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The Plettenberg Honours 29 Staff Members for Long Service, including 35-Year Service Veteran Martha Ganga. The Plettenberg Hotel recently hosted a heartfelt celebration to honour 29 dedicated team members whose combined service spans an impressive 250 years within the hotel. Among them was Martha Ganga, the hotel's longest-serving employee, who marked 35 years of loyal service since joining on 20 September 1989, only a year after the hotel first opened. Born and raised in The Craggs, Martha began her career at The Plettenberg as an 18-year old waiter. Her talent, determination, and warm spirit quickly saw her rise through the ranks when she was promoted from restaurant supervisor and manager to Food & Beverage Coordinator. For the past 12 years, she has flourished as Duty Manager, a role that perfectly complements her vibrant personality and commitment to hospitality.

The loyalty and dedication of staff members like Martha is the foundation of the guest experience that have made the hotel a beloved 'barefoot-luxury' destination for decades. 'If you've ever stayed at The Plettenberg, you've likely been greeted by Martha's signature smile and heartfelt 'hello', says General Manager Ainsley Williams. 'Many of our guests return year after year because of Martha. She remembers their names, their stories, and always makes them feel at home. She truly embodies the spirit of South African hospitality that we are so proud of, and which consistently ranks us amongst the top hotels on the continent and in the world.' Martha herself says it's always been about the people. 'I love being around our guests - talking, laughing, welcoming them back. I can't sit still at a desk!' she laughs. She fondly recalls her early days, including the challenge of communicating with international guests using a makeshift sign language. Today, she welcomes back some of those guests' children, now adults themselves, continuing the cycle of warm and personal connection at The Plettenberg.

A significant influence and mentor in Martha's journey, was the late Mrs Liz McGrath, founder of The Liz McGrath Collection, who Martha describes as like a second mother to her. Recognising her potential early on, Mrs McGrath arranged for Martha to gain international 5-star experience in Bath, England - an opportunity that helped shape her hospitality career. When asked what has kept her at The Plettenberg for over three decades, Martha's answer is simple: 'I'm happy. I love people, I love hearing their stories and learning about their lives. For me, our guests really do become family.'

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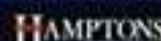
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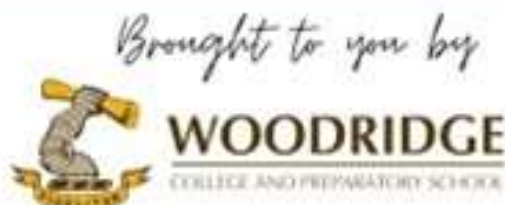
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In the words of the Woodridge College Headmaster, Luke Hartley...

Are you familiar with the concept of positive education? In the world we live in today, our lives are made so much easier because of technology – yet human morale is extremely low!

In South Africa, we have added complexities of significant levels of inequality, high crime rates, and social media platforms, which are eating away at the moral fibre of our children. South African children are in the top 4 in the world in terms of time online, while the adolescent population around the world is experiencing greater levels of stress, depression, and anxiety than ever before because of devices and social media platforms.

Also in the home environment, in the busyness of modern life, it's easy to fall into a pattern of correction, instruction, and critique when engaging with our children. Whether it's checking up on schoolwork, commenting on screen time, or tackling the endless list of chores, much of our communication as parents and caregivers can unintentionally become focused on what's going wrong rather than what's going right. This tendency isn't unique to parenting.

It reflects a broader societal habit – turn on the news, scroll through social media, or listen to casual conversations, and you'll find that negativity often dominates. It can feel easier, even natural, to focus on what's broken, what's lacking, and what needs fixing. But just because it's common doesn't mean it's helpful.

When it comes to raising young people, the tone of our conversations at home matters deeply. Children and teenagers are shaped by the words they hear regularly. If the home becomes a place where they expect criticism or correction more than encouragement and connection, we may unintentionally erode their sense of self-worth or their willingness to open up.

Positive conversations, on the other hand, build trust, foster resilience, and create a safe emotional space for children to express themselves. This does not mean avoiding tough topics or turning a blind eye to problems, but it does mean making an intentional effort to notice, name, and nurture the good.

We need to catch them doing something right. Whether it's an act of kindness, a quiet moment of perseverance, or a job done well, recognise it.

Even small affirmations build a foundation of encouragement. It is so important to talk about what's going well. Share good news from your own day, express gratitude around the dinner table, or reflect together on something the family has achieved.

The one thing we have to do is celebrate effort, not just results. This teaches our children that growth and grit matter more than perfection. We have to model positivity – our children take cues from the adults around them – if the adults in the room are optimistic, the children in the room will learn to do the same.

Our children are growing up in a complex world—one that can sometimes feel overwhelming. By creating a culture of positive conversation at home, we give them a solid emotional foundation from which to face life's challenges. We remind them that while the world may not always be easy, there is still much to be hopeful for, much to be grateful for, and always something good worth talking about. Let's be intentional with our words. Let's choose to build up rather than break down. And let's show our children that they are seen, valued for who they are, and deeply loved.



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1) Do not try and chase it into the water - it is either tired, undernourished or weak and wants to rest. 2) Create a safe zone around it and prevent dogs and crowds from approaching it. 3) Call your local marine stranding organization. 4) Take a location pin to share with the rescuers.

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4) Take a location pin to share with the rescuers. 5) After you have spoken to a marine animal rescuer, and they request you to collect the Penguin, follow their instructions on how to handle it and where to take it. Please be aware that they have extremely sharp beaks and need to be

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UnCommon Sense

By Rose Scott
Profit but No Cash?

Here's Why It Happens
 Many business owners are shocked when their accountant shows them a profit on paper, but their bank account is empty. How can that be? Shouldn't profit mean more cash? The truth is that profit and cash flow are not the same thing.

Profit is an accounting measure. It shows the difference between income earned and expenses recorded during a period. But cash flow is about money actually moving in and out of your bank account. Several factors can cause a gap between the two.

1. Credit sales - If you've invoiced customers but they haven't paid yet, your books show revenue (and profit), but no money has hit the bank. High levels of debtors can make you "profitable" but cash-poor.
2. Inventory - Buying stock ties up cash. You may record the purchase as an asset, not an expense, so profit looks fine, but cash has left the business.
3. Loan repayments - Capital repayments on loans don't appear on your income statement, but they reduce your cash. You could show profit yet still be paying down loans that drain your bank balance.
4. Equipment and assets - When you buy machinery or vehicles, the cash leaves immediately. But in accounting, that's not an expense all at once—it's depreciated over years. Profit looks stable, but cash is gone.
5. Timing differences - Expenses like rent or salaries are paid before you collect from customers, causing a short-term cash squeeze even in profitable months.

In short: profit is a theory, cash is reality. You can't pay suppliers or staff with "profit" unless it's turned into cash. That's why tracking cash flow alongside profit is vital. Good businesses fail not because they lack profit, but because they run out of cash. Looking for professional guidance? Call Rose on 082 500 3165

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