

From the Director

Coaching builds teaching confidence

Workshop training is only the starting point for teachers; true change happens when they return to the classroom. Implementing new strategies like hands-on science or practical maths with a diverse group of energetic learners requires immense energy. This is where the PSP provides essential bridging support.

To transform training into actual classroom practice, PSP facilitators bring coaching, mentorship, and team-teaching directly into classrooms.

The golden rule of this approach is that such support should feel safe, and completely non-threatening.

Classroom support or mentorship is a partnership built on a trust relationship. When teachers know they are supported rather than judged, they feel safe to take creative risks, make mistakes, and ask for genuine help, which is the core of long-term growth.

This supportive environment allows quality teaching skills to take root naturally.

Teachers then benefit from an immediate, constructive feedback loop. Over time, this side-by-side guidance turns fresh workshop ideas into permanent, everyday habits, quietly transforming teaching one classroom at a time.

"When teachers feel safe to explore and learn, our children benefit from the space to grow and thrive."

Wishing all schools, teachers and learners a safe and exciting third term 2026

Zorina

Dr. Zorina Dharsey

PSP Ted-talk style sessions

Professor Jonathan Jansen presented a thought-provoking and stimulating PSP online TED Talk-style session exploring "Rethinking History Education in a Changing Curriculum"

We are excited about the prospect of a new History curriculum in South Africa. This is long overdue. We look forward to unpacking the proposed content and engaging teachers in shaping ideas that bring new energy to the subject, including topics such as the origins (genetic history) of South Africans and reflections on what it means to be a 'South African'.



PSP ONLINE
TED TALK STYLE
RETHINKING HISTORY EDUCATION IN A CHANGING CURRICULUM

Join Professor Jonathan Jansen, a leading education scholar and author, for an engaging online session on the evolving History curriculum. Gain valuable insights, reflect critically on curriculum changes, and be part of a meaningful conversation that empowers teachers to actively shape teaching and learning in their classrooms.

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TIME: 15:00 – 17:00
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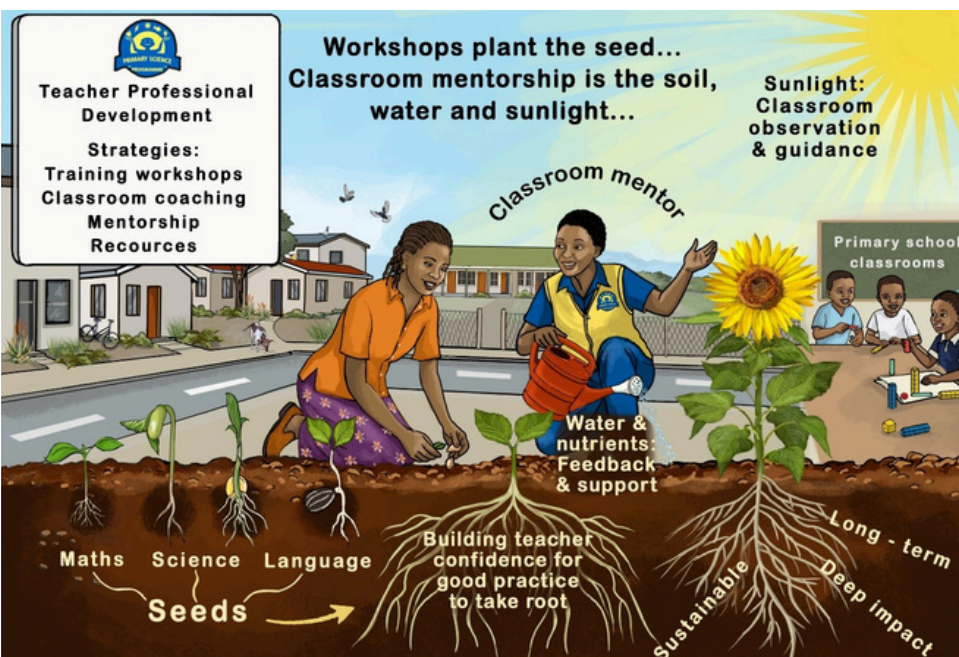
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Teachers 1905

Schools 682

School support visits 231

Learners benefitting directly 5631



The power of PSP classroom support

PSP classroom support follows on from training workshops where content updates, new teaching ideas and strategies are offered for teachers to discuss and engage with.

Then PSP's expert classroom coaching or mentorship provides the magic /power to nurture teacher's confidence and capacity to implement new practical ideas in the specific context of her classroom, and this transform the educational experience for the learners.

'This PSP coaching significantly increased my confidence in handling learner behaviour in class and helped me to implement new strategies.'

PSP's classroom support is sustained for a 2-year period.

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Booking is essential for all courses

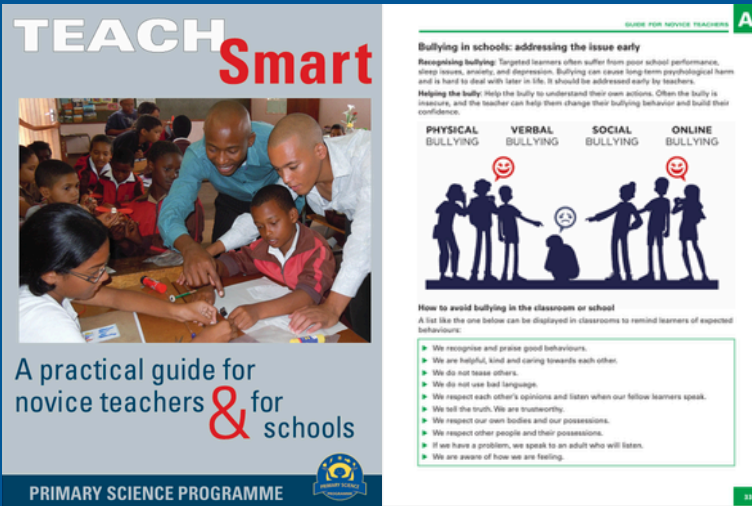
See programme for booking links or WhatsApp 071 290 2804



TeachSmart now at PSP Advice regarding bullying in class

The PSP TeachSmart book offers advice to tackle bullying early on. It includes how to recognise different types of bullying behaviour and how to help learners understand the effect of their own actions. It also shows how to build a school culture of respect, care, inclusion, and truth to prevent bullying in the first place.

The TeachSmart guide for novice teachers is available from the PSP.



Help for schools
regarding bullying

PSP believes...

Children learn best when they feel safe and stimulated. Feeling safe frees children from anxiety and gives them room to grow and become emotionally settled. Then we can stimulate their imagination using ordinary materials and stories in interesting ways.



Tips for teachers & parents

- Make sure children feel safe in your care.
- Build predictable routines into your daily activities so children know what to expect next. This promotes feeling safe and eases stress levels. If a plan changes, let them know in advance.
- Then children can focus more easily on curiosity and learning.

PSP classroom support in action

"Your guidance and support during the English lesson were very helpful and encouraging. I appreciated the valuable advice you gave me on lesson presentation and learner engagement and classroom management. Your constructive feedback helped me to improve my confidence and teaching skills. Thank you for your patience, professionalism and willingness to share your knowledge and experience with me. I have learned a lot from your mentorship and support. Regards." **FP teacher from Lwandle Primary School (19 May 26)**



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