

# EDGEMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Learning Support 2023

Acting Departmental Head

& SBST Coordinator

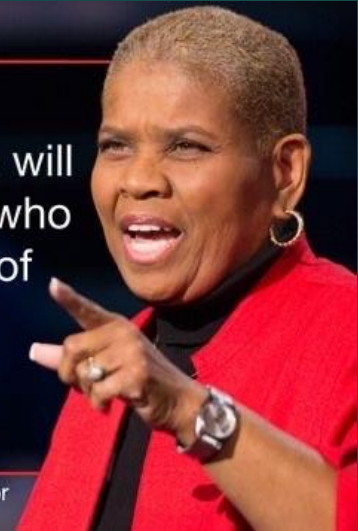
Mrs Lauren Bower

lbouwer@edgemeadprimary.co.za



"Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."

- Rita Pierson, Educator



*Inclusion is a right,  
not a reward*



## DBE SIAS POLICY

### Screening, Identification, Assessment and Support

- White Paper 6
  - Aims
  - Barriers to learning examples
- [www.gov.za](http://www.gov.za) (search White Paper 6 as well as the SIAS Policy)

Some disabilities  
look like this



Some  
look like this



! TheMindsJournal

THE MINDS JOURNAL

# SCREENING

## The “S” of SIAS at EPS

*Proactive approach, keeping in mind that we are not in the business of looking for issues.*

- Admission forms
- Road to Health card
- Previous school and/or therapy reports
- Vision and Hearing screenings (included in fees)
  - iCommunicate (hearing)
  - NH Optometrists (vision)
- Motor screenings by an OT (included in fees)
- Baseline results (done by class teacher)





# IDENTIFICATION

## The “I” of SIAS at EPS

- Vulnerability identified via screening/s.
- Parents notified by teacher (verbal, email, vision/hearing report).
- In class support.
- Further support required – SBST referral.
- School Based Support Team (SBST)
  - Panel members
  - Green consent form
  - Round table discussion with teacher and panel
  - SBST recommendations.

 **EDGEMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
DENISON WAY, EDGEMOOR, 7441  
TELEPHONE: 021 558 2107  
www.edgemoorprimary.co.za  
info@edgemoorprimary.co.za

RESPECT  
HONESTY  
COMPASSION  
RESPONSIBILITY

---

**PARENTAL CONSENT FOR REFERRAL TO THE SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT TEAM (SBST)**

Dear Parents

We require your consent before discussing your child at our School Based Support Team (SBST). The team is made up of the class teacher, learning support specialists, Grade Head, social worker/school counsellor, Head of Department: Academics, Head of Department: Learning Support and the Deputy Principal.

Feedback and/or recommendations will be made based on our discussion.

Child's name .....

Gr..... Teacher's name.....

Your child's class teacher has noticed the following:

.....

.....

.....

We look forward to partnering with you in supporting your child to be their best self.

.....   .....

CLASS TEACHER HOD: LEARNING SUPPORT PRINCIPAL DATE

I, ....., (parent/ legal guardian)

give permission for ..... (child's name and surname)

to be discussed by the School Based Support Team. I am committed to partnering with the school and supporting the team in the best interest of my child.

PARENT'S EMAIL: .....

.....

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE





# ASSESSMENT

The “A” of SIAS at EPS

- The SBST may recommend a full assessment at school (included in school fees).
- Administered by the Learning Support Specialists (Miss Horner, Mrs Bouwer or Mrs Gerber).
- Areas assessed (all perceptual and scholastic areas).
- Full report issued at parent teacher meeting.
- Individual Action / Support Plan developed.

**D**ifferent  
**I**ndividuals  
**V**aluing  
**E**ach other  
**R**egardless  
**S**kin  
**I**ntellect  
**T**alent or  
**Y**ears



# SUPPORT

The last, **very important** “S” of SIAS at EPS

- Our aim is to offer Learning Support to all EPS learners who require perceptual, language, academic, emotional and/or social support at no extra cost to parents/guardians.
- Support is offered in class, in small groups and/or individually depending on the need of the learner.
- Extension and enrichment (for all Grade 1 – 3 classes. Gr 4-7 tbc as an extra mural).



**Diversity** is having a seat at the table, **inclusion** is having a voice, and **belonging** is having that voice be heard.

**EVERYBODY IS  
A GENIUS.**

**BUT IF YOU JUDGE A FISH  
BY ITS ABILITY TO CLIMB  
A TREE, IT WILL LIVE ITS  
WHOLE LIFE BELIEVING  
THAT IT IS STUPID.**

**ALBERT EINSTEIN**

ZERODEAN.COM





# LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM 2023

**Mrs Lauren Bouwer:** Acting Departmental Head, SBST Coordinator, Assessment Accommodation Coordinator, Grade 2 Learning Support Specialist.

**Miss Brenda Horner:** Grade 1 Learning Support Specialist, Vision and Hearing Screening Coordinator, Movement Programme Coordinator

**Mrs Tutu Siganda:** Gr 1 - 7 Social Worker and School Counsellor.

**Mrs Jane Twell:** Rainbow Literacy Programme Coordinator, Grade 1 - 3 Extension and Enrichment Facilitator, Grade 1 Learning Support Tutor

**Mrs Theresa Jacobs:** Grade 2 Learning Support Teacher (part time)

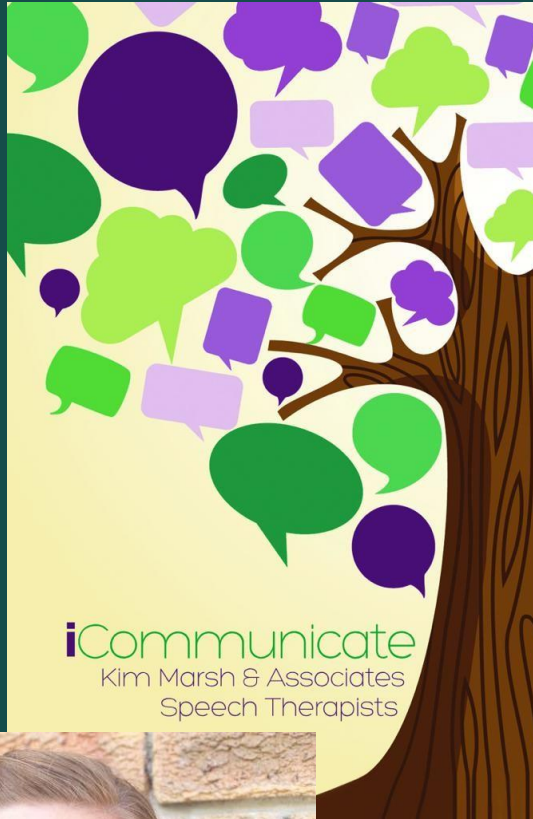
**Mrs Doma Gerber** (on maternity leave) / **Mrs Stacey Stanbridge:** Grade 3 Learning Support Specialist

**Mrs Lesley Latsky:** Grade 4 - 7 Learning Support Teacher

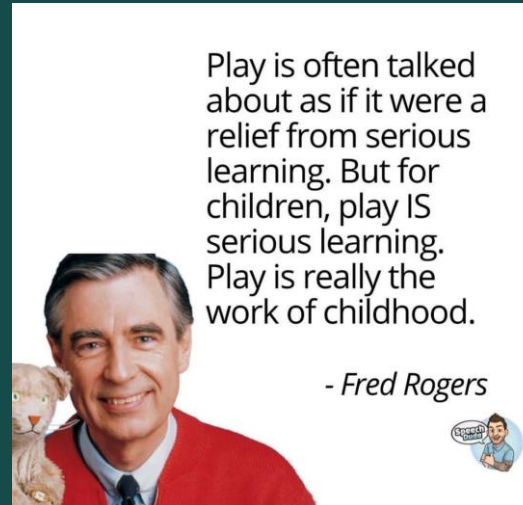


# PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS

On EPS campus  
Contracted to medical aids

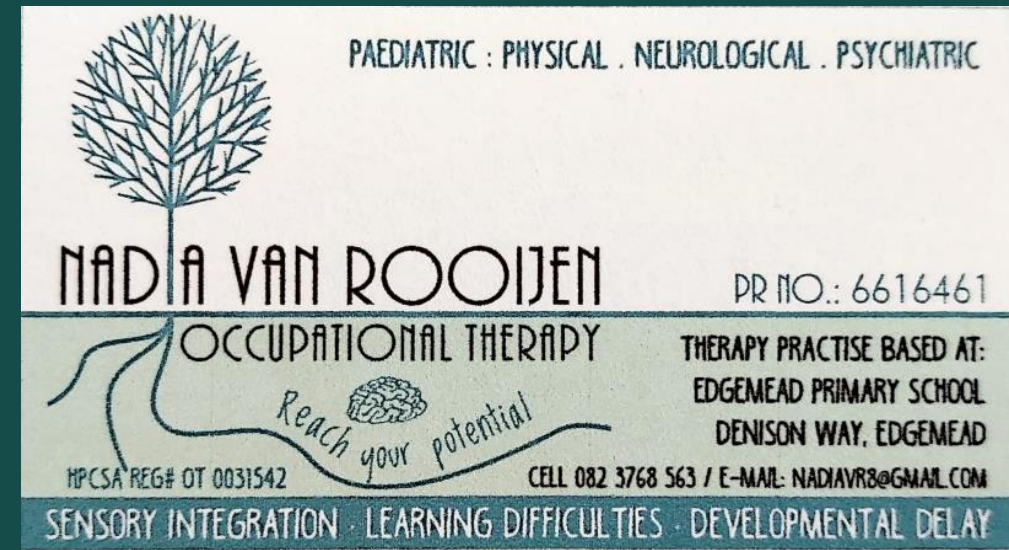


**Kim Marsh**  
iCommunicate  
Speech & Language Therapist  
kim@i-communicate.co.za



**Nadia van Rooijen**

Occupational Therapist  
nadiavr8@gmail.com





# diversity is beautiful



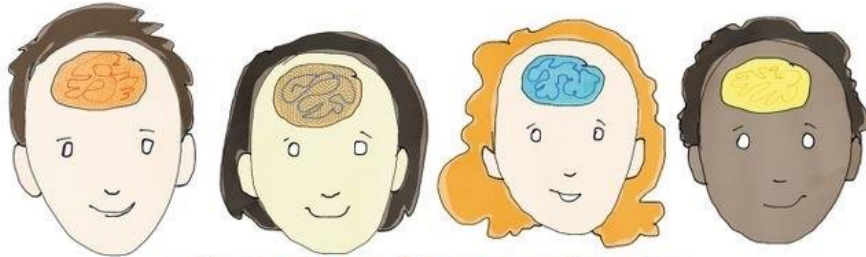
## diversity in the animal world

there are millions of different kinds of animals - more than we can count!



## diversity of people

people come in a great variety of shapes, sizes, genders, abilities, and appearances - we are all unique!



## diversity of human brains

no two brains are alike, but we have names for different types - like ADHD, autistic, dyslexic, typical, & more!

©Erin Human 2017

# Thank you for your time!

All the best to you and your precious children as you start your EPS journey, we are all here to support you.

The Learning Support Team is looking forward to partnering with some of you.

More info:

[lbouwer@edgemeadprimary.co.za](mailto:lbouwer@edgemeadprimary.co.za) or

[www.edgemeadprimary.co.za](http://www.edgemeadprimary.co.za)