

MEDIA RELEASE**Dagbreek School remains firm leader in Schools Recycling Competition**

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For the third year running, Dagbreek School for the Intellectually Impaired has scooped up the first prize in the annual 2017/18 Schools Recycling Competition (SRC) initiated and hosted by the Recycle Namibia Forum (RNF). Not only did this school, according to RNF Coordinator, Anita Witt once again break all previous records in volumes they managed to collect, but they were also awarded the Best Improved School prize, given their increase from 222kg of recyclables per learner in 2017 to 275kg per learner during this year.

In second place was All Nations Christian School with 111kg per learner, followed by newcomer, Mōreson Special School in third place with 81kg per learner. Fourth place was taken by Combretum Trust, followed by Delta School Windhoek. Witt: "With Dagbreek's total volume being 30 tons, and the two runners-up each on 10 tons, our top three schools managed to collect 50 tons of the total volume of 133 tons collected from March 2017 until the end of February 2018. It is interesting to note that the top three schools all have just over 100 learners – which indicates that the enthusiastic input from a school principal, teachers, parents and learners can attribute tremendously towards success. Mōreson Special School also deserves recognition for being the first school to be placed under the top three in their first year of participation."

At the prize giving ceremony held recently, Witt also noted that when the competition started in 2009 (with only 10 schools), the average weight collected was 15kg per learner, and that this competition has now grown to 50 schools in Windhoek and at the coast, with most schools exceeding 50kg per learner. Witt: "We would like to thank our members for their ongoing support for this project, notably the sponsors of the prizes. 1st prize of N\$10 000 by Namibia Breweries Limited (NBL) – a subsidiary of the Ohlthaver & List (O&L) Group; 2nd prize of N\$5 000 by Collect-a-Can and the third prize of N\$2 500 by Plastic Packaging. Rent-A-Drum was again the sponsor of the 4th and 5th prizes; whilst B2Gold Namibia, sponsor of the Best Improved School, awarded the winner of this category with a visit to their Environment Education Centre near Otjiwarongo. Rent-A-Drum will be paying all schools for the recyclables collected, and to this end, a total of N\$30 000 will be paid to the schools who have managed to collect recyclables to the value of N\$200 and more."

Witt stressed that she is confident that this annual activity will continue to grow from strength to strength and that she is hopeful that even more schools will continue to show interest going forward. Witt: "It is heartening to see the total volumes diverted from the landfill by our youth - in 2016 and 2017 the schools collected 89 and 128 tons respectively. This year an impressive 133 tons was collected. It is also clear that the active engagement of principals and teachers play a considerable role towards successful recycling at schools". **Ends,**

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For the third year running, Dagbreek School for the Intellectually Impaired has scooped up the first prize in the annual 2017/18 Schools Recycling Competition (SRC) initiated and hosted by the Recycle Namibia Forum (RNF), with a record of 275kg recyclables collected per learner. Namibia Breweries Limited (NBL) – a subsidiary of the Oltthaver & List (O&L) Group sponsored the 1st prize of N\$10 000, 00 to the winning team, handed over by Timothy Izaks from NBL (left) to the principal of Dagbreek, Paul du Plessis.



Principal of Dagbreek, Paul du Plessis (left) and Timothy Izaks from NBL shares the joyous moment at the handing over ceremony with some of the learners.



All Nations Christian School ended in 2nd place with 111kg of recyclables collected per learner.



Participating for the first time, Moreson Special School ended in third place with 81kg per learner

