ancillary Old Age Home manager Martha Tlhowe said: “Platinum and RCDT have made a huge, positive difference through what they have done today. Thank you!”



GIFTS SPARK JOY... MTS Ancillary Old Age Home manager Martha Tlhowe and RCDT chairman Nthabiseng Matsobane.