

Some teacher comments from each of the 9 SA Provinces:

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We have now run Maths & Science teacher workshops for Naptosa in every one of the 9 Provinces in SA over the past 6 months. Other workshops have also been run for ASSA during the past 19 month period.

We have trained a total of 1 566 teachers from 983 schools during this period & have been delighted with the comments that we have received at the conclusion of all the workshops! There have been a total of 332 Maths & Science teachers from 219 schools on the 2 Naptosa projects – TUC project (sponsored by the DBE) & Gauteng project (sponsored by ASSA). The only negative comment from the 1 500 teachers was: 'When will it be available in Afrikaans'?

Here is a sample of the comments from the various Provincial Naptosa projects:



Gauteng:

What you are doing is absolutely awesome!! I wish the word could go around to reach particularly the teachers whose schools are in environments where they think it's impossible to integrate technology at a low budget! You have shown that it can be done! **K Manona Department of Basic Education Pretoria**

Thank you so much for inviting us along. Nice, informative workshop. All teachers should get access to this workshop! **Shafika Isaacs DBE Pretoria**

This is a very powerful tool for teachers in this country! You need to find a way of cascading this material, methodology and workshops to all teachers in South Africa! Let us meet sometime to discuss collaboration. Thank you, John. **Dr Aaron Nkosi Dept Basic Education Pretoria: National Head of Curriculum Development SA.**

We are lucky to be at a school where most classes have projectors mounted on the ceiling. We have also received other hardware as a Dinaledi school. This is great extra material and methodology. We will use it extensively. Why can't a big corporate (or the DBE or the Provinces or Dinaledi themselves) sponsor this workshop for all Dinaledi teachers and schools throughout the country? **Steph Wilson Edenvale High**

Awesome workshop! Excellent materials. We have no problem purchasing hardware. Thanks for an excellent, new method of teaching! Why do we not train every Maths & Science teacher in SA in workshops like this one? **R Pather Florida Park.**

This was a very lovely presentation, very interactive, informative and much better than any Maths & Science workshop that I have attended. I will be more prepared when I face my learners next term. I can now do simulations & video clips when I don't have the apparatus/chemicals for a practical. This will simplify my work. I'm looking forward to utilizing most if not all applications available. This should have been introduced 5 – 6 years ago – then we would not have come last out of the 148 countries! We would have been first! 😊 **C Bere Waverley Girls**

Everything to me is perfect if I can get a laptop and projector it will make my work very easy. Very, very fruitful indeed. **Muzenda T Highlands North**

Western Cape

I am amazed at how much has been put together (relevant matter & CAPS aligned) and given to us (best of all) for FREE! Unbelievable! I am still waiting for the CATCH!! **R Elixer Muizenberg HS Maths**

It sounds incredibly promising. I love the idea that all the preparation is already done and this leaves me with more time to do other research and have a life! I am excited about the tests, worksheets, teaching materials and exams to use as resources! Thank you! **T Ingram Sans Souci Girls High Maths.**

Thank you for making the effort and for the passion to see both educators and learners excel in Maths & Science! Thank you also for making it so easy & for doing all the hard work so that teachers can finally enjoy teaching and facilitating as the ground work has already been done for us!

John, THIS IS A MUST FOR ALL SCHOOLS IN SA – **NOT** A LUXARY, BUT A NECESSITY!!! Good luck with your work! **W Classen Malibu High Science.**

This was a very fruitful workshop and I feel it needs to be extended to all of our Maths & Science Subject/Curriculum Advisors and teachers in the WCED – so that we can all be on the same page with one another regarding this very informative and useful material, methodology and website! Our marks in the WCED as well as all across the rest of

SA will certainly improve – especially in the teaching, learning and Matric results in Maths & Science! Keep up the great work, John! **MS Mfaku Sizimisele HS Maths & Science.**

This is an excellent workshop. I have already given the advertising pamphlet to all of our Maths & Science learners and teachers and next week I will check to see that all are registered on the site! This site can help us to up the standard of teaching and learning in SA. This is great! Thank you, John! **ML Ngqongala Joe Slovo HS Science**

It is crucial for us to be flexible as to change the learner's thinking about Physical Sciences. What I like the most is this is more hands-on as our learners can do more when they do things on their own than only sitting listening. **B Ngere Intshukuma HS Science.**

The workshop was very helpful. I would like to attend another training that is even more hands-on and also get assistance in training for using a data projector and computer in class since I have now been taught how these things work. **N Maphini Intshukumo Science.**

Thank you for your hard work!!! **Bea Myburgh Sans Suci GHS Science**

I really would like to attend more workshops like this as I am a new entrant teacher. I feel that I have gained some wise insight. I will be using this material in my class. Thank you so much for your time and effort. **F Gamiet Phoenix SS Maths**

Free State

This was a very innovative and informative workshop and I can feel it is going to bring changes to the South African school system. It gave me hope and that it is going to take time for my school to have all that I need. I am going to start with my phone and tablet with my learners in the meantime. This content will assist me greatly. **S Mashiane Maths Bloemhof South HS.**

The workshop was great, the website is a miracle that I have been waiting for, for many years! In my school there is no electricity in the classrooms. We only have electricity in the computer Lab, but I can move my learners to that class to make full use of this website. I can go around and ask top business men/women for donations so that I can get electricity in all our classes. Thank you very much – it was great! **NJ Sekharume Maths Selelekela SS**

Excellent workshop. I can do my own fundraising to get the necessary hardware. **H Bester Maths THS Louis Botha**

I thoroughly enjoyed this workshop. Very informative. I will definitely make use of the resources and materials being made available to us. Thank you so much for your work, enthusiasm and wanting to make a difference in our very poor Maths culture. I am a very passionate teacher and believe that this will help my learners also become passionate about Maths. There are some hurdles at my school, such as learners who do not have the proper foundation and vandalism and stealing at schools. But we will work towards bettering these problems. Thank you once again! **N Saaiman Maths Petunia SS.**

I enjoyed the workshop. It was productive. I am going to use the techniques and methods to improve teaching and learning at our school and also the private lessons. **B Hofsta Maths Petunia SS**

Eastern Cape

This was an informative session for I was not aware of the website before. **NB Mhleka Science Nombulelo SS**

I am extremely excited! I must commend John for the excellent presentation. I really learned some important stuff today. Thank you! **Ronald Hillier Science Alexandria HS**

Definitely going to use it. Very excited. Thank you – going to make my life so much easier! **L Potgieter Maths & Science Adelaide Gym.**

I wish you could go to all other Provinces and every town to inform Maths & Science teachers about this website so as to improve the results in Maths and Science throughout the country! **VP Mbusi Maboboti SSS Maths**

I am looking forward to using and accessing your website. I cannot wait. It is going to change the way I teach as it was boring to my learners and to me – just chalk & talk. I will be developing as a teacher and my learners will improve in terms of performance and still have fun! **ME Mazwai Enoch Namba SSS Maths**

I appreciate this workshop. I enjoyed and benefitted a lot in this workshop. Our facilitator was very clear with his presentation. **FH Tusua Vullngobo SS Maths**

I was so motivated on this MSM workshop. This is so wonderful! My learners will be really interested when they hear about this. **No Name No School & no subject**

It has been an eye-opener for me and although I am technologically challenged and internet at school is unreliable, I will certainly investigate all the options made available by the website. I will also make sure all Maths & Science teachers in the school get info about the website. **B McLaren Cathcart Science**

The workshop was very exciting. I wish it could be done every term. I have developed an interest in computers. Thank you, John!! **M Nozibele ZK Mathews SSS Maths**

The presentation was exciting! I will definitely go to the website. **NR Ngingini ZK Mathews Maths**

Funding is needed for this dream to come true. **T Masonza Dale College Science.**

I feel excited to have a look at the website. Wonderful stuff – thank you for sharing your passion! Good luck for the road ahead! **M Brown Cathcart Maths**

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I'm so grateful and pleased to have attended this workshop. I will be using these resources daily and will also make them available on my school Edmodo account. **Giuseppe Kloof High Maths**

Some info to cover bureaucratic lesson plans for the Dept. requirements. I like the idea of 3 to 4 slides per lesson coupled with a worksheet. Brilliant work, John! I wish you all the best in your endeavours. We need it!
O Dass Haythorne Maths

I can't wait to use these teaching and learning aids as I am desperate to make my learners love Maths as much as I do. Thank you very much. **M Levin Russel High Maths**

The workshop was presented in an excellent manner. The transition from old chalk & talk to the new PowerPoint presentation in the classroom is waited upon in anticipation by me. I am so looking forward to being empowered!
A Iyer Woodlands High Life Sciences.

I'm inspired to use this technology because it has been made so easy! Thank you!
R Aziz Russel High Maths

Thank u. You have made e-teaching very easy. Thank you for motivating us. **No Name No School No subject.**

I am a Maths teacher and have been inspired by the possibility of all these resources. I cannot wait to explore the website! I have a smartboard in my classroom – so am fully kitted out, but have definitely not been using this resource to its full potential. I would appreciate these resources to be extended to include Advanced Programme Maths Curriculum! Many thanks!! **N Gordijn PMB Girls' High Maths**

Thank you for taking the time and making this your passion! I strive to become a master teacher!
H Coetzee Carter High Maths

The workshop was expertly handled. The objective of moving away from only chalk and talk set-up to one envisaged by the presenter at this workshop is exciting and one that I am looking forward to. **D Iyer Woodlands Maths**

Excellent. Have searched and used Sharp and other websites & will definitely use this one. Fantastic. Thank you.
W Murray Kloof High Maths & Science

Being a public school, it is always a challenge to find technology in all classrooms and many teachers not comfortable with using technology. All about training and encouraging growth. **L Janssens Kloof Maths**

I really liked that we could download video clips and use later. It was good that you had challenges with the videos so that we expect that to happen. Material relative to Science. **J Singh Haythorn SS Science**

The materials will be very useful in my school as all Maths teachers have interactive smartboards and so having access to the website will help us to make better use of the technology that we already have. It is innovative and will definitely improve the way learners acquire knowledge. **C Marion PMB Girls' High Maths**

Northern Cape

What passion and commitment! I am humbled by the presence of this man. Thank you for sharing your life's work and inspiring me. Just 2 days ago I was ready to give up and just 'let go'. Thank you! P.S. The personal approach is MUCH MUCH more effective than faxes, pages in the post etc. The ASSA must wake up and find the necessary funds to take this project to the next level! **H Truter Duneveld High Maths**

Absolutely enjoyed the whole session. All the materials, PowerPoints are so useful and I am excited to start using the materials. I actually started writing my own PowerPoints in my class but to create it for the whole Curriculum this year was a huge stumbling block. I am responsible for the whole of G 10 Science so using these materials & the website will surely help me & the learners to reach target pass rate & beyond. **L Lubbe Saul Damon HS Science & Maths.**

I hate setting up a data projector and wires etc at the start of each day – I am going to buy a Lenovo soon – thanks for the tip. I am super excited about your Maths slideshows and I am going to use them – will just translate it first. Thanks again! **H Nel Duineveld H/S Maths**

I love it !! Thank you!! **E Bergh Duineveld H/S Maths**

I have an Interactive white board, laptop and data projector which I use daily in my teaching. I have a lot of ppt lessons and video clips which I use. Your workshop inspired me much more and luckily our 2 Science teachers accompanied me. The website materials etc will be of great help to improve my teaching Good marks is of the essence for the future of our kids. Thank you very much John and Louwrens!!!

E Groenewald Saul Damon H/S Science

It would be really good to have the necessary hardware in my classroom to regularly use digital teaching in my daily lessons. Internet is not always available in our classrooms – but I am sure that we could make a plan. I really enjoyed this session and found it very useful. **G Zeacan Saul Damon H/S Science**

Mpumalanga

This is the workshop that I have longed to attend!!! Someone who will workshop on Maths & Science for use at our school! Thanks to God that this is not really expensive either! One needs only the will to do it for the sake of the teacher, the learners and a better South Africa! Thank you, John!

MB Lukhozi Hosia Aphane SS Maths & Science.

The workshop has been good. I really appreciated the presentation. It was fruitful. If we are going to make use of the Maths & Science website we will be going the extra mile in the education of the democratic South Africa. **AC Charuka Nala SS Maths**

The workshop was very helpful. Actually I'm a new, rejuvenated educator. Your products are outstanding and will benefit my colleagues and the learners at our school! Thank you very much for this workshop, I am pleased that I attended. **Lucas Mandlethu Science.**

This kind of workshop is really needed so that we can improve our methods of teaching. We benefitted a lot and need this to be repeated regularly as some of our colleagues failed to attend since it was conducted far from our schools. **SG Lentsoana Ramousetsimagana Science.**

Excellent!!!! Will definitely use this in my classes! Can't wait! Thanks very much.

C Grobler Reynopark H/S Maths & Science.

Thank you for this great website! I will surely use it! It will be a great help in the class and the learners will also enjoy it too! **M Snyman Robert Carruthers Maths**

Thank you!!! Black languages and Afrikaans would also be very nice too.

J Heinsen Reynopark Science.

Limpopo

A long awaited method and materials for the developing of Maths & Science teaching and learning – well done and thank you, John. We hope and pray that the Government embraces this and implements it throughout the country, fast. Thank you so much! You are one of South Africa's heroes! Please keep up the great work, John. **NM Manyima FCHS Maths**

Thank you for the hard work that you have put into this project! Thank you for sharing your knowledge and love for your work with us! **C vd Merwe Northern Academy Maths**

Well set out and presented workshop. Will start working on it as soon as possible. Very excited about this opportunity! **C van Dyk Northern Academy Science.**

I feel empowered and looking forward to using the methodology in my everyday Maths lessons so as to make Maths more fun for my learners. I am looking forward to excellent Maths results in 2015! Thank you. **K Kamsse Hoërskool Noorderland Maths**

Such workshops should be held more regularly and, if possible at individual school level, If possible, learners must also be work-shopped! **No Name No School No subject.**

As a new teacher I would really benefit from using the materials, methodology and website, because I believe that I will gain more knowledge which I will be able to share with my learners. The workshop was an eye-opener for me. I loved it and will have learnt a lot from it. My learners will most definitely find much interest in this too. **M Mokhobi Moruleng Science.**

North West Province

The workshop was really amazing! I am really thankful. The workshop will help me improve my teaching methods and the learners will be happy because they will be able to see and understand all the things/lessons very well and I'm sure the website, materials and methodology will improve their marks! I think every Maths & Science teacher in South Africa should be trained on how to use this material, methodology and website. **G Makgwana Mococe SS Science**

Please keep on conducting similar workshops – even at district levels.
P Nyakabau Molelwane SS Maths

This workshop was very good and beneficial. I think it will really help if it can also be done for the departmental officials! (The Education Departments!) **P Seitshiro Onkgopotse Tiro Science**

Thanks for the wonderful workshop!!! **Paseka Molefe Letsatsing Science**

The workshop was very productive and interesting! The content as explained is very important and will absolutely help with improving and achieving results and marks. Teachers and learners will work together as a working community. The challenge at my school will be addressed as I will press ahead for change and development. **S Rrncud Mabiba School Maths & Science**

Very pleased that I attended this workshop! It will help me to change my method of teaching and to expect my learners to perform better. Was not aware that all these things are available so freely. Very interesting. Keep it going throughout SA please, John! Thanks! **I Daby Setume HS Maths**

The workshop was fruitful. I have been using Mind Set Learn videos in most of my lessons, but with Mr John's materials I think my learners will perform much better and I will develop as an educator.

T Paai St Mary's SS Maths

South Africa desperately needs to have learners achieving above 70% - so that they can do a tertiary education in the sciences!

