



**Results from the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2021,
which assesses reading comprehension of Grade 4 learners
show that 81% of learners cannot read for meaning by the age of 10.**

A new year and a new school term! **Sithanda ukufunda – We love to read** has taken reading books to 19 Primary Schools and 6 High Schools on the Lower South Coast of KZN during January and February. Our truck is invaluable for negotiating the dirt roads to the schools, especially after the heavy rains we had in January.

Reading aloud to classes at schools is ongoing through the school terms. Currently we read at 8 schools.

Jenny, Thandi, Wendy and Will have been reading for a number of years. This year 2 new readers joined the reading team, Nomsinga and Chris.



A special event this term was a 'Reading with Meaning' workshop run in February, for our teachers.

Many thanks must go to Deb Avery of LITASA and Mike Hart from 'Read to Learn' for a most inspiring afternoon

**Statistics show that about 60% of households have no books for entertainment,
and only 14% of the population actively read books.
Reports suggest a mere 5% of parents read to their children.
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