



KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!

147th Commemoration of the Battle of iSandlwana



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum attended the 147th Commemoration of the Battle of Isandlwana. The battle, fought between the British Empire and the Zulu army on January 22, 1879, near Nquthu, northern KwaZulu-Natal, marks a pivotal event in both South African and global military history, which resulted in a significant triumph for the Zulu army over the British Empire during the Anglo-Zulu War.



Under the command of leaders such as Ntshingwayo kaMahole Khoza and Mavumengwana kaNdlela Ntuli, thousands of Zulu warriors utilised traditional formations and tactics that not only altered the course of the war but also defied global perceptions of colonial military strength.



Hlangana Zulu



KZN Museum Venue Hire

Pringle Hall

Capacity: 200

Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R750

Daily Rate: R2 500

Ingede Theatre

Capacity: 63

Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R650

Daily Rate: R1 750

Enquiries call 033 345 1404 or email reception@nmsa.org.za (T's & C's apply)



iSandlwana Buid-up

Leading up to the 147th Battle of Isandlwana commemorations, the KwaZulu-Natal Museum, alongside the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, KwaZulu-Natal Archives and the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, visited Luvisi Primary School and Esibanini Primary School in uMzinyathi District to facilitate a heritage workshop.

This initiative aimed to raise awareness of South Africa's cultural history and instil a sense of national pride through interactive workshops that educate individuals on national symbols, local history, heritage sites, and tourism in KwaZulu-Natal.



Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture Visits Museum

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum gave a warm welcome to members of the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture during their oversight visit.

In keeping with the committee's ongoing responsibility to oversee public entities within the heritage sector, and to fulfil its mandate of monitoring governance, infrastructure development, and the preservation of South Africa's cultural heritage, the committee met with Museum management and was presented with a comprehensive overview of the Museum and its initiatives.

Additionally, the oversight visit highlighted the New Museum Project planned for the Old St Anne's Hospital site and included a tour of the location where project developments and plans were discussed



KZN Museum School Tours & Lessons

School Tour Fees

Learners on Tour: R3.00 per learner
One Educator per 20 learners is FREE
Teachers/Adults: R20.00

Enquiries: 033 345 1404/reception@nmsa.org.za

Lessons Offered

A wide range of curriculum enrichment lectures/talks are available for all grades. Lectures make use of specimens and exhibits and the talks are also enriched by the use of notes and worksheets. Lectures can be designed to suit the educator's/ school's need.

Fieldwork in Kamberg



Starting the year off on the front foot, Drs Ghilraen Laue and Justine Wintjes recently travelled to Kamberg on a field trip to continue their detailed recording of the rock art of Game Pass Shelter.

As part of their project, the dynamic duo will also conduct an investigation of sites in the area, looking at the provenance of some of the removed rock art pieces within the Museum's collections.



Dr Jeremy Hollmann (pictured on the left), who accompanied Drs Laue and Wintjes to Kamberg, has since stated in a LinkedIn post that the visit to Game Pass Shelter will form part of a multi-authored volume of essays, edited by Ghilraen Laue, Justine Wintjes and himself.

Read up on Dr Hollmann's post here: <https://tinyurl.com/58bsup4y>



KwaZulu-Natal Museum Venue Hire

Mammal Hall Capacity: 300 Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R1 350 Daily Rate: R5 000

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PMB Girls' High School STEM Fair 2026

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum's outreach team attended the fourth edition of Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School's annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fair.

The team engaged with top-performing female learners (based on 2025 Grade 6 marks) in Science and Mathematics from surrounding schools in Pietermaritzburg. Through interactive STEM experiments, the team showcased how museums utilise technology for research, education and innovation.

The day's activities provided the perfect environment to foster learning and encourage young female students to pursue STEM careers with confidence and curiosity, in hopes that they can shape and influence the future of science in South Africa.



TERM 1 EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

GRADE 13 HISTORY LESSONS

Programme Objective
Help learners who wish to rewrite and improve their History marks. The program caters for learners writing the May/June and the October/November exams.

Topics Covered

- The Cold War
- Vietnam War
- Civil Rights Movement
- Black Power Movement

Program offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays
Time 13:00 – 15:00 (negotiable) | Fees: FREE.

Contact: Mr Dumisani Jali at 033 341 0533 or djali@nmsa.org.za

SABALALA NOLWAZI

**SOCIAL SCIENCES
TERM 1 LESSONS**

Grade	Topic
Four	Local History
Five	Hunter-Gatherers and herders in Southern Africa
Six	Mapungubwe
Seven	14th century Kingdom of Mali and the city of Timbuktu

ALL Term 1 Lessons will be conducted on the following terms:
In-house Second and Fourth Week of Each Month
Outreach First and Third Week of Each Month
General Tours (Throughout the Month)
Kindly reserve your bookings through WhatsApp Group
Chat or contact Mr. A. Lukhosi on 032 7751 805 or Mr. S. Maphumala on 034 497 4860.

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**NATURAL SCIENCES
TERM 1 LESSONS**

Grade	Topic
Four	Living and non-living things, animal habitats and more
Five	Food Chains, Animal Skeletons, Life Cycles and more
Six	Photosynthesis, Nutrients in Food & Nutrition
Seven	The Biosphere and Biodiversity

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OPENING TIMES
Weekdays - 9:00 to 16:00
Saturdays - 9:00 to 16:00
Sundays - 10:00 to 15:00
Holidays - 9:00 to 16:00

ENTRANCE CHARGES
Adults: R 20.00 (Over 17 years)
Children: R 10.00 (4-17years)
Scholars: R 3.00 (On tour) per child
Pensioners & Toddlers: FREE

