



Media report: 14 March - 15 April 2016

Major media themes for the period

1. Calls for the President to relinquish his post
2. Language issues in schools/universities
3. Testing for aspirant principals
4. Migration of teachers out of schools
5. On-line registration at schools

SAOU media presence and releases

With the exception of one strong comment from the SAOU regarding the ANA situation (article attached) and SADTU registering dissatisfaction at the Minister's tardiness in releasing the report on the "Jobs for Sale" report there was little if any teacher union presence in the media over the period under review.

It is not surprising that the national and social media - both print and electronic - was totally dominated by the call for the President to step down following the judgement handed down by the Constitutional Court and the Chief Justice's stark comments on the results of the lack of "Ethical Leadership". The ensuing recriminations, denials, personal and collective attacks and defences complicated by sometimes insightful and sometimes frankly ridiculous offerings of "wisdom" led some education journalists (in a state of desperation), to try to make something out of nothing. Result: A not unwelcome 'lull' in education reporting.

The announced intention to test aspirant principals will, no doubt, still have its day in the media while the migration of educators out of the classroom and indeed out of the country remains a cause for real concern. (Articles included).

Language issues remain a thorn in the flesh for the entire country.

The MEC for Education, Gauteng has once again got himself into the media limelight with the well-intentioned but botched attempt to chivy up the school registration process by insisting that it take place 'on-line' - perhaps someone should have checked if the website could handle 600 anxious parents *per second*, trying to log on.

Selected headlines illustrating trends for period 14 March – 15 April 2016 including a few articles in full, are attached separately.

It is important to note that the headlines are culled from all the newspapers listed below, thus ensuring that a comprehensive overview of topics currently trending in the media are taken into account.

Monday – Friday

Sowetan
The Citizen
The Star
Pretoria news
Business Day
New Age
Daily Sun
Beeld
Volksblad
Burger
The Times

Herald
Daily Dispatch
Mercury
Financial Mail (**Fri**)
Mail & Guardian (**Fri**)

Saturday Papers

Saturday Star
Saturday Pretoria news
Naweek Beeld

Sunday Papers

City Press
Sunday Times
Sunday Independent
Sunday World
Sunday Sun
Rapport
Electronic Media
News 24
Netwerk 24

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Selected Headlines 15 March 2016 – 15 April 2016

Quality of education and Language issues

Skole in Gauteng met ranglys geklassifiseer Beeld 16/3
Seun gestraf oor video onder onnie se rok Beel 16/3
Jy kan aanlyn vir plek in skool aansoek doen NW24 18/3
Toetse kom vir die wat skoolhoofde word Beeld 29/3
'n Omkeer in sewe stappe Deur Heindrich Wyngaard
NW24 23 Maart 2016
Verslag skets donker prentjie van SA skole NW24 22
Maart 2016
Onderwyshoof tree uit, vier suksesse NW24 23/3
Sadtu frustrated over delay in 'school jobs for
cash'reports'release BD 24/3
Uitslae vir 2015 nie uitgereik Beeld 24/3(See report)
The exodus of teachers is not slowing down BD 23/3(see
report)
Motshekga to talk to SADTU about reports BD 29/3
Jobs report is on track NA 29/3
Rassisme moet reeds op skool aandag kry, sê verskeie
partye NW24 29/3
Toetse vir skoolhoofde sál vanjaar verplig wees NW24
29/3
Catch-up programme launched for matrics NA ¼
Huiswerk hét waarde Beeld 5/4
Teacher resignations could affect delivery of curriculum
NA 5/4
Drie skoliere kies kort ná mekaar selfdood Beeld 6/4
'Jonges leer só meer' (Huiswerk) Beeld 7/4
Fedsas loof die nuwe skoolhoof beleid Beeld 7/4
SADTU welcomes new MTT time line NA 7/4
Verslag oor koop van poste dán uitgereik MW24 7/4
W-Kaapse skole se wetenskap en wiskunde is tops
NW24 7/4
Sadou kap verslag nog voor hy dit sienNW24 7/4
Inspired teachers achieve results NA 4/4
Teacher resignations could affect delivery of curriculum
NA 4/4
Educational attainment key to lowering inequality BD
11/4
Education applications opens NA 11/4
School for disabled kids NA 10/4
Bold plan to battle school homophobia (Bullying of Gays,
Lesbians rife) Sow 11/4
Graft in schools cannot continue Cit 11/4
Race, Class still define our schools M&G 11/4
Teen childbirth shock M&G 11/4
Registrasie vir skole: Webwerf kry swaarBeeld 12/4
Encourage children to read please NA 12/4
SA joins global ICT project NA 12/4
Transforming Education (Fedsas case) NA 12/4
ANA-toetse kos R220 miljoen 'maar land het niks om te
wys'. Beeld 31/3
Grade R teachers lack training Sow 15/3
Racist teacher is back NA 13/4
Equal Education wants copy of jobs for sale final report
NA 13/4
Webwerf lok 600 ouers per sekonde Beeld 14/4
Equal Education Slammed as premature. NA 14/4
MEC calms parents over website crash NA 14/4
SADTU welcomes education indaba NA 14/4

Parents face complex school criteria News 24 15/4
Fedsas eis papierstelsel vir skool-inskrywings NW 24
14/4
Rassisme: 'Ons moet die verlede se demone verjaag'
Beeld 30/3
Errant teachers set to rise Pta News 15/4
No more 'Township' schools for Gauteng. Lesufi
announces new system Sow 16/3
Inappropriate names to be erased Sow 16/3
On line registrations mandatory The Star 16/3
Teachers, pupils leaving (tax laws) The Star 16/3
Education can break poverty cycle The Star 16/3
Paperless schools a hotspot for thieves Cit 16/3
Interdik sleg vir Afrikaans Beeld 15/3
Affies laat LUR dink oor name, embleme in die vizier NW
24 20/3
Engels is g'n wonderkuur Beeld 22/3
Skrywer moker "Britse dade" vir ses "The
Compassionate Englishwoman" Beeld 29/3
Britte kan nog verskoning vra (Briewe) Beeld 29/3
Afrikaans is oop vir geleenthede Beeld 29/3
Danksy Viva A kan jy Afrikaans digi-taal Beeld 29/3
Onderwys in Afrikaans is 'n noodsaaklike, maar nie
voldoende voorvereiste vir die behoud en groei van
Afrikaans nie Beeld 30/3
Eloff stel aksieplanne voor vir behoud van taal NW24
29/3
ANC buit Afrikaans uit Beeld 31/3
Develop indigenous language NA ¼
Teacher abuse alarm PTA News 15/3
ATKV die probleem, nié Afrikaans, sê Kovsies NW24 13/4
Afrikaanse skole-ekspo nou internasionaal uitgebrei
NW24 13/4

Tertiary Education



'Taal benodig wat ons almal verenig' Beeld 30/3
Partnering and planning key to fix varsities and colleges
BD 24/3
Eloff stel aksieplanne voor vir behoud van taalNW24
Protesting students aim to again shut Wits downPolity
5/4
Wits-kampus gesluit ná onwettige betoging NW24 7/4
'US water só Afrikaans af' NW24 7/4
Open Stellenbosch students set sights on language
policy BD 5/4
12 leuens oor die taal Beeld 7/4
'US water só Afrikaans af' NW24 7/4
Court orders Stellies to teach in Afrikaans Polity 1/3

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FULL ARTICLES

ANA-uitslae vir 2015 nie uitgereik

Deur Anika Marais Netwerk 24, 24 Maart 2016

Die uitslae van 2015 se jaarlikse nasionale assesseringstoetse (ANA) gaan nie meer bekend gemaak word nie.

Die geloofwaardigheid van die uitslae kan nie verseker word nie, het Elijah Mhlanga, woordvoerder van die departement van basiese onderwys, gister by navraag gesê.

“Die ANA-toetse van 2015 is in ’n kritieke stadium ontstig. Teen Desember het sekere skole reeds die vraestelle oopgemaak en ander het dit nog nie ontvang nie. Daar is dus geen waarborg dat alle skole die ANA-toetse in gestandaardiseerde toestande geskryf het nie,” het hy gesê.

“Skole wat wel die toetse afgelê het, word aangemoedig om die uitslae intern te gebruik om leemtes te identifiseer.”

Die stryd oor die ANA-toetse het September verlede jaar begin toe die grootste onderwysersvakbond sy lede opdrag gegee het om die administrasie van die toetse te boikot.

Die departement se aanvanklike plan was dat meer as 8,6 miljoen leerlinge van gr. 1 tot gr. 9 die toetse in syfer- en taalvaardighede moes skryf, maar Sadou meen dat dié toetse ’n mors van geld en tyd is en leerlinge en onderwysers “soos robotte” laat voel.

Ná mislukte onderhandelings wat maande lank geduur het, in ’n poging om die ANA-toetse van 2015 te beredder, het al vyf onderwysersvakbonde saam die toetse geboikot.

Teen die tyd van die boikot was die toetse egter reeds opgestel, gedruk en versprei en die hele oefening het die departement ongeveer R200 miljoen uit die sak gejaag.

Ondanks die boikot het die departement steeds van skole verwag om die toetse in die laaste week van die 2015-skooljaar af te lê. Om dié opdrag te eerbiedig, het sommige skole hul leerlinge van vakansie laat terugkom om die toetse te skryf.

Die departement het egter nooit bekend gemaak hoeveel skole werklik die toetse geskryf het nie.

Intussen kan nóg ’n ANA-stryd vanjaar op skole wag. Onderhandelings oor die wyse waarop leerlinge vanjaar in skole vir taal- en syfervaardighede getoets gaan word, hang steeds in die lug.

“Dit gaan moeilik wees om ’n ooreenkoms tussen die departement en die vakbonde te bereik,” het Chris Klopper, uitvoerende hoof van die Suid-Afrikaanse Onderwysersunie (SAOU), gister gesê.

“Daar is ’n taakspan en twee werkgroepe wat tans oor die toetse onderhandel. Die departement steek vas by toetse wat elke jaar deur ’n groot aantal leerlinge geskryf moet word. Die vakbonde wil egter sistemiese toetse ontwikkel wat elke jaar deur ’n ander jaargroep afgelê word.”

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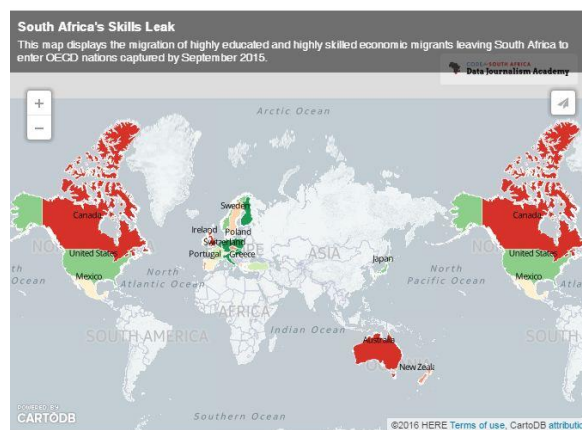
The exodus of teachers from SA is not slowing down BY KHULEKANI MAGUBANE, 23 MARCH 2016, Business Day

SA is losing thousands of teachers annually, and most are headed to the United Kingdom.

Teachers battling to get by in SA are opting to relocate to the UK, Australia, Canada and other countries where they can earn better salaries, save money or make enough to pay off their debts, according to data by the Code4SA Data Journalism Academy.

And the exodus is showing no sign of slowing down. While the trend illustrates the vast opportunities available for South African professionals beyond the country’s borders, it also underscores the difficulty that SA faces in retaining or attracting much-needed skills including engineering and mathematical skills.

An analysis of data from Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries shows that 17,752 South African teachers were working abroad last year in countries including the UK, Canada Australia and Portugal.



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The data records the migration of highly skilled and educated South Africans to all 34 OECD nations. Non-OECD member states are not included. Of these teachers working abroad, 10,988 were working in the UK, the highest figure of any OECD nation.

A teacher, who asked not to be named, says if he had a choice, he would have never emigrated. But,

"underwhelming" work prospects and debt in SA drove him to seek work in the UK.

He did not want to be named as his visa application to leave the UK to work in Dubai is at a sensitive stage, and he feared that being named would jeopardise his chances of being granted the visa.



"I actually would never have left SA if it were not for my financial situation. But what I was earning was not nearly enough for me to live comfortably. I love my country and would not want to live anywhere else," he said.

The teacher, who has a BSc degree in physiology, says he applied to work abroad after hearing about a recruitment agency that was looking for teachers to work in the UK. He is now considering moving to Dubai, which is an increasingly popular destination for South African teachers wanting to work abroad.

A recruitment agency, SA Recruitment, claims to have successfully placed hundreds of teachers across the Middle East and Malaysia alone.

In SA, educationists are given adequate benefits as employees, the teacher says.

"The state used to provide two-thirds of cost for medical aid. Now, there is a fixed amount with a ceiling," he says.

"The housing subsidy also used to be a percentage of the cost and now it's a fixed allowance of less than a thousand rand."

Research by the Homecoming Revolution, an organisation that assists South Africans wanting to return home, shows that 45% of people who left SA did

so for career opportunities. The OECD data shows that teachers in Australia, the UK and the US earned some of the highest average incomes among OECD countries.

The migration of skilled professionals underscores a strife-ridden economy with dwindling prospects, even for the educated and skilled, according to some think-tanks.

Mienke Steytler, of the South African Institute of Race Relations, says this country's lacklustre economic performance is driving the immigration of highly skilled professionals to countries with better work conditions, salaries and stronger currencies.

"The economy is unlikely to grow beyond 0% in 2016 and the expanded youth unemployment rate for 25-34 years of age is at 39.4%," Ms Steytler says.

"Young women are also most affected — of young women between the ages of 25 and 34, 45.2% are unemployed, compared to 34.4% of males.

"So, it is not surprising at all that young women in particular are leaving," she says.

Countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the UK favour highly skilled female migrants, she says. These countries absorb about 75% of SA emigrants, according to the South African Institute of Professional Accountants.

Australia receives the greatest number of highly skilled migrants from SA, the OECD data show. SA is also losing more than 11,000 workers in other sectors, including mining, protection services, sales, building and extraction.

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