



Reading is fundamental in helping us find and convey information. It's an essential skill that's developed at a very young age. Here's why reading is beneficial to all of us, and how the importance of reading comprehension is essential to understanding the world around us.

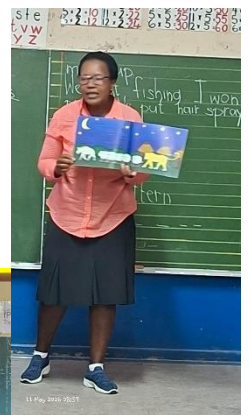
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The year 2026 has flashed by and this is our first newsletter! But the work of taking books to the rural schools in the Margate area has continued.

We have more readers recruited from the retirement villages in Margate and Ramsgate and despite wanting to cut down on travelling there are more and more schools who request our books.

We are now in the third term of the year and Jenny and Thandi:

- have taken 130 boxes to 29 schools in the rural areas
- with 9 other volunteer readers. have read to classes at 9 schools
- have visited schools on 3 days every week during the school term time to read



To celebrate Mandela day we read the children's version Of Long Walk to Freedom at Ohlangeni Primary School in Gamalakhe near Port Shepstone.

The learners were riveted to the story, and we hope they understood the sacrifices that the heroes of the past made for their future in South Africa.

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

Nelson Mandela



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