

# News Flash

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## NYS Students at the parliamentary village

As spring draws in the spirit of rebirth ,regrowth and renewal fills the atmosphere ,so it does to all Horticulturists whose work involves producing and cultivating plants with the aim of improving plant growth, yields quality nutritional value and resistance to insects; diseases and environmental stresses.

Our reporters visited the newly appointed National Youth Services (NYS) learners based in Capricorn District ,working at the parliamentary village as part of our spring celebration. This is to recognize the work that they do. During the visit three of the NYS students namely Beverlyn Hlahla, Emma Matlou and Oscar Mamaleka explained that their day to day work entails watering plants, weeding, cleaning the garden and planting trees and overall maintenance of the garden.

When speaking to the learners they also highlighted that they are happy to be given the opportunity to gain the skills of horticulturists as they did not know what this profession is all about and now that they are practically doing it they are enjoying it.

They also mentioned that Public Works has granted them a great opportunity as it is better than staying at home and doing nothing.



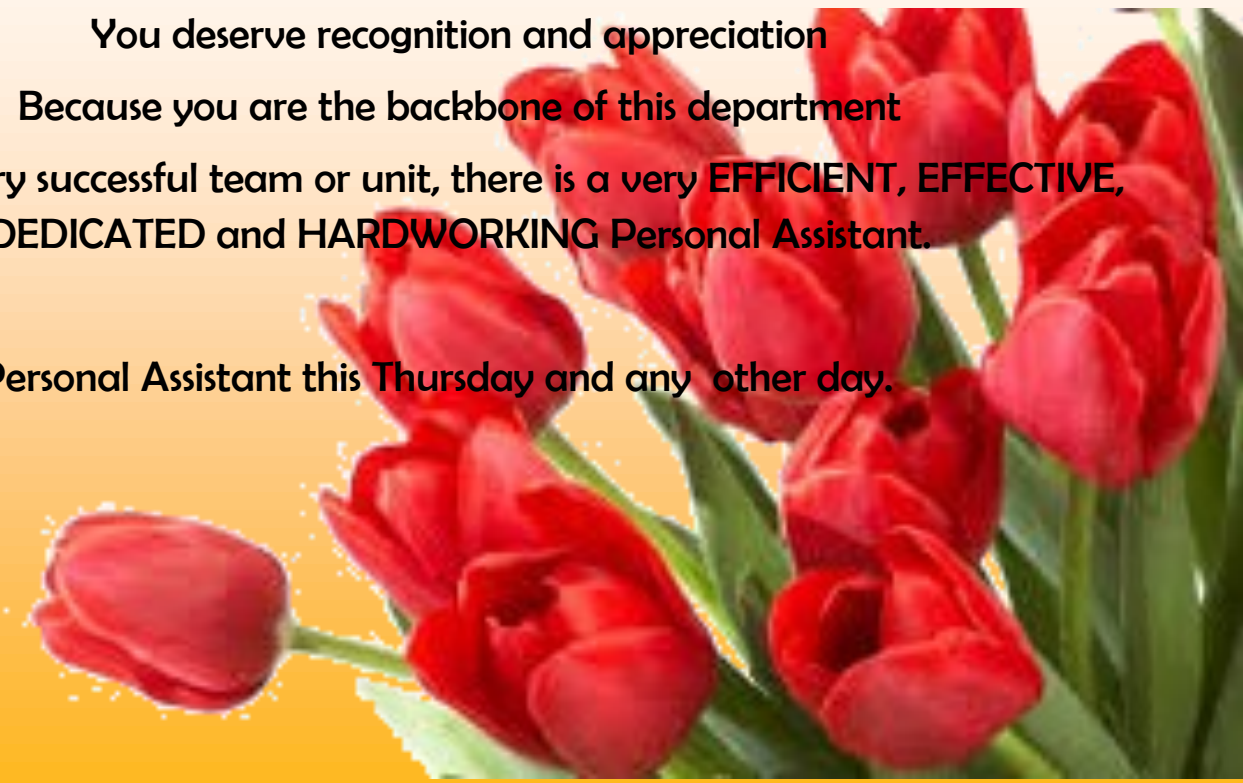
# Happy Secretary Day

*04 September 2013*

Endless phone calls you will take,  
Endless deadlines you will make,  
Answering questions all day long,  
Making sure nothing goes wrong,  
Your directorate/unit is beyond compare,  
Knowing exactly what to find and where,  
Your smile reaches far and near,  
It tells all, they are welcomed here,  
Thank you PERSONAL ASSISTANTS for all you do  
The Department will be lost without you!!!!

You deserve recognition and appreciation  
Because you are the backbone of this department  
Behind every successful team or unit, there is a very EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE,  
DEDICATED and HARDWORKING Personal Assistant.

Spoil your Personal Assistant this Thursday and any other day.





# PLANT A TREE AND SAVE THE WORLD

Arbor month provides us with the opportunity to raise awareness of South Africa's urban greening initiatives and encourages all communities and businesses to participate in various greening activities. We will encouraged people to participate in tree planting activities and related environmental programmes.

Trees play a vital role in rural and urban populations. They are needed to enrich and anchor soil, to maximise water supplies, to beautify and humanise townships and urban areas and to provide shade and shelter. They are also crucial for biodiversity conservation.

## How to Plant a Tree

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- Separate the top soil (darker soil) from the bottom lighter soil.
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- Plant either a pipe at an angle, or use a 2 litre plastic coldrink bottle with holes cut in the bottom of the bottle, next to the

of the tree, with the top of the pipe or plastic bottle sticking out of the ground.

- Mix a small amount of compost into the lighter soil, and pack it into the hole.
- Measure one spade length space around the tree.
- Remove all the grass and weeds from this space.
- Water the tree.
- Add a 10 cm layer of mulch (leaves, straw, or strips of newspaper), around the tree but not touching the tree.
- Once a week, water the tree through the pipe or water funnel. This sends the water directly to the roots (and prevents wasting water)
- Put the lid onto the bottle to prevent the water evaporating.
- After the 1st year, water the tree only when the soil is dry.
- Dig a straight wooden stake or stick next to the tree. Using something soft - like a stocking or piece of fabric - tie the tree to the stake to assist the tree in growing straight.
- Love and enjoy your tree!

In 2013 the trees being highlighted are:

Common: Blossom Tree or Keurboom (*Virgilia oroboides*)

Rare: Cross-Berry or Kruisbessie (*Grewia occidentalis*)

Powder-puff Tree or Poeierkwasboom (*Barringtonia racemosa*)

# Closing books shut out ideas!



National Book Week is one of the most significant interventions to mainstream the book sector as an important contributor to job creation, poverty

reduction and skills development. With this year's theme of **"The Books of Our Lives,"** National Book Week embarks on a creative campaign which reveals to South Africans the many ways in which books remain our faithful companions on the road of life, prodding us, guiding us, teasing us, and sweeping us away into history, fantasy and the inner lives of others so different, and yet so similar, to ours.

We all have an important role to play in promoting reading and increasing access to books. This year National Book Week is celebrated in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September the month of Heritage to instill a sense of national pride and encourage South Africans to read books, be they books in English or in our own languages.

This campaign is to show the nation how easy it is to incorporate reading into our daily lives, and to highlight

how fun and enjoyable reading can be. There's a book out there that anyone can identify with.

Let's read.....



## WELCOME BACK!



We welcome back one of our own Rosemary Mahapa and congratulations on the birth of her baby boy Oratile



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## **Government News**

### **Did You Know**

Life has changed since 1994

### **Outcome 1: Improved Quality of Basic Education**

#### **Further Education and Training (FET)**

- Bursaries to students increased from R100 million in 2007 to R1, 7 billion in 2012.
- R200 million was provided to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme for Loans to students who have completed their studies.
- A further R50 million was provided for postgraduate students who required financial assistance to complete their honours, masters and doctoral degrees.



**Working Together We Can Do More**



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*"Remember the values*

*Happy people*

*Professionalism"*

*Re a Soma*

