



# NAPTOSA GAUTENG

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Dear members

An invitation is extended to all primary school teachers, grade 7 teachers and other interested educators to attend the NAPTOSA Primary School Conference.

Regards

**GAYLIN BOWLES**

**PROVINCIAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**BOOK YOUR ATTENDANCE** OF THE VARIOUS TALKS WITH ADRI UECKERMANN AT [adris@naptosa.org.za](mailto:adris@naptosa.org.za)

**NAPTOSA PRIMARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE – 11 MAY 2019**  
**WITS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (JCE)**

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| SESSION ONE          | Ken Resnick<br>MU271<br>1A                                                               | Dr Judy Jaye<br>LL33<br>1B                                              | Jennifer Becker<br>LU229<br>1C     | Andre Hendricks<br>MU230<br>1D          | Marolize Botha<br>LU240<br>1E                                                                          | Francoise<br>Harrisson<br>LL46<br>1F                             | Pamela Diesel<br>B46<br>1G                                    | Eden Daniels<br>BU240<br>1H               | IK Azubike<br>Space Frame<br>1I                        |
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| 08:30<br>TO<br>10:00 | Reasons <i>Why</i> today's learner lacks grit and determination                          | The most precious gift you can give a learner is a positive self-esteem | Learn to speak "teenagese".        | You MAKE it happen or you LET it happen | Pediatric vision in the classroom – A guide to identifying children with possible visual abnormalities | Developing fine motor skills in children                         | Developing positive discipline in the classroom               | Bullying – A horror in the primary school | Data driven School improvement                         |
| 10:00-10:45          | <b>TEA WILL BE SERVED IN THE EXAM HALL<br/>BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON DISPLAY</b> |                                                                         |                                    |                                         |                                                                                                        |                                                                  |                                                               |                                           |                                                        |
| SESSION TWO          | NAPTOSA Office<br>MU271<br>2A                                                            | Vasti Burger-Louw<br>LL33<br>2B                                         | Jennifer Becker<br>LU229<br>2C     | Lotta Engelbrecht<br>MU230<br>2D        | Tania Johnson<br>LU240<br>2E                                                                           | Francoise<br>Harrisson<br>LL46<br>2F                             | Pamela Diesel<br>B46<br>2G                                    | Eden Daniels<br>BU240<br>2H               | IK Azubike<br>Space Frame<br>2I                        |
| 10:45<br>12:15       | Understanding conditions of service                                                      | Live your passion - Becoming more than a teacher                        | Teach your children to be roosters | Remediation and reading.                | Understanding the Brain and How it impacts children's mental and emotional wellbeing                   | Developing fine motor skills in children (repeat from session 1) | The importance of perceptual activities in the primary school | Classroom Management                      | Data driven School improvement (repeat from session 1) |

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE TOPICS FOR 2019**

### **SESSION ONE** (detailed description of topic)

#### **DR KEN RESNICK: REASONS WHY TODAY'S LEARNER LACKS GRIT AND DETERMINATION**

In my 30+ years of research and experience as an Educational Psychologist and Family Mediator, working with families and children, both in home and schooling scenarios, I have found that *lack of grit and determination* are common characteristics indicated in children. These characteristics directly impact on a child's ability to perform optimally at school, and are hindrances to them reaching their full potential in this setting. In my talk, I highlight the pivotal role parents and teachers play in educating the children in their care, and offer insight into evidence-based methods of addressing children with these characteristics, as well as children with behavioural problems.

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#### **DR JUDY JAYE: THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT YOU CAN GIVE A LEARNER IS A POSITIVE SELF-ESTEEM**

Learners are often hindered by a lack of self-confidence and a low self-esteem, not by a lack of ability. They have capabilities and talents which they do not realise because of confidence issues and self-doubt.

In this course, you will be given practical skills to empower your learners to build their positive sense of self thereby enabling them to feel good about themselves and reach their full potential under your guidance.

YOU AS A **GREAT** EDUCATOR, CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS PRESENTATION.

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#### **JENNIFER BECKER: LEARN TO SPEAK 'TEENAGESE'**

Anytime from Grade 5 onwards you will be confronted with overnight "personality transplants" by some of your students. This marks the start of a critical phase in their lives, during which the foundation of their future success is built. However, these changes require teachers to adapt and perform a completely different role in their lives. During this session, we will explore the new role of teachers in a teenager's life, and practical life coaching techniques which will help you to become a part of their success story.

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#### **ANDRE HENDRICKS: You MAKE it happen or you LET it happen**

"If you don't **place a value on yourself** don't expect others to raise the price" and "Life without **personal growth** is no life at all" – are just two of the make it happen principles that will be presented. Mr A Hendricks received an award in February 2018 from the Gauteng Department of Education for Excellent Service. You are invited to come on this journey.

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#### **MAROLIZE BOTHA: PAEDIATRIC VISION IN THE CLASSROOM- A GUIDE TO IDENTIFYING CHILDREN WITH POSSIBLE VISUAL ABNORMALITIES**

Vision and learning are very closely related. Optimal vision is essential for learners of all ages to reach their full academic potential. Without glasses, children with refractive error struggle in school as they are unable to focus clearly on the white board, reading material, in classroom lectures or when doing homework assignments. Related visual abnormalities will briefly be discussed, dyslexia, eye-movement problems and the effect of ADHD medication on the visual system.

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#### **FRANCOISE HARRISON: DEVELOPING FINE MOTOR SKILLS IN CHILDREN**

The presentation will cover development of fine-eye hand coordination. Teachers will also be offered tips to develop sensory discrimination and postural control. The importance of good hand function will be discussed and the various hand grasps. There will be considerable focus on fine motor coordination in the development of handwriting skills. Teachers will be offered detailed information on the teaching of handwriting.

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#### **PAMELA DIESEL: HELPING TEENS COPE WITH ANXIETY AND TO BUILD THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE**

In the busy, stressful and fast-moving world we live in today, it is essential to give our children coping mechanisms, both for school and home to deal with whatever comes their way. As educators, we need to help children build their self-esteem and deal with anxiety in a positive manner.

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#### **EDEN DANIELS: BULLYING**

There are ways in which to combat this evil. Easy, user-friendly methods will be discussed and demonstrated in fun, engaging exercises. Ways to reach out to the bully as well as to the victim using puppet demonstrations and videos. Issues such as the imbalance of power and how to become mentally strong, resilient and tough will be tackled.

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**IK AZUBIKE: DATA DRIVEN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

Understanding the data journey from school level to other levels in the system. Be exposed to the important role an Educator has in ensuring the quality of data captured at school level. Investigate how the DD Dashboard can assist educators track subject performance. Explore the learner intervention report which identifies subjects and learners who require support.

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**SESSION TWO****NAPTOSA OFFICE: UNDERSTANDING CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

Understanding the new collective agreements and how this would impact on your conditions of service.

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**VASTI BURGER-LOUW: LIVE YOUR PASSION - BECOMING MORE THAN A TEACHER**

After years of having the job title of a teacher, educating and disciplining hundreds of children and putting up with challenging parents, can cause even the best educator to feel discouraged, under-appreciated and at a loss of the passion you once had. Come and re-discover the responsibility and privilege of having a position to influence those entrusted to you. For you to perform at your best, you need to pursue the holistic approach of nurturing the person behind the teacher. Are you going to allow circumstances to draw a reaction out of you, or are you going to initiate a response to take back control of your own life?

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**JENNIFER BECKER: TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO BE ROOSTERS**

As many of you will know, Roosters have become the symbol of boasting and pride. During the primary school years, children are very fragile and easily influenced. Teachers have the ability to influence children in a profound way. This is still the phase where “but my teacher said”, is heard in many homes around the world. A strong self-esteem is like a suit of armour, to protect and prepare them for the challenges they will experience in life. This course will teach you practical life coaching techniques to enable you to teach your pupils to become proud of who they are and what they do.

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**LOTTA ENGELBRECHT: READING: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS**

Adequate reading skills is the solution to effective learning, reducing your effort. Get a powerful, sustainable solution here. Get learners to excel effortlessly – the key is ...

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**TANIA JOHNSON: UNDERSTANDING THE BRAIN AND HOW IT IMPACTS CHILDREN'S MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING**

This presentation explores the neurological development of a child and its integral connection to emotional health. We will look at how differently neurological stages shift how a child is able to connect to and relate to his or her world.

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**PAMELA DIESEL: THE IMPORTANCE OF PERCEPTUAL ACTIVITIES IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Perceptual skills are vitally important for the success in all classroom areas. What happens after Grade Pre School and Grade R? Perceptual skills still need to be taught in the foundation Phase, Grade 1, 2 and 3. Let me show you how to fit fun perceptual skills into an already busy day, to enhance, not hinder the daily school programme.

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**EDEN DANIELS: CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**

With so many challenges facing teachers regarding discipline, teachers are left feeling helpless. Tried and trusted tools are now available. Don't let your health, sanity and dignity suffer. Exciting, innovative teaching strategies that'll bring back the fun in learning and also give you back control will be discussed in this invigorating and out of the box thinking session.

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# Primary School Conference 2019: Booking Form

Name of School: .....

School contact number:.....

Fax number: .....

School e-mail address: .....

Please complete the registration form carefully as attendance certificates will be issued based on the information provided. Fax to 0865956980 or e-mail\_to [adris@naptosa.org.za](mailto:adris@naptosa.org.za) **on or before Friday, 3 May 2018.**

**The conference fee for a NAPTOSA member is R50. The registration fee for a non-member is R150:** Deposit into NAPTOSA account (FNB Parktown Branch Code 250-455, account number 62122569463), and fax or e-mail deposit slip, accompanied by the booking form, to 0865956980 or [adris@naptosa.org.za](mailto:adris@naptosa.org.za)

## BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

| Surname, Initials | ID Number | SACE Number | e-mail address<br>(Note: email address are no longer case- sensitive.<br>Please write in capitals/block letters) | Cell phone | Member<br>Yes/No | Paid | Elective  |           |
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