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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL SENIOR MANAGERS

FROM : DIRECTOR- YOUTH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

SUBJECT : CELEBRATION OF NELSON MANDELA'S INTERNATIONAL DAY

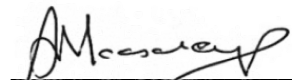
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1. On the 18th of July, the country and the world at large will be celebrating International Mandela Day. This is an annual event where all citizens are requested to devote their time to making a difference in the lives of the needy.
2. The theme for 2025 says ***“Is still in our hands to combat poverty and inequality”*** and this emphasizes the power of collective action and individual responsibility in creating positive change, particularly in addressing poverty and inequality, as inspired by Nelson Mandela’s final call to action. The key objectives of Mandela Day are: -
 - To address the root causes of poverty and inequality, aligning with Mandela’s belief that poverty is not natural and can be overcome through human action.
 - To emphasize the importance of unity, resilience, and active living, reflecting the spirit of “UBUNTU” – a philosophy emphasizing interconnectedness and shared humanity.
 - To inspire individuals to volunteer their time and skills to support community needs, whether through direct action or by donating to organizations working on the ground.
 - Improving the lives of young children, particularly through providing access to nutritious food and quality early education.
 - To encourage actions that have a lasting positive impact on communities, moving beyond a single day of service to foster a culture of giving and social responsibility.
 - To remind citizens about Nelson Mandela’s life and his commitment to fighting for a more just and equitable world.



3. The Eastern Cape Department of Education is dedicating July month for all SMS members and staff to dedicate 67 minutes of their time to contribute and make a positive difference in any nearby school, including our Special Schools. Below are the few ideas that can be carried out: -
- Cleaning of school grounds and grass cutting
 - Motivational talks to learners (when schools re-open)
 - Reading books to the learners
 - Library books
 - School beautification/ minor maintenance
 - Planting of seedlings – school gardens
 - Tree planting
 - Painting Walls
 - Distribute dignity packs (sanitary towels & packs for boys)
 - Provision of toiletries for learners
 - Blankets – disaster areas
 - Provision of sporting equipment
 - Food items
4. You are requested to share your plans and dates with the Director: Youth and Special Programmes for consolidation and assistance where needed.

Yours in quality education.


MS S.A MAASDORP
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

30 June 2025
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