

Reports on School Visits (February, 2016)

On the 22nd of February, Ikusasaletu Education Project started its yearly school visit calendar by visiting Jikijela, Nsalamanga and Sthembinhlanhla respectively, the welcoming gesture was incredible.

On the 23rd, Zenzeleni, Mshanguzana and Mantinti High Schools were visited.

On the 24th Mpiyakhe High School was visited, unfortunately the school principal was not available to give access to the members, which resulted on students not being met.

On the 24th Moses Zikhali high school was also visited, the members were highly welcomed, though it was the time for the project to pay a visit, the enthusiastic spirit from both teachers and learners was overwhelming.

On the 25th, Mshundu, Dumangeze and Mafutha high schools respectively.

In all schools except for Mpiyakhe High School, career awareness was done as well as motivation for learners; teachers were pleased and are willing to always open doors for the project to assist them in achieving good results as well as equipping students for higher education requirements.

Report on the career week

On the 9th of May 2016, Ikusasaletu Education Project in collaboration with ASSAF visited Jikijela, Nsalamanga and Sithembinhlanhla High Schools, Mr Tsepo Majake from ASSAF introduced and presented the importance of using quest magazine in the classroom context, as one of the tool that can assist and motivate science students, while empowering them with different work and career opportunities and advancement. Teachers were also assigned a task to write an article on the challenges that they are facing regarding teaching science subjects in the classroom.



Nsalamanga High School, Quest Magazine presentation (ASSAF) with OFEP



Jikijele High School, Quest Magazine presentation (ASSAF) with OFEP

On the 11th, Moses High School was visited together with the library and Esigedeni High School, on arrival in schools the Inkusasaletu splitted in between, the other member attended to grade 12 learners as per the principals request and Quest representative and Inkusasaletu member attended the science teachers according to the business of the day regarding the use of Quest magazine and its benefits in the classroom.

On arrival at Mbazwana Community Library, Lihle Ngwane, did a brief introduction of Quest magazine and ASSAF representative Tsepo Majake, and handed over to TSEPO who proceeded with addressing the meeting.

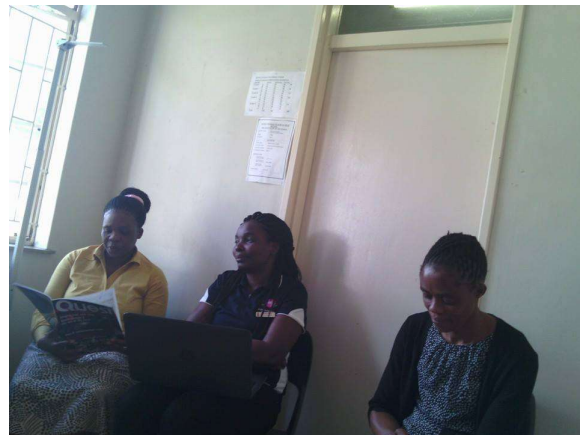
1. Quest introduction

Tsepo Matjake informed the meeting about the importance of focusing on rural areas in order to improve research through the use of the Quest magazine. The magazine was said to be not only for academic purpose, as it focuses on reaching the community at large and at times the researchers writing articles that are based on their research and that is where the editor becomes handy, the magazine is published on quarterly basis.

2. Way forward

Nonhlanhla Mngoomezulu, informed both parties that there will librarians conference on the 27th May, 2016, and she will raise the matter, and propose that on the librarians annual conference, should the Chief librarian be interested reserve a slot for ASSAF members to come and do their presentation. Tsepo Majake, suggested Ina Smith, who deals with librarians and harvesting data and putting it on HLM, that he will take it up with them and Librarian, CPISA, where ASSAF can be happy to collaborate, and he will link the relevant stakeholders, he mentioned the QUEST face book page where kids can be able to ask questions and be assisted with homework's.

The website: www.assaf.org.za and they also have another platform where the quest magazine can be harvested. The librarian highlighted that kids are not interested in reading books; the book statistics is very low because kids believe on internet. Tsepo Majake suggested that library can be used as the hub, he also suggested that more networking is required where all stakeholders can go and ask other stakeholders and come to library and kids can be encouraged to use the Quest. And suggest that our next meeting must be at Library and Dr. Maximus Sefotho can talk to teachers.



Inkosi Justice High School, Quest Magazine presentation (ASSAF) with OFEP



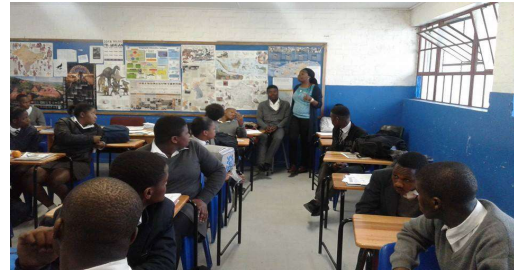
On the 12th of May 2016 Ikusasaletu together with Quest magazine (ASSAF) visited Mshudu High School, a school close to Mozambique boarder, Dumangeze and Vulakwenile High School, welcoming was amazing, both parties first did a brief introduction and then Tsepo was given the platform to introduce the magazine and its importance in the classroom. Teachers asked questions regarding on how best they can use the magazine. The school was also given an opportunity to give the list of the names of students who are top achievers from grade 9-12 by Ikusasaletu Education Project to be captured in the Junior Tukkies database and they will be given different opportunities by the University of Pretoria.

At Vulakwenile the principal was not available, however the Deputy Principal gave Ikusasaletu and Quest an opportunity to see the teachers and to invite learners to come to the career day.



On the 28th July 2016 Ikusasaletu Education project was requested by one of the ward councillors, Vuyani Macotha in Zwelihle, Hermanus, to visit the only high school in the township, the team was welcomed by the Deputy Principal on behalf of the Principal who has to attend other matters on the day, the team was taken together with cnllr Macotha to all grade 12 classes which, ot of factors

came into place as the learners were not aware of the way forward and as to how to do career choices and when to apply, when the team was engaging with learners it came to a realization that there is a need for more academic awareness in surrounding areas. Material was provided by the University of Pretoria, Junior Tukkies office due to the reason that the university was interested in getting the top achieving students in Maths and Geography to be placed for the 2017 academic year.



Grade 12, Class 2016 Qhayiya High School

School visit in Mpumalanga, Siyabuswa

Ikusasaletu Education Project was requested by University of Pretoria to go and raise career awareness at Bonginhlanhla Secondary School at Mpumalanga as per the Principal's request, on arrival the Ikusasaletu Education Project found that there were few students who were attending the event because there was some community activity going around in the neighbourhood, as the time goes on students began to attend, though it was not the numbers that were expected, the day went very well and yielded good and positive results, the team brought along two students from one of the post-graduate residences at the University of Pretoria, one is a PhD student from Mozambique and the other is a Masters student from Mtubatuba KZN, also there was one student from Wits University who was recruited by Ikusasaletu Education Project a first year student in Education, the team has

decided in doing that as of empowering and equipping others to go back and give back to their communities.

The focus was based on teaching learners accepted behaviour at tertiary level as well as the challenges that will be faced there and how to overcome such. Learners were given a chance to ask as many questions as they would like to know.

After that the Principal thanked the team and requested for a long partnership with her school, which was agreed on and will be one of the schools that Ikusasaletu Education Project will have long relations with.



Team and the Principal





Grade 12 learner thanking the team



Wits student addressing learners



Masters and PhD students from University of Pretoria

