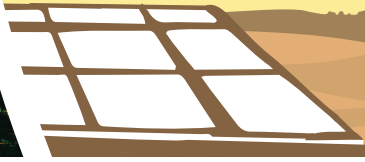


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# QUARTER 2 2023 NEWSLETTER



## ECD PRACTITIONERS' GRADUATION



We proudly hosted a certification ceremony for 27 Early Childhood Development (ECD) practitioners from the Naledi Municipality area, at the Naledi Banquet Hall. The event, which coincided with youth month celebrations in June, marked a significant milestone in promoting holistic childhood development.

The ECD programme, implemented by the Early Care Foundation, provided practitioners with comprehensive training in C.A.R.E and Child Development programmes. The training aimed to raise awareness and equip practitioners with the necessary skills to foster cognitive, gross and fine motor skills, social and emotional, and executive functioning development in children.

Ms. Namsie Lesito, the programme facilitator, conducted face-to-face training from June 2022 to May 2023, followed by mentoring and support visits. As a result, 13 ECDs have already benefited from this programme, with seven of them being selected to become Centers of Excellence.



## EMPOWERING YOUNG CHESS PLAYERS

A local non-profit organisation, Reitikile Initiative for Sports Excellence (RISE), with a vision to promote chess in schools within the Naledi Local Municipality, has launched a chess league, with the support from the Mayor's office and the Naledi Sport Unit.

To ensure all schools are able to participate without any obstacles, Waterloo Solar stepped in to provide 60 chessboards.

As part of the ongoing chess league, three high schools and five primary schools have actively engaged in competitive play since April. The league aims to foster interest and talent in the game of chess and help learners develop attributes like critical thinking, responsibility, and poise.

"Through the Chess League, we are confident that learners will benefit immensely and acquire lifelong skills that will positively impact their lives."  
- Frank Anthony, RISE Chairperson.



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## LEARNER ASSISTANTS GRADUATE

Seven learner assistants, who were trained and placed in three primary schools within the Naledi Local Municipality, as part of a reading programme, have successfully graduated. The programme is focused on reducing the academic gap exacerbated by the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

These dedicated learner assistants underwent training to implement various learning activities aligned with the CAPS curriculum, emphasising vocabulary development and reading skills. Additionally, they received training in comprehension strategies like evaluation, summarizing, and making inferences.

The programme's success has already seen two of the assistants secure permanent employment, crediting the Waterloo Reading Programme for their accomplishments.



## TOWNSHIP GALLERY

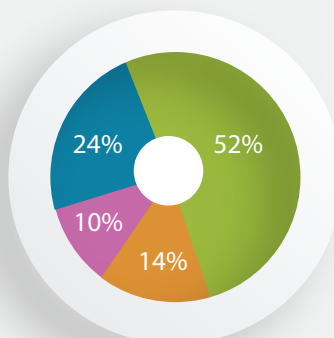
The vibrant community of Naledi Local Municipality proudly showcased its rich cultural heritage through the launch of the Township Art Gallery, established by local art enthusiasts due to a growing need to provide a dedicated platform for emerging and established artists.

Waterloo Solar, committed to promoting the arts and holistic community development, played a pivotal role in sponsoring this event. Launched on June 16, the gallery provided a platform for local artists to showcase their talent and creativity.

"The gallery benefits established artists by providing a space for them to exhibit their work and connect with collectors and buyers. It helps to create a thriving arts community in the municipality, helping to attract visitors and stimulate economic growth," said **Motswasele Boikanyo of Motswasele Creative Arts Sports & Technology Academy (MO CAST Academy)**.

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