

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



BACK 2 SCHOOL WITH A BANG

Over 1 000 first time learners, across 10 Primary Schools, began their first term in Grade 1 with a "surprise" School Pack, containing a school bag, lunch box and water bottle.

"The learners were very excited to receive their packs. Thank you to Matla A Bokone Solar for impacting the lives of our children in this manner"," said Mr Mapete, Principal of Zingiza Primary School.

This initiative contributed towards the Socio-Economic Development, Local Economic Development, and SMME Development, within the local community, thereby achieving triple impact.



Principal of Zingiza Primary School Mr "Velile Mapete" with his new Grade 1 Learners

SIX STEPS TO WASHING YOUR HANDS

The Department of Health recommends washing your hands with soap for 20 seconds, to help slow the spread of coronavirus.



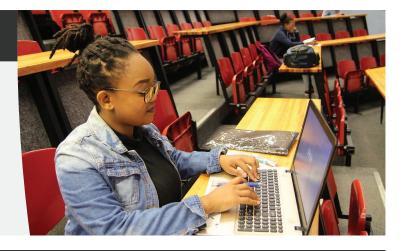
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"DREAMS CAN BE REALIZED"

Access to tertiary education is a top priority for Matla A Bokone Solar. We have full scholarships available to qualifying students from the beneficiary communities, to help them realize their dreams of pursuing qualifications that will enable them to build careers that will impact their lives and the lives of others in a positive light.

We currently have two scholarship recipients pursuing bachelor's degrees, at South African universities, in their respective fields, namely: Education and Information Technology. We wish them well in the pursuit of their dreams.



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: "TEACH ME TO SPELL, SO I CAN READ AND WRITE"



Endorsement of the **Spell2Read2Write Programme** by the Department of Education (Frances Baard District)

Matla A Bokone Solar's Spell It Programme was launched, in February 2021, in partnership with the Department of Education (Frances Baard District).

This programme forms part of our Education Initiatives and has created employment for 12 young women from within the beneficiary communities. They have been placed as reading coaches and teacher assistants in their respective communities, across seven primary schools. These communities include: Riverton, Barkley West and Kimberley.

Congratulations and well wishes to these young women as they work together with us, and the Department of Education, towards the improvement of the literacy levels of our children.

READY, STEADY, GO! ACCELERATION OF ENTERPRISES



Entrepreneurs during **New Venture Creation** Training Session

Matla A Bokone Solar site visit with a **Pitch Deck Winner**

2021 kicked off with the announcement of the Pitch Deck Winners. The 5 winning enterprises will receive grant funding, business coaching, mentoring and further business development support.

Entrepreneurs who were not successful during pitch deck will continue to receive business development support and group mentoring.

Phase 3 of the programme, known as EDP Implementation, was launched with the introduction of the New Venture Creation training course.

2021 UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Details of the next community engagements will be communicated on Matla A Bokone's online platforms as no face-to-face meetings are permitted during the national lockdown.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPEND QUARTER 1 OF 2021

Matla A Bokone Solar PV Facility Riverton, Kimberley, 8301

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8h30am to 17h00pm The local office remains closed and team members continue to work from home under the current lockdown regulations.

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Education

Scholarships

Hearts and Minds

Early Childhood Development

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