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KEYNOTE 1: TANIA ADAMS - GROWTH MINDSET FOR TEACHERS

Adams



Life & Executive Coach,
Speaker, Author
Founder of crAzy™ always
wins (Pty) Ltd
Co-Founder of Mighty Oaks-
Inner Strength for Kids

Tania is a qualified Life &
Executive Coach, speaker &
author. Founder of strategic
coaching & consulting firm,
crazy™ always wins (pty) ltd
and co-founder of the
Mighty Oaks-Inner Strength
for Kids programs, Tania's
career took her from
academia, to corporate
leadership and ultimately to
the coaching and human

development space.

Tania successfully coaches adults, children, families and teams, drawing on elements of Consciousness Coaching®, Neuroscience, Growth Mindset, Positive Psychology and Systems Theory to achieve permanent and powerful shifts in her clients.

KEYNOTE 2: TIM JARVIS - Psychopathic Teachers? –

Staying human in a psychopathic environment

Jarvis

Tim Jarvis is the author of the blog, 'There's a Hadedda in my Garden' which



considers educational issues, teen well-being and life on the campus of a rural boarding school. Tim has spoken at numerous conferences and schools around South Africa and overseas, including the International Boys' School Coalition conference where he presented a workshop in Toronto, Canada. Tim has written articles for the Independent Education publication in South Africa and the Christian Teachers' Journal in Australia, as well as a blog post for the Guardian Newspaper in the United Kingdom.

Tim was born in London and raised in Herefordshire in the United

Kingdom. He then spent ten years in Zimbabwe from 1994 -2004. Five years of this time were at Gateway Primary School and a further five years as Director of the Gateway Teacher Training Programme. Tim Jarvis is married to Amanda (Interior Decorator & Landscape Gardener) with three sons, Samuel (18), Isaac (16) and Benjamin (13).

Tim is currently the Senior Master: Pastoral Care at Michaelhouse where he has been since Easter 2004. Tim holds an Honours degree in Education from the University of Exeter, UK, and an Honours degree in Psychology from the University of South Africa. He is currently in the process of registering with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a Registered Counsellor. Tim is a Lay Minister in the Diocese of KwaZulu-Natal and is regular preacher in the Michaelhouse Chapel.

Hobbies mainly involve reading and following sport, particularly the England rugby and cricket teams and Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. In a good year Tim relaxes and gets exercise by engaging in the sport of mountain biking and racket ball. In a bad year he is more likely to be found walking while listening to podcasts. All in all nothing beats a cup of good quality coffee and a well written book.

You can follow Tim on Twitter @timothyjejarvis or read his blog at timothyjejarvis.wordpress.com

KEYNOTE 3: DR COLLEEN VASSILIOU - GRIT FOR TEACHERS AND PUPILS

Vassiliou

Dr Colleen Vassiliou started her career as a high school mathematics teacher.

She then went on to complete her masters in Counselling Psychology. Her research involved developing a mathematics proficiency test for



foundation phase learners. The Department of Education requested that she extend her research into the intermediate phase and this led to her completing her PhD at the University of the Free State. She worked in private practice for many years before entering Higher Education where she headed up a Flemish funded Education Project. She then moved to Grahamstown in 2009 to head up the Rhodes University Counselling Centre. Dr Vassiliou ended up acting as Dean of students in 2014 and was appointed Director in

2015. She resigned as Director of Student Affairs in June 2016. Dr Vassiliou decided to return to the schooling environment and further her career at Kingswood College heading up the Human and Organisational Development portfolio in the school. She has a keen interest in positive psychology and wellness.

KEYNOTE 4: INGRID BEEKHUIZEN - GROWTH MINDSET FOR SCHOOLS

Beekhuizen



Ingrid Beekhuizen is an intermediate and senior phase teacher, currently teaching Grade 5 English at Kingsmead College, in Melrose, Johannesburg. She is Head of Academics for Grades 000 to 7 and Deputy Head of the Junior School. She steered Kingsmead Junior School towards their international accreditation as a Thinking School by the University of Exeter, in 2014.

Ingrid is the national trainer for the 16 Habits of Mind (a set of dispositions towards learning), as well as for Bloom's Revised Taxonomy and Higher-Order Thinking Skills, for Thinking Schools South Africa (TSSA).

Ingrid will share her experiences and insights of developing a Growth Mindset classroom as part of a whole-school environment. She believes that the

understanding of the role and impact of Carol Dweck's 'Mindsets', forms the underlying philosophy on which effective learning and teaching occur.

Break-Away (A): Matthew Hains - The Tech Teacher's Story - Sharing Knowledge and Collaborating Online

Hains



Matthew Hains has been a teacher for over 12 years in South Africa and abroad. He started teaching Computer Applications Technology in 2011 after returning to South Africa - having worked internationally in education for 6 years.

In 2013, he started the Tech Teachers web site as a way of being able to

connect with other Computer Applications Technology teachers to share resources and materials together. In 2015, he was the winner of the ISPA Tech Teacher of the year for his work done with his Tech Teachers web site and collaborative initiatives.

He attended the InSITE 2015 Informing Science & IT Education Conference in Tampa, Florida in July 2015 to present the Tech Teachers story published as a research paper done by The Tshwane University of Technology. In 2016, Matthew was appointed as a Regional and National Moderator for Computer Applications Technology for the IEB. As well as being a Cluster leader, a speaker at IEB C.A.T. Conferences and a Sub-Examiner Marker for IEB C.A.T. exams, he currently teaches Computer Applications Technology at Woodlands International College in Gauteng and continues to explore the challenges of technology in education as he pursues his certification as a 'Google for Education' Certified Trainer.

Break-Away (B): Aarnout Brombacher - Mathematics for Junior Schools: "Developing spatial reasoning"

Aarnout will also to do the Maths workshop on Sunday morning.

Topic: “What does it mean to do mathematics and how does this impact on how we teach it?”

Brombacher



Aarnout Brombacher is the founder and head of Brombacher & Associates, and was the former head of the Mathematics Department at Westerford High School and a Past-President of AMESA. In 1996 he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and read for a Masters degree in Mathematics Education at the University of Georgia in the USA.

Aarnout and the team at Brombacher and Associates are involved in the materials development, teacher

training and research in the field of mathematics education. Among other materials, the team has developed the Number Sense Workbook Series, to provide independent written activities for children as they develop a strong sense of number. A strong sense of number is at the heart of being able to do mathematics and central to mathematics in the early years. As part of their teacher training activities the team provide in-class coaching support to early grade teachers in a number of schools.

Working with RTI* International a US based non-profit organisation, Aarnout has led national surveys of early grade reading and mathematics in more than 10 countries across Africa and the Middle East. In Jordan, Aarnout has led a pilot intervention research activity that has shown a great deal of potential in improving early grade mathematics performance. Based on the results of the pilot activity, the Ministry of Education has decided to take the activities to scale and to implement the approach in all schools in the Kingdom over the next five years.

*RTI = Research Triangle Institute

KEYNOTE 5: SIPHIWO MAHALA - A Journey of Self Discovery

Mahala

Siphiwo Mahala is a Grahamstown born novelist, short story writer and playwright. He matriculated at Ntsika Secondary School before obtaining a BA Honours degree from Fort Hare and Creative



Writing certificate from Rhodes University. He holds an MA degree in African Literature from Wits University,

where he passed Creative Writing with a distinction. His books include the novel When A Man Cries, which he translated into his native Xhosa language as Yakhal' Indoda, and a critically acclaimed short story collection, African Delights (2011). In January 2016 The Guardian selected African Delights one of the top ten must-read books in the world. His debut play, The House of Truth, starring Sello Maake kaNcube, premiered to sold-out audiences at the Grahamstown National Arts Festival in June 2016.

KEYNOTE 6: Dameon van Antwerpen - Seeing Things Differently

Dameon



Dameon has been involved in Port Elizabeth's urban upliftment for quite a while, he was the guy who created Friendly Stranger restaurant in Baakens Valley from a derelict surfboard shaping shack before the area was even "earmarked" for development. He

has also been involved in Fathers' House Church's transformation as head of their creative and media team from a warehouse into what it is today.

handling everything from renovations to media, design and their various NGOs. Dameon brought the hobby store Donkin Bike Co. to the Donkin Village, and is still very involved in cycling and restoring bikes. He has a progressive way of thinking in how sculpting the correct kind of environments can cultivate, evoke and stimulate those within them to unlock their creative potential.

KEYNOTE 7: JANE McINTYRE - "Reflecting on reflection and how we will apply what we have learnt."

Also: Sunday Workshop - "How to develop a Thinking Culture for Creativity & Grit."

McIntyre



Jane has over 20 years' experience in management for multinationals and entrepreneurial businesses in S.A., Africa and across Europe and as a strategy and change management facilitator, leadership mentor and post-grad lecturer. She is an ICF accredited Workplace Coach and Neuro-leadership practitioner, integrating creative practices like Mindfulness and the Artists' Way. Her passion for empowering others to "drive their brains" more effectively has led her to her third and most meaningful career as CEO of Thinking Schools South Africa, a non-profit organisation that helps schools transform teaching and learning to resource learners and teachers for success at school, in

tertiary education and in life.

Favourite Quote:

"There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." - Nelson Mandela

Thinking Schools South Africa is a non-profit organisation committed to helping empower the teaching and learning process to up-skill South African school children with embedded thinking competencies to succeed at school - including Maths, Science and Languages - as well as in their future careers and in life. Based on global best practice, we help facilitate strategies for ongoing implementation of thinking practice in the curriculum, as well as training in specific thinking strategies, tools and languages with a proven track record. TSSA Trainers have extensive practical classroom teaching experience, and most hold senior positions in their own schools.

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