



BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRAMME

De Aar Solar Power's Literacy and Numeracy Programme continues to significantly impact hundreds of primary school learners across Hanover, Philipstown, De Aar and Britstown. Launched in 2016, this ongoing intervention puts trained coaches in Grade 4 classrooms, across 11 schools, to assist learners and support teachers.

Reading Coach Joane de Bruyn, based at St Johns Primary in De Aar, joined the programme in 2020 and explains the value of the programme and its benefit to learners. "I help the children with reading difficulties and also with writing and understanding how to process the reading material, to broaden their understanding. I also try to expand their knowledge of the world through reading to not only improve their grades but also develop a love for learning and school."

The programme also offers study bursaries for coaches, focused on the field of education. Taking up this opportunity, Joane is working towards a Bachelor of Education, Foundation Phase.

Maths Coach, Chadwin Erasmus, is just as inspiring - he is the Numeracy Coach at Hanover Primary, whilst studying a Bachelor of Education, Intermediate Phase, through the bursary programme.



"This programme has the ability to bridge the gap - coaches provide additional help needed, as teachers sometimes do not have the capacity to reach out to all the learners that are struggling."
Chadwin Erasmus



SOLAR PLANT COLLABORATES WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY - COVID19

Working with the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality, Siphe Kulu, Health, Safety and Environment Specialist at De Aar Solar Power, provided PPE and COVID-19 safety education to almost 2 000 learners at Monwabisi High School, in Kwa Nonzwakazi; and St. John's Primary School, in Sunrise.

"Having worked and lived in this town for many years, I am aware that many schools don't have safety measures in place with learners having little to no defense against COVID-19." **Mr. Kulu.**



SMALL BUSINESSES BENEFIT

Charmaine Baartman, owner of Mamfene's Takeaway, in Britstown, is growing her small business with the help of funding and skills training, so that she can begin employing more local community members.

"The skills I've learned from the mentorship programme, assist me to better manage my business finances and the scooter means that I can now offer a delivery service." Charmaine Baartman.

The funds covered renovating her business, to comply with health and safety regulations, stock and equipment.

De Aar Solar Power's Enterprise Development Accelerator Programme helps to create viable small businesses in Britstown, Hanover, Philipstown and De Aar.

