

Faculty of Education
News

**Congratulations new DVC:
Learning and Teaching!**
Farewell to Executive Dean,
Dr Muki Moeng

The Faculty bid farewell to our Executive Dean of seven years, Dr Muki Moeng, in June as she moves into her new position as DVC for Learning and Teaching at Nelson Mandela University.

Dr Moeng has been acting in the DVC position since 1 January 2023 when Professor Cheryl Foxcroft retired.

Whilst we will miss her guidance, vision and vibrancy in the faculty, we are proud and excited to continue working under her leadership as DVC LT.

Dr Moeng is an alumnus of this faculty and institution and is deeply committed to education as evidenced by her research, community engagements and leadership to date. As the Executive Dean of the Faculty, Dr Moeng strove to foster an environment in which staff and students can critically engage on improving education that it is humanising and socially just.

We wish you well, Muki, and know that we as an institution and faculty are in the best of hands.

HALALA!



Farewell Muki



How our Student Peer Tutors continue to Make A Difference

We have 13 student peer tutors working with the First Year Experience Programme in supporting first years in their transitioning and adjusting to life at university, and we have 3 peer tutors who focus on Senior Student support. They work quietly in the background, liaising with Mamzo (Nozuko), all whilst continuing with their own studies and SBL commitments.

Over the last few months, their support has begun to focus much more on academic activities and queries, compared to the beginning of the year which is strongly aimed at orienting and guiding students around finding their way around campus, res, financial aid applications, registration issues, pschyo-social, etc.

Activities include

- group tut sessions (multilingual)
- one-on-one sessions (multilingual)
- group tut sessions in the Education Student Computer Lab (multilingual)
- creation of shared sites populated with created resources on common areas of difficult within a module (some of these are multilingual)
- sharing of video explaining concepts or content
- WhatsApp groups and social media as well as face to face

The peer tutors group sessions tend to be more discussion-based and rely more on the knowledge the students have acquired in their lectures, from their experiences and from self-reading or study. The discussions allow for students to practice what they are anxious about, uncertain of or afraid of asking in a formal lecture.

The peer tutors place emphasis on freedom of language use (any/multilingual), assisting each other with translations where need be and motivating each other to find that "teacher voice". Students sometimes need a little extra motivation or inspiration especially from their seniors.

They report that online learning is a bit of a barrier. The engagement and responses our peer tutors receive in their face-to-face sessions compared to their online (teams) sessions are vastly different. In face-to-face sessions students engage and participate. Whereas the online sessions become a bit tedious with peer helpers having to urge, or even beg, for response/engagement.



New Intern Joins the Faculty Mr Ashton Jackson



We are delighted to welcome Mr Ashton Jackson who is the new ICT LAB Coordinator.

Mr Jackson's favourite superhero is the Iron Man.

"My time at the Faculty of Education has been good so far, I enjoyed the friendly faces that visited the lab. It has just been so lonely since

the start of exams. Experiencing the faculty choir perform on Africa Day has been one of my top highlights!"

The LAB is at building 11 ground floor opposite Mrs Muriel Geswint's Office.

Operating Hours: 07:30 AM – 16:00 PM

Congratulations! Dr Zakhile Somlata



We congratulate Dr Zakhile Somlata, who has been appointed to serve as a member of the South African Language Practitioners Council Board, effective from the 1st of July 2023.

As a Board member, he will advise the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture on language-related

matters and provide strategic direction to the Council in line with the South African Language Practitioners' Act (2014)

Presentation at Swartkops Primary School: Dr Ayanda Simayi

On 29 May, 2023, Dr Ayanda Simayi from Nelson Mandela University's Faculty of Education presented menstrual cycle teaching models at Swartkops Primary School. The Indigenous Knowledge and ICT sexual concepts' community engagement project provided two models showing the female uterus along with charts depicting male and female organs, fertilization and embryo development inside the uterus. These teaching aids were funded by DHET through the University Capacity Development Programme (UCDP) at the Teaching Development unit in Nelson Mandela University and were received by the principal Mrs Kona-Mbilana and School Governing Body chairperson, members, staff and learners. This project is a continuation of Dr Simayi's PhD which was funded by CERMESA-DAAD in Germany. In this project, Dr Simayi teaches Grade 7 learners and 3rd year B. Ed students synchronously, focusing on culturally avoided sexual concepts and menstrual cycle using Xhosa IK such as 'engceni' (menstruation) or 'ukutsib'i ziko' (sexual intercourse). These topics are in the CAPS for Grade 7 and research has shown that teachers avoid teaching these sections due to cultural inhibitions. This project was initiated in 2022 and reflections from all involved reveal that connecting modern school science concepts with relevant cultural knowledge enables naming of avoided sexual terms, creating greater opportunities for improved understanding.



1. Dr Simayi With the SGB
2. Dr Ayanda addressing the learners at Swartkops Primary
3. Dr Ayanda With the Principal of the school principal Cikizwa Kona-Mbilana, two student representatives and school governing body chair Andile Gege

Maths Club

During this term, Dr Vuyani Matsha and co started a Maths Club for interested Education students and staff members.

They meet up on Wednesdays and look at interesting, fun and puzzling facts and details about maths and numbers. If you enjoy working with numbers mainly for fun, but also to improve your basic mathematical skills, do join them!

This riddle was discussed in one of their meet ups

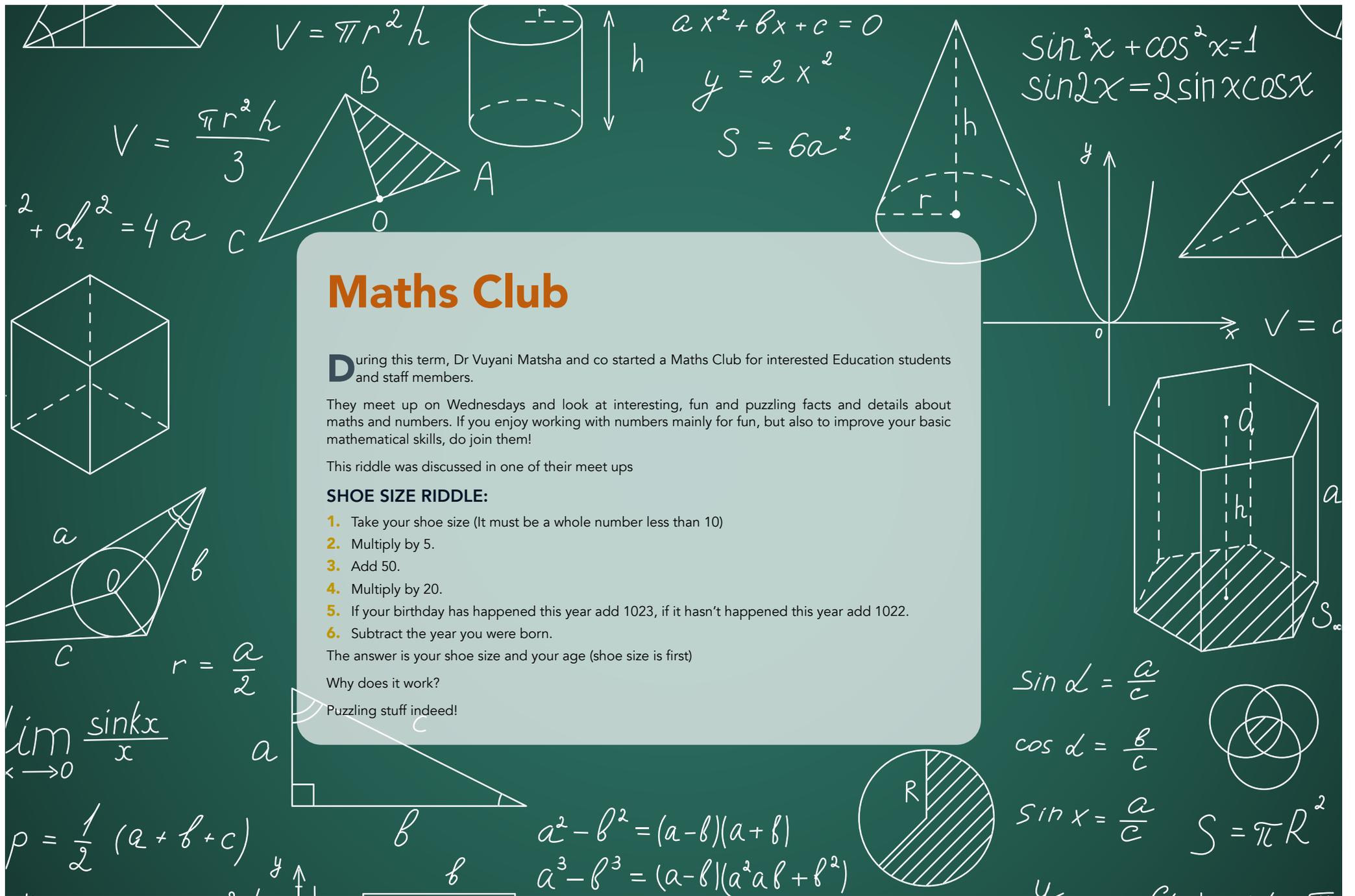
SHOE SIZE RIDDLE:

1. Take your shoe size (It must be a whole number less than 10)
2. Multiply by 5.
3. Add 50.
4. Multiply by 20.
5. If your birthday has happened this year add 1023, if it hasn't happened this year add 1022.
6. Subtract the year you were born.

The answer is your shoe size and your age (shoe size is first)

Why does it work?

Puzzling stuff indeed!





ECAAP

Early Career Academic Advancement Programme

Dr Lucky Maluleke successfully completed the Early Career Academic Advancement Programme (ECAAP). He received his certification at a ceremony function held in May 2023. Well done Dr Maluleke, we are proud of you!

The Faculty of Education Student Choir, linked to the First Year Experience Support Programme and overseen by Ms Nozuko Rhayi, was invited to sing at this auspicious event. They wowed the audience and were well received by all. It was gratifying to see that the rehearsals and practices held after hours in the Imbewu Centre paid off. The choir has received invites from other institutional departments to sing at their future events. We are so proud of you all!

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Centre for the Community School (CCS) Cala-Circuit Chris Hani District Events

In the attempt to strengthen the collaboration between the Nelson Mandela University and the Cala Community. The Centre for the Community School took part in some events organised by the Cala Circuit on both the 25th and 26th of May. These events contributed to the holistic approach of school improvement.

Over page : Teachers engaging in fitness and sporting activities.



DVC of Learning and Teaching with Acting Executive Dean Dr Tulsi Morar. The two were the main Guest Speakers at the Gala Dinner.





Teachers engaging in fitness and sporting activities





CAREER DAY

The Career Day that took place on the 26th of May. The purpose of the open day was to give prospective students an opportunity to have an insider view of what they can expect when studying at the Nelson Mandela University.

This investigative information gathering exercise also gave learners a chance to explore a new horizon while also asking all the relevant questions at the

different departments represented at the stalls.

We'd like to also thank Mr Z Kene who is the Cala Circuit Manager for collaboratively working together with the center to ensure the success of the exhibition. The Centre for the community School (CCS) team, counties to build and support community schools in the Eastern Cape.

Africa Day 2023

The 25th May 2023 is Africa Day and the faculty embraced this day with acknowledgements to the diversity and vibrancy that makes up this wonderful continent of ours. Colleagues and students dressed in traditional ware and shared in reflections, poetry and song at a get together. A warm, delicious lunch of traditional dishes was served.



Africa Day 2023





On the 18th of May, the School Based Learning Coordinators organised a reflection session with all the partner schools that are hosting our students for their teaching practical. The purpose of these sessions is to strengthen the working relationship with all the mentor teachers at difference host schools in Gqeberha.

Mentor Teachers shared the good and bad experiences with our students and their expectations of the SBL program. They also suggested some strategies that can be implemented to make the teaching experience of the students more effective.

SBL Community of Practice

AD PERSONAM PROMOTIONS



Bayaga Anass
Professor



Athiemoolam Logamurthie
Professor



Sathorar Heloise
Ass Professor



Geduld Deidre
Ass Professor



Mapasa Tobeka
Senior Lecturer



Thorne Rochelle
Lecturer

Ad Personam Promotions

Congratulations to the newly promoted staff members. The Ad Personam Promotions constitutes advancement on merit to reward an employee for services of a quality higher than that ordinarily expected of the holder of the post. We have no doubt that these colleagues are going to be a success in their respective positions.

Graduation Season

Nelson Mandela University hosted its Autumn Graduation season with the capping of more than 7500 students, including 49 doctoral recipients, in 19 ceremonies from 13 to 26 April. The faculty of education graduation ceremonies took place on the 18 and 19 of April at the Indoors sport centre.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

Top Row
Dr Sanet Deyssel (Nelson Mandela University)
Dr Dewald Koen (University of Fort Hare)

Bottom Row
Dr Tarryn Lovemore (Rhodes University)
Dr William Zivanayi (Nelson Mandela University)



Bachelor's degrees, Honours degrees, Post graduate Diplomas, Masters and Doctoral degrees



Advanced Diplomas (TVET) and postgraduates' certificates Graduates





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