

LET'S PRAY FOR RAIN

Rustenburg – October has officially turned its page and Rustenburg has not yet seen two drops of rain. Water shortages across the country is becoming a growing concern.

Donita Visser, a resident of Rustenburg residing in Safari Tuine, has been monitoring the rainfall in her area for the past three years. According to her findings, Rustenburg last received rain in April this year. Six months have passed and promising rain clouds clear as fast as they appear.

Driving through the streets of Rustenburg, residents are surrounded by dust, wilted flowers, dry grass and withering trees.

Due to the absence of rain in the Rustenburg area after winter, coupled with the daily consumption of water by private and commercial clients, Rustenburg Local Municipality had to implement water restrictions. If it does not rain soon, it may result in the depletion of water supply to residents.

On her readings Donita commented: "A few years ago we were also very worried about the drought but through faith and prayer, God made it rain. Our time is not God's time and we should keep on praying for rain." Amen.



Donita Visser has been measuring the Rustenburg rainfall for the past couple of years.



Weather Report North West RUSTENBURG

Friday	01 November 2019	31°C - 17°C
Saturday	02 November 2019	26°C - 16°C
Sunday	03 November 2019	32°C - 19°C
Monday	04 November 2019	32°C - 18°C
Tuesday	05 November 2019	32°C - 18°C

Rainfall probability (%)

0

Sunrise 04:40 Sunset 17:49

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS			
ZAR / USD	14.65	-0.14%	
Rand/Pound	18.88	-0.29%	
Rand/Euro	16.29	-0.18%	
Rand/Aus Dollar	10.07	-0.26%	
Dollar/Pound	1.29	-0.12%	
Pound/Euro	1.16	-0.08%	
GOLD	1,489.01	0.08%	
Platinum	925.65	0.10%	
Palladium	1,762.30	0.55%	

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NSFAS IS LETTING US DOWN

Letter to the editor

I am a concerned parent and I cannot keep quiet about the recent events unfolding at Orbit FET College in Mogwase.

As a concerned parent, I feel it is very unfair that our children were injured for speaking up about the issue of the non-payment of funds by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

I have been told that police shot at the students as they were protesting. I am now worried and very concerned that this has not been receiving any media coverage.

The students, who rely almost completely on NSFAS, have not received their funds for 2019 despite repeatedly pleading with the relevant authorities. It has now come to light that one of the officials, who we believe is responsible for facilitating the release of the funds, has resigned. This has left the students stranded and more confused.

I am calling on the media to expose these issues. Please let us know what is actually happening beyond the Pilanesberg mountain.

Worried Parent



A student was allegedly shot during the protests.

ORBIT COLLEGE RESPOND TO PROTESTS



Mogwase – Since Monday 21 October 2019 ORBIT TVET College has been experiencing incidents of student protest action across all campuses as well as the central office.

The strike was triggered by differences that ensued at the student representative council (SRC) lekgotla between the student support services office and the SRC office. Senior management and the executive committee of the college council met with the student leadership several times over the past few days to try and resolve the matters on the agenda.

The last meeting took place on Wednesday, 23 October, but had to be adjourned due to loadshedding. The meeting was rescheduled and resumed at 09:00 the next morning.

The main priority remains the restoring of order so that teaching and learning can resume. Due to the disruption brought about by these protests, college operations have been interrupted.

Applications for 2020 are however currently open and will close on 22 November 2019 for new students.

The college will constantly communicate with students (current and prospective) via social media platforms as and when the situation changes. Management and council are committed to find a solution for the college to operate normally again.

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