

Queensburgh Primary-empowering pupils since 1966

Former president, Nelson Mandela called education 'the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. Dr Nessa Govindasamy Reddy, who has been appointed as the principal of Queensburgh Primary School, believes that education is a vehicle for fostering not only strong human values in schools but also in the communities through our children. Dr Reddy, who is already making a remarkable difference in the school, has taken a holistic approach towards education by working with various stakeholders including community and civic leaders.

Dr Reddy said that it is his mission to make the school a beacon of academic excellence in KZN.

"The pupils are my number one priority and anything that is undertaken must benefit the child," he said. He added that studies reflect the strong link between the high performing schools and partnerships with parents and the community at large.

As a result, he embodies an invitational leadership style to solicit all stakeholders including neighbouring schools.

The school caters for children from three months to grade R, in a Montessori ECD environment and from grade one to grade seven in a safe and hygienic space for teaching and learning. There is an aftercare facility with homework being undertaken by a Montessori trained professional, Ms Isai Pillai. Pupils also participate in the Queensburgh and District sports programme.

Numerous fundraising drives supplement the school coffers, adding an element of fun and social responsibility..

Forthcoming attractions include a grade seven prom, open day for registration with a fun walk and fun day with food stalls/ tea garden and jumping castle/ water slides on November 24. Dr Reddy stated that he is not a closet styled principal. He can be found at the gate, corridor, on the sports field and in the classroom so that parents, staff and pupils know that he is at arms length when required.

This hands-on approach of leadership entices the staff and pupils to drive the mission and the vision of the school.



Principal of Queensburgh Primary School, Dr NG Reddy.

"I have two strong departmental heads to whom I can delegate responsibility, with the assurance that it will be done methodically and efficiently. This frees me up to work on other projects. I have created partnerships with ABSA, HSD telecommunications and Trencon Construction to improve the school facilities. I am fortunate to have inherited a core of strong teachers who are passionate and committed to improving the educational standards," he said.

After 36 years in the high school space, he opted for the primary school context because in each child he sees a brilliant mind waiting to be unlocked. "Where better to start than from the ground up," Dr Reddy stated.