

LET'S JOIN HANDS TO FIGHT BULLYING

Letter to the Editor

Rustenburg – Bullying in South African schools seems to be on the increase. Just recently, an 8-year old boy died after being bullied at a primary school in Koster. It is reported that more than 56% of our children are victims of bullying at school. This is worrying and must be stopped.

The question is... are we as parents and teachers aware that our children are being bullied or maybe even that our children are bullies?

If uncontrolled, bullying can lead to violence and so this is a menace we all need to eliminate from society. We can no longer pretend it's not happening.

We must ask ourselves if we are equipped to identify the causes of bullying. Do we know what to look out for? Are we aware of the short term and long-term consequences? Do we know the emotional trauma, let alone the physical pain the victim experiences?

Bullying should not be taken lightly. It is about time that we, as concerned adults, teachers and parents address this issue. I am prepared to play a key role with the rest of you.

With all my experience in education and the thousands of teachers and children I have engaged with, across the country, I feel obligated to do something about this social dilemma.

Presently I am holding workshops on bullying, done separately for teachers, parents and learners. It will be an eye opener, equipping you with many tools to help you identify and combat this social crime.

Contact me on WhatsApp 084 516 3693 or follow me on Facebook (sollysaloojee) or Instagram (@solsaloojee).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Solly Saloojee,
Seasoned educator



THE SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR KENALEMANG

Rustenburg/ Phokeng – Perseverance and hard work paid off for educator Kenalemang Kgoroeadira. She is now on her way to fulfilling her lifelong dream of starting a school after managing to obtain a doctorate of education (DED) degree with the University of South Africa (Unisa) last year.

Kenalemenag, who comes from Phokeng, celebrated her academic achievement on 25 May with her family and close friends.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, Kenalemang revealed how during her studies she had to overcome the huge costs of tertiary education as well as the financial challenges associated with taking care of her sick mother.

"Sadly, my mother passed away before I completed my doctorate. However, I am sure she is happy with my achievement," Kenalemang said. "It was a very long and hard road, but I am

very grateful to members of our community, my family and friends, who kept on encouraging me. They made me feel like I was also studying for them and this gave me the energy to go on," she added.

She thanked her husband for being a pillar of strength during the trying time she went through.

"My advice to young people, is that they must focus on studying what is close to their hearts and never give up on their dreams," Kenalemang added.



Kenalemang Olga Kgoroeadira

TAKING PHOTOGRAPHY TO NEW HEIGHTS



Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Photography Society had a spectacular outing on Sunday 5 May when they had the opportunity to photograph hot air balloons at Bill Harrops Safari's outside Hartbeespoort dam.

Their 'subject' was perfect for extraordinary shots with the variety of colours and the sunrise in the background.

The society meets every third Wednesday of the month at the NG Proteapark at 18:30. For more information, contact club chairperson Simon Fletcher on 082 371 9867 or vice chairperson Ronel Broderick on 082 451 2999.

An astonishing colourful photo taken by Ronel Broderick.



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