

Eagles Nest debaters fly away with coveted Mayor's Trophy

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PERSUASIVE arguments, top-notch counter arguments and a heated and exciting atmosphere was the order of the day when two local schools squared off in the Executive Mayor's Trophy Debate Tournament.

Eagles Nest Christian School won the debate against Capricorn High School at Jack Botes Hall recently.

Eagles Nest was the proposition team while Capricorn High School was the opposition team, squared up on the motion: Recent land invasion in Polokwane is a legitimate means to address the issue of development and land inequality.

The two schools butted heads to take home the trophy. Lafarge generously sponsored prizes for this tournament which included a floating trophy, books, and book vouchers as well as thank-you gifts for teachers and academics who adjudicated the event on a voluntary basis.

"Lafarge supports youth initiatives and we were proud to sponsor this event.

"It is a challenge to create educational programmes that appeal to young adults and will be supported by youth from all sectors of the community," says Esther Seabi, Lafarge South Africa transformation manager.

Lafarge forms sustainable partnerships as they believe that children are the future of the country.

As a proudly South African company, their success depends on these children becoming future engineers, managers, leaders and customers.

It is for this reason that Lafarge forms partnerships in projects that support the betterment of young South Africans.

Through its mandate of building better cities and towns that are more connected, more durable, more beautiful and which are more desirable places for people to live, work, learn and play; Lafarge South

Africa has committed to the development of this worthy course.

The Polokwane Debating Society has a long and successful history.

The Debating Society acquired the patronage of the mayor in 1998 who introduced the Mayor's Floating Trophy, which has since become a coveted prize for the competing schools every year.

The annual tournament was hosted from February to August which ran over five rounds with 51 teams competing.

By making use of the basic formal SACEE (South African Council for English Education) debating rules, a practical structure was set and consistency in standard was achieved.

Maudry Dunster, the coordinator of the debate, said the debate is held for development purposes and to help learners with research, visiting the library and public speaking.

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The learners of Maruleng High School are very excited after they received the donation from Women on the Move last Friday.

Women on the Move help learners

Maseo Nethanani

Women on the Move social club restored the dignity of 89 girls at Maruleng High School in Seshogo Zone 1 when they donated sanitary towels last week Friday.

"We had a charity event this year on 30 May at Jack Botes Hall to raise funds and collect sanitary towels. The event was under the theme: Take charity service and help others. About 150 people attended the ceremony and the tickets were sold at R300 per person. It was our agreement from the club that we should start at Maruleng High School where many girls are from disadvantaged backgrounds," explains Ruth Chauke, Women on the Move, chairperson.

She said reaching out to the disadvantaged girls was one of their priorities to make a difference in their lives. "It deeply touched us as a social club to see young girls missing their classes during their menstrual period. It is our responsibility to stand together and help the needy."

She told CV that they are still waiting for another school to respond before they can make a donation.

"We plan to draw up a year plan so we know when and where we can help the community. Our first attempt was very successful and we plan on continuing with this initiative."

Sinah Ramutloa, Maruleng High School principal, said some learners used to come to her office seeking sanitary towels.

"The help we received from Women on the Move will make a big difference. We salute them for their initiatives to distribute sanitary towels to our learners. We really appreciate their help."

Delinah Mpepele, a Gr. 12 learner who benefited from the initiative, thanked Women on the Move. "I never thought there would be someone who could help me so selflessly. It was very difficult and I often had to miss school. We are blessed that a saint came to our rescue."

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Eagles Nest Christian School is the winners of the Executive Mayor's Trophy Debate Tournament.



Learners of Mamathilledzha Primary School hold flags. With them are Rejoice Mabudafhasi (Department of Arts and Culture, Deputy Minister), and other departmental officials.

Learners urged to stay close to roots

Silas Nduvheni

ARTS and Culture Deputy Minister, Rejoice Mabudafhasi, urged young learners to develop a love for their country and its people, and to read more books.

Mabudafhasi spoke during a visit to the Mamathilledzha Primary School outside Thohoyandou on Friday to promote the government's national identity awareness programme aimed at motivating young learners to learn more about their country, where did they come from and where the country is going.

"We encourage young people to read more books and not only rely only on the prescribed books. They will be able to develop a spirit of patriotism and know their national identity better," Mabudafhasi said.

The deputy minister also engaged with the learners about national identity and later asked the learners questions in this regard. Those who were able to answer her questions correctly were each given a national identity

and South African Constitution booklet.

Learners were later taught how to hold the South African flag, sing the national anthem and know what the 11 official languages spoken in South Africa are.

Traditional leader of the area, chief Jim Kone of Mutavhanani village, said he hopes the visit will benefit the learners, the school and the community at large.

"We encourage learners to read more books because knowledge is precious and young people are our future leaders. We are older people and our time on earth is short. We want our future leaders to learn how to lead the country," Kone said.

School principal, Mmbangiseni Nengwenani, said he was honoured that his school had been noticed by an office of national government.

Nengwenani was on cloud nine by Mabudafhasi's visit and said the teachers plan to teach the learners more about the programme.

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Vito ra Phurojeke: Phurojeke ya Platreef

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