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Ingang: Volwassenes R50
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SA kinders het swak leesvaardighede

"As jy nie kan lees nie, kan jy nie leer nie." Die uiters kommerwekkende bevindinge oor Suid-Afrikaanse kinders se gebrekkige leesvaardighede in die nuutste internasionale PIRLS-verslag trek nie net 'n rooi streep deur die Suid-Afrikaanse onderwysstelsel se pogings

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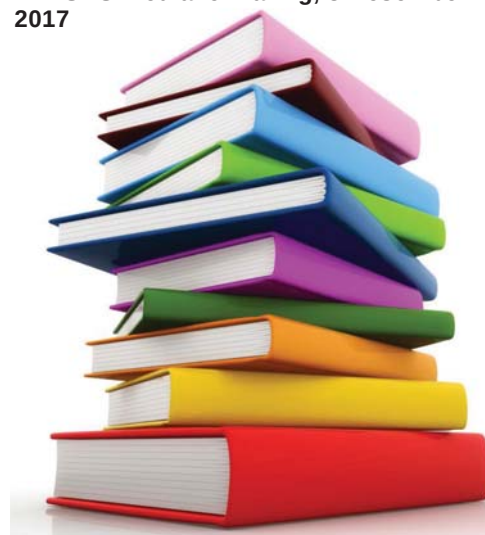
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nie, maar is ook 'n aanklag teen ouers, voogde en ander rolspelers. Die Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is 'n groot internasionale vergelykende meetinstrument wat elke vyf jaar gedoen word om die leesvaardighede van Graad 4-leerders te meet. Suid-Afrika beklee die heel laaste plek uit die 50 lande wat deelgeneem het. "Jy kan nêr leer lees deur te lees. As agt uit tien Graad 4-leerders nie verstaan wat hulle lees nie, dui dit op ernstige tekortkominge in die plaaslike onderwysstelsel. Ná vier jaar op skool kan kinders lêterlik nie lees nie," sê dr. Jaco Deacon, adjunkhoof van die Federasie van Beheerliggame van Suid-Afrikaanse Skole (FEDSAS). Deacon sê FEDSAS se standpunt is dat ingrepe reeds in die grondslagfase moet plaasvind. "Ons het die beste opvoeders in kleiner klasse nodig om in moedertaal die basiese vaardighede soos lees, skryf en syfervaardighede te leer." Deacon sê een van die probleme is dat Graad R dikwels nie deur opgeleide onderwysers aangebied word nie. "Ons mors dus eintlik 'n jaar se opvoeding waar die grondslag vir die basiese vaardighede reeds gelê kan word." Dat die regering nie bewus is van hierdie tekortkominge nie, of bloot nie omgee nie, is baie duidelik uit die voorgestelde Wysigingswetsontwerp op Basiese Onderwys. "As die doel van hierdie wysigings werklik was om die gehalte van onderrig te verbeter, sou ons praktiese, haalbare kurrikulumvoorstelle gesien het. Pleks daarvan is dit 'n politieke magspel." Deacon sê ouers kan egter nie bloot die onderwysstelsel blameer

vir Suid-Afrikaanse kinders se swak leesvaardighede nie. "Hoeveel ouers of volwassenes lees vir kinders? Of is self lesers? Indien die voorbeeld nie tuis gestel word nie, sal nie ouers of kinders eens beseft dat daar 'n probleem by skole is nie. Ons stuur op 'n ramp af wat langtermyn gevolge vir ons land se produktiwiteit en ekonomie inhou – waar gaan geskoolde werkers vandaan kom indien niemand kan lees nie?" FEDSAS is betrokke by talle projekte om 'n leeskuilte by openbare skole te vestig. 'n Projek in die Wes-Kaap wat mobiele biblioteke aan skole skenk, het reeds groot sukses behaal. "Vir FEDSAS is dit 'n prioriteit dat lede belê in en begroot vir skoolbiblioteke." FEDSAS moedig ouers aan om hierdie vakansie hul kinders na biblioteke te neem en hulle toe te laat om self boeke te kies.

FEDSAS mediaverklaring, 8 Desember 2017



A word from Len

THANK YOU. If I can summarise 2017 in two words, it will be **THANK YOU.** Thanks: Through the grace of God, the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper is greatly blessed. We've had a year of many endings and many bright new beginnings. We not only celebrated our 10th year as the only independent free newspaper in Rustenburg, but we have dealt with the very best of the community and some extremely dark, heart-breaking moments. This year brought me to realise how important it is to hold onto the word of God and seek His

advice in every good or bad situation. You: We are so thankful for our blessings, our staff, our clients and most of all you, our readers. You were all part of the larger team which made our publication a successful one. Here's wishing each and every one a blessed and safe holiday season. May the hand of God be over us all as we head into the holiday season.

** The *Platinum Weekly* offices will be closed from 15 December 2017 until 8 January 2018. Remember to keep an eye on our website and facebook for any breaking news. Whether you're travelling far or staying at home, may you have a blessed and peaceful festive season!

Len Lombard, owner of Platinum Weekly
"We are so blessed to have walked the 2017 road with you. I look forward to 2018! Keep the Lord first in everything you do! May you have a joyous Christmas season with loved ones. Until next year!"

