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MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY





# Editorial Comment

This special publication showcases the work of Honourable MEC Madala Masuku and the team of officials during the celebration of Nelson Mandela Month, 2013.

Behind the great demonstrations of goodwill as captured in this publication, are humble sacrifices and donations made by many officials in the Department of Finance to make this month extra special.

The most profound statement of this time from the Honourable MEC was when he told us that the best birthday present that any citizen can give to Dr Mandela is by giving and helping improve the living conditions of the less privilege where they live.

He said, "I am happy that we are able to honour Madiba by sharing such responsibility.

Everyone must carry the caring spirit with them, help others in need, that is the key to nation building", said MEC Masuku.

Each page tells a story of goodwill activities, from where it all began in Elandshoek (11 & 12 July 2013), Elukwatini (18 July 2013) to Msholozzi (19 July 2013). See page 22 for short stories.

We are truly a very fortunate generation.

*We love you Madiba.*

**Editor**

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We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right. - Nelson Mandela







MEC Madala Masuku and officials teamed up with the members of the School Governing Body at Entabamhlophe to give the school a face-lift. They started by scrubbing the wall, decrepit window frames and fixing of broken windows.







**"I dream of Africa which is in peace with itself."  
- Nelson Mandela**





If you talk to a man in a language he understands,  
that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language,  
that goes to his heart. - Nelson Mandela











*In a jovial atmosphere:*

**HOD Nombedesho Nkamba** together with other senior officials of the Department brought smiles to the Pre-School kids as they spent the fun-filled day painting and sharing amusing moments with them.







**"We are both humbled and elevated by the honor and privilege that you, the people of South Africa, have bestowed on us, as the first President of a united, democratic, non-racial and non-sexist South Africa, to lead our country out of the valley of darkness".**

**- Nelson Mandela**





**"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."**

**- Nelson Mandela**







*Attempting a Madiba pose:* MEC Madala Masuku accompanied by officials of the Department, visited the D&C High School where they sang and danced to Madiba's birthday song before departing to the soon to be launched Kiosk in Elukwatini.





# This is what officials think about Mandela Day



**Kenneth Sithole**

Dr. Mandela is the beacon of hope to many people of the world, it is good and appreciated that we celebrate Mandela month and Mandela day every year. It will be fulfilling to live Mandela spirit every day as I believe this will change the world for better. We must all be the Mandela's in heart. He is the solid substance that is holding the world together.



**Sinqobile Shabangu**

This day to me means giving back to the people and in particular all our communities at large to encourage the "*better life for all*" dictum which is precisely what Dr Mandela always wanted to see becoming a reality. It's a uniting day which I believe ignites in people the caring attitude for one another.



**Pulane Hlapho**

This is the time to show *Ubuntu* by caring, loving and sharing every little thing we have with the less fortunate. Not only that, but to strive to improve for good the lives of our fellow South Africans.



**Charlotte Ngomane**

It is a very special time of giving and sharing with the less privileged. Interestingly it's a uniting day when people from different indigenous groups come together to celebrate the time and life of the great icon who won us the freedom we have today as a nation.



# and great leader of our times !!

## Mpilo Bright Dube

Nelson Mandela International Day is a special occasion which is used as a call to action for all the people, everywhere in the world, to take responsibility for making the world a better place for everyone. Basically it can be construed to be a day for taking initiatives to better and improve the lives of the less fortunate.



## Nonkululeko Nkosi

It is a month of great benevolence where everyone open their hands to contribute positively in a tread to reach out to the poverty stricken and showing love to orphans like Tata Madiba has done. He spent many years in prison for us to acquire the freedom me and you benefited today. It's a uniting day, it reminds us about living and working together without discriminating against one another.



## Nomonde Mlandu

This day to me is a true reflection of *Ubuntu*, which is a good thing that we need in our everyday's lives. It is good to see people contributing to a good cause, caring and showing love which is one thing that has always been uTata Mandela's dream; a caring nation that is united.



## Adv Vulani Baloyi

"The ideology behind "Make Everyday a Mandela Day" is simply one of change and symbolises the power we all possess as a collective to do good and make a positive change in the world, especially in improving the lives of the less fortunate. uTata is a true symbol of change and a beacon of hope and has demonstrated his selflessness through spending 67 years fighting for the freedom that we are all enjoying today. Positive Change Heal the World and Make It a Better Place for the Entire Human Race. This is what uTata and therefore this day, is all about"







**Handover time:** MEC Masuku, HOD Nkamba and the Executive Mayor of Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Cllr Letta Shongwe accompanied by officials from the Department and Councilors from different wards, gathered to witness the official handover of playground items at the newly revamped Entabamhlophe Pre-School on the 29th July 2013.







Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation. - National Men's March, 1997







**"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." - Nelson Mandela**







**Joyful time:** Kids having a delightful moment by sharing toys and playing at their newly donated playground items; the see-saw and the swing while the Executive Mayor, Cllr Shongwe appreciates the admirable effort by the different stakeholders for making such a positive contribution to the lives of the kids.







*Donation time:* Community members flocked to witness both Departments of Finance and Public Works, Roads and Transport donating food parcels, sanitary towels and clothes to the less fortunate kids residing at the Msholozis Nelspruit Christian Centre under the guidance of Ms Esther Nkosi. The event ended on a high with kids singing and sharing a cake they wanted to have as part of their celebrations for the birthday of Tata Madiba.







"The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement! God bless Africa! " - Nelson Mandela







*Working for a good cause:* MEC Masuku with officials from Finance teamed up to fix the light bulbs at one of the local Hospitals in Elukwatini, Libhangeni on July 18 before joining in the celebrations of the main event of the day at the local sports ground.





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**"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."**

**- Nelson Mandela**







**Proud moment:** MEC Madala, Cllr Shongwe and officials listening attentively to a learner rendering a poem

# MEC Masuku renovates

**M**pumalanga MEC for Finance, Madala Masuku spent 67 minutes with grade R children as part of the celebrations of Mandela Month Programme in Elandshoek on Thursday, 12 July 2013.

Inspired by the call to make every day Mandela Day, MEC Masuku and team of officials started the birthday celebration of the Former President, Dr Nelson Mandela, early by giving the Ntabamhlophe Centre a face lift and handed child-friendly toys to elated children.

"The renovation of the centre, by the officials, signifies the length of the journey we traverse if all, individually and collectively, can dedicate just 67 min of our time, to good causes in the Province, said MEC Masuku.

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"I am happy that we are able to honour Madiba by sharing responsibility. Everyone must carry the caring spirit with them, help others in need, that is the key to nation building", said MEC Masuku.

MEC added that the pouring of well wishes and acts of caring and providing assistance to the children will help the father of the nation to recover from his current health challenge.





# children's centre for Madiba

The departmental officials replaced broken windows, fixed doors, painted walls with friendly colours, before MEC Madala Masuku and Executive Mayor of Ehlanzeni District, Cllr Letta Shongwe handed brand new chairs and tables, drawing books and toys to the learners at the centre.

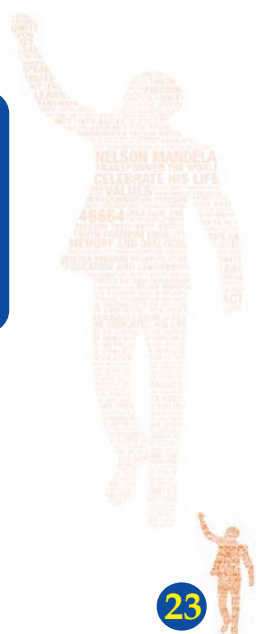
Parent, Mrs Busi Ngulube said the renovation of the centre conveys a lasting message about what former President Mandela stands for.

"The campaigns of this nature assist in growing children who knows the wonderful legacy of former president," said Mrs Ngulube.

The School Principal, Mr Jah Lusiba also expressed his happiness for the contribution made by the MEC, Executive Mayor and officials in identifying their centre for such an important occasion held in the name of Nelson Mandela.

**"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." - Nelson Mandela**

The School Governing Body, parents and community welcomed the initiative and its contribution to continued awareness about the legacy of former President Mandela.





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The International Mandela Day was inaugurated in 2009 when the UN Assembly declared that 18th July of every year, will be observed as the “Nelson Mandela International Day” in recognition of the good standing values that great and world-wide adored statesman stood for throughout his life.

The aim of the annual celebration of the day is to inspire individuals to take action and inspiring change by dedicating a 67 minutes of their time to help change the world for the better and in so doing, build a global movement for good and ultimately empower communities elsewhere.

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