

# EDUGATE NEWS

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## THE HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduction
- Teaching practice & Assessments.
- Project Update

### Introduction:

It is exciting that September marks the third and last term for EduGate in 2017. There was a lot of excitement within the students' body when they came back from holidays in the second week of September. Third term resumed on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with twenty-four students including one student from last year's group who had to come back to finish the course this year after she had challenges with sickly husband last year. The current group of students is filled with excitement as they started the last term of the year with great enthusiasm.

### Project update:

Students went for their last teaching practice in October for three weeks.

Lectures have been trying to wind up all courses and syllabus for the year. With the third term being the last term for the year

2017, we have a lot to do in preparation to end the year.

EduGate team went to visit Bulembu ICBC and it was a good time of seeing and touring the whole of Bulembu site especially the preschool and children's homes were the highlights of the staff as they picked a lot of things relevant to EduGate's field.

The Ministry of Education REO office was visited after they proposed to have a meeting with us concerning Introduction to Early Childhood Care Development workshops. The REO was able to express her heartfelt gratitude towards these workshops that have been offered by EduGate to preschool teachers in Swaziland. They have pleaded that we continue hosting the workshops as they are in great demand.



## **Students Teaching Practice:**

All twenty-four students were sent for teaching practice in seven schools in Manzini and Mbabane. It has been a good three weeks as the students woke up every day with enthusiasm to go and teach. The partnering preschools had a wonderful time as they also enjoyed their time with the students. This teaching practice lasted for three weeks ending on the 20th October.



Trainers were also able to assess all students while doing their teaching practice for the three weeks. There has been so much improvement from all the students as compared to when they started. EduGate is very happy about the effort the teachers have put to go and be the light in their respective communities.

## **Introduction to ECCD workshops**

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## **End of term three preparations.**

Term three is coming to an end and this marks the end of the academic year as well as we are a month away. We give all Glory and Honour to God for being with the students and EduGate team this far. There is so much excitement to the team of students as they have already started planning for their graduation day.

We are so grateful to God for His protection and covering since the beginning of the year. As we are now starting November the last month for the academic year. Graduation date has been set for students to be on the 2nd December 2017. God is so good.

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