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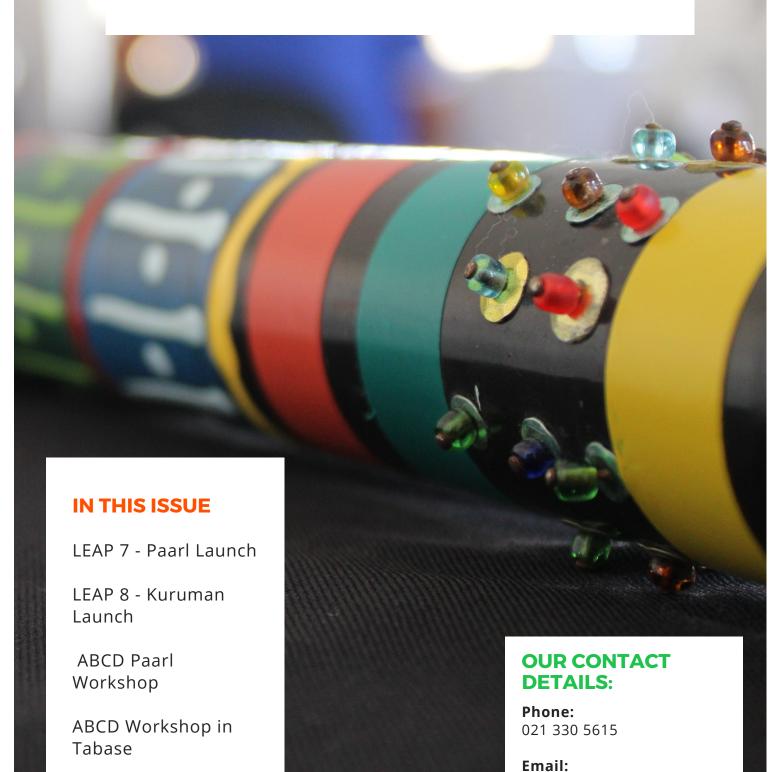






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## LEAP 7 - PAARL LAUNCH

On February 3rd, 2024, LEAP Schools launched LEAP 7 in Mbekweni, Paarl. Attended by LEAP staff, John Gilmour, Mbekweni community members, and LEAP 7 students, the event celebrated the commencement of a new era in education.

Community support was evident, reflecting a shared commitment to empowering the youth. The launch marked a crucial step in providing quality education and fostering hope and opportunity in Mbekweni.







LEAP 7's inauguration symbolizes the collective effort to bridge educational gaps and uplift underserved communities, embodying LEAP Schools' mission of creating positive change through education.





### LEAP 8 - KURUMAN LAUNCH

On February 10th, 2024, LEAP Schools launched LEAP 8 at Moffat Mission in Kuruman. The event saw the attendance of LEAP founder John Gilmour, Reverend Stuurman, LEAP 8 students and parents, community members, and the LEAP Schools Choir.

Gilmour and Stuurman delivered inspiring speeches, highlighting the importance of education and community collaboration. The students of LEAP 8 showcased their talents, while parents and community members expressed their support.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement and hope for the future as LEAP 8 embarked on its journey to provide quality education and empower the youth of Kuruman. The launch signifies a significant step in LEAP Schools' mission to bridge educational gaps and uplift underserved communities.





# PAARL ABCD WORKSHOP



The workshop fostered a sense of collective empowerment and collaboration, equipping participants with the tools and mindset to lead impactful initiatives within their communities.

It exemplified our dedication to fostering grassroots-led development and nurturing resilient, self-sustaining communities poised for long-term success.

#### Mbekweni, Paarl ABCD Workshop

Our recent Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) workshop in Mbekweni, Paarl, highlighted the transformative potential of community-driven initiatives. Over two days, participants delved into the principles of ABCD, learning to identify and mobilise local assets for sustainable development.

Through interactive sessions and group exercises, attendees explored how communities can harness their strengths to address challenges and catalyse positive change.



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# PAARL ABCD FOLLOW-UP

#### **Paarl ABCD Follow-Up: Reflecting on Progress**

On March 1st, 2024, we convened with the vibrant community of Mbekweni, Paarl for an insightful follow-up to our ABCD Workshop. Together, we delved into the strides made since our initial session, celebrating community-driven initiatives and progress.

Engaging with local residents showcased the power of collective action in fostering positive change. As we continue this journey, we remain committed to amplifying community voices and supporting grassroots efforts for sustainable development.

Stay tuned for more updates as we work hand in hand with Mbekweni towards a brighter future!







# ABCD WORKSHOP IN TABASE

The community of Tabase in the Eastern Cape, witnessed a remarkable event on March 18th & 19th as the LEAP Institute hosted an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Workshop at JumbaSS High School.

Bringing together community members and students, the workshop served as a catalyst for collaboration and action. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions, tapping into their strengths and resources to envision and implement positive change within their community.

From fostering local talents to nurturing community-led initiatives, the workshop exemplified the power of collective efforts in driving transformative outcomes. As we reflect on this event, we're inspired by the spirit of unity and resilience displayed by Tabase residents. Together, we're committed to continuing this journey of empowerment and community upliftment.





