



**Seyisi Primary School, Kwa-Zakhele, Port Elizabeth
Library Handover
18 October 2017**

The children of Seyisi Primary School really had something to celebrate on Wednesday, 18 October. With the generous support of the National Lotteries Commission, along with PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Pillay-Laugsch Family, they received a new container library!

Seyisi is a public primary school located in Kwa-Zakhele, just 20 minutes from Port Elizabeth airport. Kwa-Zakhele – meaning *place to build yourself* in isiXhosa, was established in 1956 and is now the second-largest township in Port Elizabeth. The school opened its doors in 1963, with the capacity to enrol just 103 children. Today, 653 children are enrolled, placing enormous pressure on the existing physical infrastructure.

Seyisi's literacy efforts are supported by Breadline Africa's literacy partners - Masinyusane (Shine Literacy Chapter) and Wordworks, who will help the school to maximise use of the library.

Ms Kithazi Noncela, the principal, welcomed donors to the Seyisi Primary School "family" and encouraged them to treasure what it means to be part of a school that historically, has had much to offer the children of Kwa-Zakhele. BLA's Strategic Partnerships Manager, Diane Laugsch, officially handed over the container library and challenged learners to write their own stories in order to build the school's book collection. Ms Laugsch also handed over a small donation of books on behalf of her family, as well as a collection of National Geographic Magazines (collected over a 50-year period since 1963) in memory of her father, Sokolingam (Bill) Pillay, a former resident of Port Elizabeth.

PricewaterhouseCoopers was thanked for creating a very attractive play area in front of the library and also for painting the school's container storeroom, which adjoins the library.

