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**CLOSING OF THE NELSON MANDELA MONTH AND HOMECOMING OF MISS
MPUMALANGA 2026**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education in partnership with the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, the Mzimari Foundation and Miss Mpumalanga 2026 will close the Nelson Mandela Month in an occasion scheduled as follows:

Date. : Thursday, 31 July 2026

Time. : 09H00

Venue. : Sakhisizwe Primary School Bethal, Govan Mbeki Local Municipality

The occasion will celebrate Madiba's legacy of service through active citizenship, cleaning, planting vegetables garden, painting and fixing broken school materials and improving the ambiance of the school.

This is in line with the pillars of the Rhandza Xikolo Xa Wena [Love Your School] Campaign championed by the MEC for Education, Ms Lindi Masina.

The programme will also feature a special homecoming celebration for Miss Mpumalanga 2026 in her hometown, honouring youth excellence, leadership and purpose.

This event will take place under the theme; "Honouring Madiba's Legacy Through Service Delivery - Building Stronger Schools and Transforming Communities. "

The event will also be to encourage community ownership of schools and inspire learners through the celebration of youth achievement in the spirit of Ubuntu.

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