



# THE PLATFORM

**I**n this issue we explain how bursaries are awarded. This will be helpful to schools whose festivals are still to be held, particularly those entering for the first time this year.

On page 2 you can also read about the outstanding achievements of Durban based Rising Star Performing Arts Theatre School.

Turn to the back page to find details of the Witness Hilton Arts Festival *Jongosi* - A Theatre Experience Tailored for Scholars, and book early for this exciting experience.

Please take note of the tips and reminders in *Festival News*, and at the bottom of this page, a bit of news about the Association AGM that was held in March.

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We hope you enjoy visiting our website  
[www.speechanddrama.co.za](http://www.speechanddrama.co.za)

78 schools and 7 studios are listed on the MEMBER page. If you are not one of them, but would like to be added, send your details, including your school badge or logo in jpeg format, to the office. Photos from Festivals will also be very welcome.

Previous issues of *The Platform* can be downloaded from the NEWSLETTERS page.

The 2014 Annual General Meeting was held at Eden College, on Monday, 10 March.

The Minutes of the meeting, as well as the inspiring Chairman's Report, have been sent to members of the Association.

All ten members of the Executive Committee were available for re-election and Professor Mervyn McMurtry and Mrs Eleanor Stewart were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

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Professor Elizabeth Sneddon

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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# Festival News

**32** of the 43 festivals being adjudicated this term are being held in May. With such a busy month ahead we are very pleased to welcome three more adjudicators to our panel, Lynn Ellis, Barbie Meyer and Roxanne Larkan.

We also welcome the eight schools and studios that joined the Association this year: Charter College, Clifton Preparatory School, Colenso Primary School, Little Star Montessori School, Drama Dynamics, Kuswag Skool, Port Natal Skool and Werda Skool.

### SYLLABUS REMINDERS

- If a pupil enters more than three different individual items he/she may have **one free** individual item.
- All three syllabi, English, Afrikaans and isiZulu, are compiled for first language speakers. If a pupil chooses a poem from any of the syllabi for presentation in a first or second additional language, he/she may choose from one grade lower.
- When choosing your own poem be guided by the corresponding grade in the syllabus with regard to length and content.
- Show and Tell may only be entered up to Grade 3.
- From Grade 4 candidates should enter Prepared Speech or PowerPoint instead of Show and Tell.

*One free item  
for three  
individual items  
entered*

*Show and Tell  
is for  
Grades R to 3  
only*



### ORIGINAL POETRY

We are looking for budding poets who have written original poems for the festival. Please send your poems for possible printing in the August and October issues of *The Platform*.

### REMINDER ABOUT DELAYED / LOST POST

Don't wait too long to check up on overdue post.

### 2014 FESTIVAL BOOKINGS STILL OPEN

If you have not yet booked your festival there is still time.

Entry forms have been posted to schools that are having festivals next term but it's not too late to have a festival or workshop in the third or fourth term. Contact the office to book your dates or submit the booking form directly from the website.



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