



20 years of serving the public, and still going strong!



Above: all the employees that were awarded for serving the public for 20 years.

The St Andrews Hospital's Human Resources department hosted an awarding ceremony for employees that have served the health department for 20 years.

The hospital CEO Mrs. TL Ntleko opened with a heartwarming speech, giving thanks to the employees for their loyalty and respect towards the department.

Furthermore she thanked the employees for setting an example for the younger generation as they have a lot of experience and can share it with the young ones. Four departments that were awarded were security, nursing, finance and administration, and cleaning services.

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The Child Protection Awareness Programme

UMuziwabantu Municipality and the Special Programmes Unit hosted a Child Protection Awareness event in which four government departments were invited. Among them were St Andrews hospital's Simunye support services, Harding Primary Health Care, South African Social Services Association, South African Police Services and the Department Of Education.

The purpose of the awareness programme was to solve the social problems that school children face on a daily basis, this programme was to create awareness of the issues at hand and come up with solutions at the same time.

The biggest concern was the increasing rate of teenage pregnancy amongst school children. South African police service (SAPS) was there to inform the children about the dangers of drug abuse, South African social services association (SASSA) informed the scholars about child abuse as well as social grants and the application process.

Mrs. Ntuli from the Primary Health Care (PHC) spoke about the disadvantages of teenage pregnancy and also gave information about male medical circumcision (MMC) and how important it is for the youth to participate in this initiative.



The two invited schools to the child protection awareness programme. Left: Harding Sehole high school and right: Harding Secondary



Left: Magic Mohlaoli the organizer of the Child protection awareness programme. Right: Mrs. Ntuli Of PHC speaking about teenage pregnancy and MMC

The construction of our new SDU

St Andrews Hospital is pleased to announce the construction of its new Sterilizing & Disinfecting Unit (SDU) which is expected to be complete and in full function early next year.

As an institution operating under the Department of Health we need to ensure that cleanliness and hygiene remains a top priority to prevent the spread of bacteria which could make us vulnerable to infections at the institution.

This new building has been designed to live up to the standards of Infection Control, the building will have a dirty area or room where the Operating Theatre staff will be able to place their used scrubs and equipment for sterilization, as well as a clean room or area where clean and sterilized scrubs and equipment will be waiting for the Operating theatre staff.

The construction of the SDU is also expected to help the hospital to combat cases of septic wounds at the operating theatre, already these cases seldom occur therefore this will be a way of promoting primary health care with cleanliness and hygiene.



Above: The progress of the construction of the new SDU. Currently the foundation has been completed and the slab has been cast.

The Hospital's Strategic Plan Meeting



Above: Supervisors from different departments presenting their department's challenges, achievements and their way forward

On the 27th of May 2011, St Andrews Hospital hosted their Strategic Plan meeting in which different government institutions, traditional healers and six *Amakhosi* were invited to have an input in the Strategic Plan.

Strategic planning is the development of a broad long-term overall strategy to realize the mission and vision of the organization. It also dictates the action/operational plan and should also direct the budget.

The meeting was started with a welcoming note from the Deputy Nursing Manager Miss M. Vane and Miss N. Zwane, the hospital Public Relations Officer gave an insight about the hospital vision and mission and its history.

The Medical Manager Dr K.T. Ngoyi was among the presenters on the day, he dwelled on the district hospital service package where he outlined the services that are rendered by a district hospital. He also mentioned that the institution is faced with a challenge of clients that come to the institution without proper referral letters and expect to be seen by doctors.

Furthermore the institution faces a problem of the clients who get tested for HIV very late and start taking ARVs late, and that people do not want to get tested at their local clinics because of the stigma.

Another challenge is maternal deaths, sexual abuse of children, children not immunised etc. These challenges formed part of the discussions during the meeting and all stakeholders that attended the meeting were given the opportunity to have valuable input.

June 16 Youth Day Special

In honour of Youth Day, the youth of Harding Christian Centre hosted a Youth Day Special where St Andrews Hospital team was invited to educate the youth about HIV/AIDS.

Sr. Cynthia Manning from Simunye Support Centre, St Andrews Hospital, spoke about making proper decisions before engaging in sexual relations, waiting for maturity to make proper and rational decisions. She also spoke about ABCDE i.e. Abstinence, Be faithful to your partner, Condomise, keep away from Drugs, and Educate yourself. She added on saying that Harding had the highest number of pregnant teenagers in KZN and they have turned abortion as a method of family planning.

Sr. Manning gathered the youth into different groups and asked them to come up with questions that they want to know in connection with HIV,

as well as discuss issues that affect the youth today. A lot of questions came forward and they were addressed accordingly by the staff members from Simunye Support Centre.

After the discussions Simunye Support Centre staff members separated and made six stations where the youth came forward and tested for HIV, Hypertension, Diabetes and Tuberculosis.

Once the tests had been done the youth went on a march on the main road of Harding, spreading the word and reaching out to their fellow peers demonstrating against drugs, alcohol, teenage pregnancy and abuse.

Please refer to page 6 to view the photographs

Physiotherapy wins again!

The hospital's Infection control committee got together once again to evaluate the results of their IPC survey. In March three departments; Gateway clinic, Dental clinic and Physiotherapy each scored 100% for their compliance on infection control practices.

In April OPD, and Physiotherapy once again, scored the highest with 96% as their result. Matron Magubane awarded the departments with a golden floating trophy which will be displayed for all to see.



Above: Matron Magubane presenting the department with the trophy.

And the award goes to...



Youth Day Action at Harding Christian Centre



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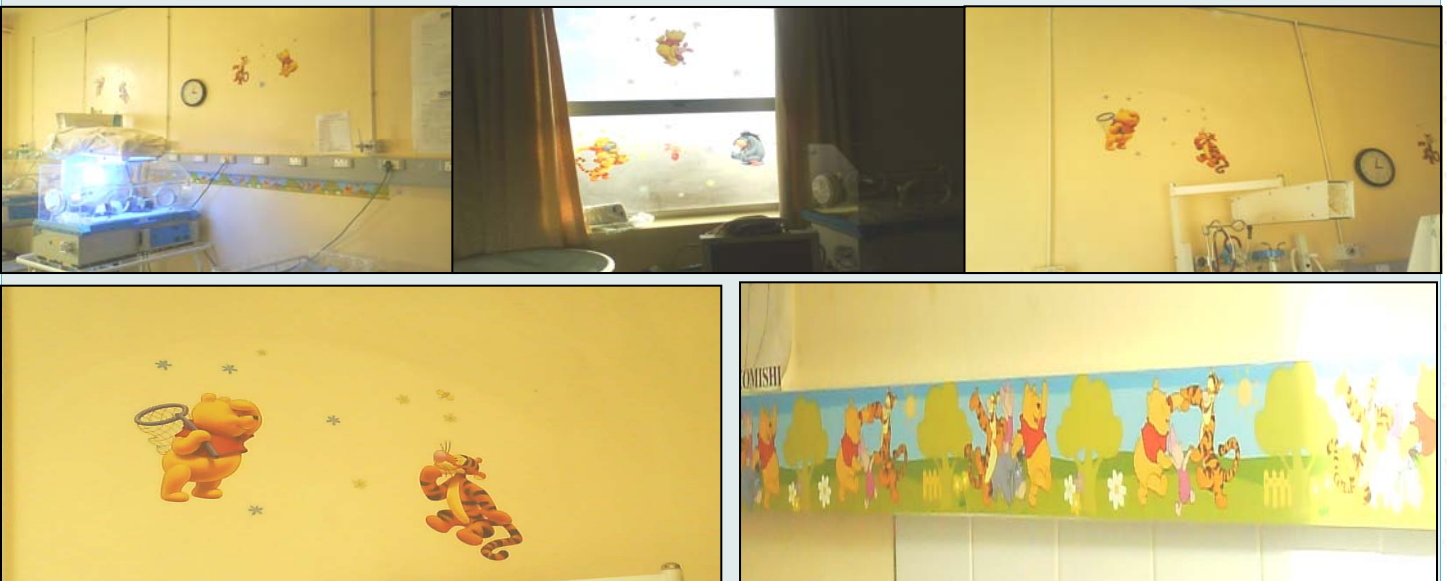
Mock Evacuation in progress

The purpose of mock evacuation is to prepare staff in terms of emergency preparedness. This allows supervisor and subordinates to know their duties in terms of different emergencies (i.e. fire, flooding, bomb threat, etc.). **By Mr. M Mbuthuma Safety & Security Officer.**



A Nursery fit for babies

We as therapists, basically deal with child stimulation so we believed that the place for children should be stimulating even if its for the mother when they are with their newborn have something in the walls and courts. That's why I saw it fit to decorate the nursery with Winnie the pooh and Friends, its always the best for kids and newborns. **By Mrs. C Ngcobo Occupational therapist.**



**NEW APPOINTMENTS APRIL-
JUNE 2011**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>
1. Shozi SC	ENA Intern
2. Shongwe PH	PN Comm. Serve
3. Cwele FP	HR Intern
4. Msizazwe NF	PR Intern
5. Cele TH	Secretary Intern
6. Dlamini ZH	Finance Intern
7. Lusaseni ZM	Staff Nurse
8. Ngidi NB	PN Grade1
9. Ganesh RA	Pharmacist Manager
10. Mzobe VC	Data Capturer
11. Mchiza BF	Data Capturer
12. Gcumisa EN	Social Worker
13. Zikizela MN	Prof Nurse
14. Dayile N	Prof Nurse
15. Amanambu A	Medical Officer
16. Ndlovu GT	Staff Nurse
17. Lukhozi ZS	Nursing Assistant
18. Vabaza PN	Prof Nurse
19. Sobayeni LM	Nursing Assistant

**AWARDED DEPARTMENTS ON INFECTION CONTROL INSPECTIONS FOR APRIL
-JUNE**

- ◆ PHYSIOTHERAPY
- ◆ OPD
- ◆ DENTAL

Show your talent

One day I decided to quit...

I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality, my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God. God I asked "Can you give one reason not to quit?" His answer surprised me.. "Look around" He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo" "yes", I replied. "When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo.

In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful and again nothing came from the bamboo seed but I did not quit on the bamboo." He said.

"In the third year there was still nothing from the bamboo seed but I would not quit.

In the fourth year there was still nothing from the bamboo seed but I would not quit." He said.

"Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged the earth compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant.

But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet it had spent 5 years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it need to survive. I would not give any of my creation the challenge it could not handle."

He asked me "Did you know my child all this time you have been struggling you have been growing roots?"

"I would not quit on the bamboo I will never quit on you, don't compare yourself to others." He said

"The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern yet they both make the forest beautiful, your time will come."

God said to me "You will rise high."

Never, never , never give up!!!

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