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WELCOME REMARKS BY CEO

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers" - Ralph Nader



Dr. I.F Mbokazi
Hospital Chief Executive Officer

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to our hospital newsletter that has stopped because of pandemic. The abnormal was made to be normal during the pandemic. Every institution had it's challenges but what is important is to be able to overcome them as a team not as individuals. The team spirit we have in the Hospital management is what will drive this hospital to success.

The issue of infrastructure has been a challenge for a very long time but the improvement we have witnessed in the past few months brings hope that one day it will be a modernized hospital since we know that the hospital was built in the early 1911. The hospital was built by missionaries servicing far less community that we are current servicing and this change comes with a higher demand that needs model technology.

Every year, we receive more than just community service employees but we receive new family members and soldiers. Life here is simple but exciting. For me, this place is my second home and I am sure, that it will be for you too. There is a lot to learn here. I will tell you about things that are not written in our web page when we meet from your different working stations.

Between year 2020 and 2021 we experienced a very painful pandemic that took the lives of some our staff members. The hospital management would like to take this opportunity and send condolences to the family and friends who lost their love ones during the pandemic. We are very positive that we will be able to overcome any situation that comes our way.

Mandela Day Commemoration: Hospital Paeds Ward



Mandela Day is a call to action for every individual, group, and corporate. To take responsibility for making the world a better place, one step at a time, in response to areas of need within their communities. It is true that some children have not eaten a cake full of cream in their entire lives due to their family background. The hospital management would like to send words of appreciation to Melmoth Boxer Store for making sure that our hospitalized paediatric patients receive a slice of cake each year in commemoration of Mandela Day.

The 18th of July is marked as Mandela Day, encourage 67 minutes of giving back to the community and helping the poor or the poorest in your neighbourhoods. The hospital's Paeds ward has been receiving a cake from Melmoth Boxer Store every year commemorate the day. It is known that Nelson Mandela loved children especially those who are unable to afford a better life.



Above left photo: Ms I.I Mthembu (PAEDS Operational Manager), Mr B.R Ngobeni (Assistant Manager Nursing), Ms N.P Zulu (Assistant Manager Nursing for PAEADS and Maternity) and baby mothers welcomed a donation from Melmoth Boxer Store

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Spiritual recovery after COVID-19 - Prayer Day



Above Picture: KwaMagwaza Hospital staff, Dr I.F Mbokazi (Hospital CEO), Mrs N.E Hlophoe (District Director), Rev. Mvuni, and District Team having over certificate of appreciation

The Department of Health KZN, District office organised a prayer for staff members on the 12th of July 2022 at Melmoth Sport Indoor Centre combining 3 hospitals - Nkandla, Khombe and KwaMagwaza on the latter hosting.

The prayer was a success being well attended by all above mentioned hospitals. The event opened with motivation from Pastor who encouraged the colleagues to continue soldiering on even in difficult times. He closed by quoting a verse from the bible, "May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. - Psalm 20:1 (NIV)". No one should ever look down on him / her self regarding the role we all played during the pandemic.

The prayer was needed for the staff to see that they are an important pillar of the Department of Health KZN and without their hard work nothing is possible. Staff members were excited about

this initiative by the District Director Mrs N.E Hlophoe because it shows appreciation. The Department of Health KZN is aware that the issue of salary increases remains painful but the words thank you and showing appreciation releases some stress staff.

Hosting it is also terrible. While dealing with the pandemic looting took place in July 2021 leaving the country with no suppliers while COVID-19 patients had to continue. It was painful to nurse the patients that got injured during the looting. The work that health care workers do does not discriminate because even criminals deserve quality health care services.

The pastor left the staff of the Department of Health KZN with the following words of encouragement, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me". - Psalm 23:4(NIV)

Awareness against Teenage Pregnancy : Nomponjwana Clinic



Above Photo : Mrs P.D Buthelezi (Deputy Manager Nursing), Mr Mbuso Nkabinde, Ms Ndwandwe (Professional Nurse), and Love Life Volunteers & Staff holding banners with messages fighting against women and children abuse. This was done in Melmoth Shopping Centre.

The month of June is marked as Youth Month in South Africa, Department of Health KZN, Nomponjwana Clinic took to the streets and marched against teenage pregnancy and illegal abortions in Melmoth Town. This initiative was supported by Health District Office and Love Life.

Teenage pregnancies remain a serious health and social problem in South Africa. Not only do teenage pregnancies pose as a health risk to both mothers and children, they also have social consequences. Such as continuing the cycle of poverty via early school dropout. Teenage pregnancies increase when girls

are denied the right to make decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and well-being

The Department of Health KZN is aware that discouraging young girls from being sexually active makes a small impact in reducing the high number of teenage pregnancies so contraceptives are an alternative that can assist in reducing unplanned pregnancies.

Teenage pregnancies are a global issue but most often occur in poorer and marginalised communities. Many girls face considerable pressure to marry early and become mothers while they are still children themselves.

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Learn how to save lives: Hospital Fire Drill



The hospital welcomes new staff members every year and for some it is their first experience of employment meaning the caution signs around the hospital might be of little effect if they are not orientated properly, including a fire drill.

The hospital has old buildings of which some are more than 100 years old. As technology continues to change and provide new options we must never forget the past and the reason why drills and training are so critical. This may seem like a burden to some, but being prepared through drills and training clearly improves response, seconds matter.

It is also important to note that hospitals don't require full evacuation due to the size and nature of the facilities, as well as the safety of the patients and staff, but there are many other protocols that determine where patients, visitors, staff and other occupants in hospitals are supposed to go — or not go — during a fire emergency.

Above Photo: KwaMagwaza Hospital Staff attending Fire Drill training conducted by Mthonjaneni Fire Fighters

On the 06th of June 2022 the KwaMagwaza District hospital conducted a fire drill through the assistance of the Fire Department from Mthonjaneni Local Municipality. A fire drill is important because it prepares our staff members knowing what to do during disaster or fire outbreak.

PHOTO GALLERY



Above Photo: Nomponjwana Clinic Staff and Ms Buthelezi Operational Manager) addressing learners about the importance of attending the clinic for check ups.



Above Photo: Mr B.S Mbokazi (Finance Manager) training Local Business Forum on what are the hospital expectations when awarding work to suppliers. 28th June 2022



Above Photo: Mthonjaneni Fire Fighter educating KwaMagwaza Hospital Staff on how to handle fire extinguishers during fire outbreak.



Above Photo: KwaMagwaza Hospital management team and King Cetshwayo District Management team attending a prayer day organised by District Director.



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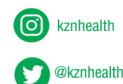
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