

T-VET TRAINING

By: Ms. Petromella Layne

Board and Management of the Saba Comprehensive School have a clear vision of the **Technical Vocational Education and Training** that should be available to the students (TVET).



Ms. Petromella Layne

Three teachers at the Saba Comprehensive School, Mrs. Simone Saul, Mr. Hollis Ayers and myself were all exposed to an interesting, exciting and important training during the period March 23rd to 27th.

The Competency Based Education and Training

(CBET) was exposed to us by Ms. Sonia Bennett Cunningham and Ms. Lurline Bannister who took us through a successful week of training.

CBET is aimed at preparing our students and young people with life long skills to face the challenges and requirements of the fast changing, globalized job market. Although the program might be new to many of us, its main aim is to prepare our young minds to be functional in what ever career they choose.

In a nut shell, **CBET** is not only aimed at equipping our students with the knowledge (know how) to do the job but with the employability skills and correct attitude, to be prepared and operational in their choice career. It is our believe that CBET will build strong, competent individuals who will be fit for the future.

So, join us in our journey to ensure that our students make the best of this learning experience.



The 3 teachers with their trainers

All teachers of SCS have been trained in teaching techniques and the development of lesson plans in TVET.



The following modules will be offered next school year:

Ms. Petromella Layne:

- Customer Service
- Business Administration Commerce (Retail Selling)
- Business Administration Commerce (Secretarial Skills)

Mr. Hollis Ayers:

- Welding
- Carpentry
- Masonry
- Plumbing

Ms. Simone Saul:

- Hospitality
- Sewing

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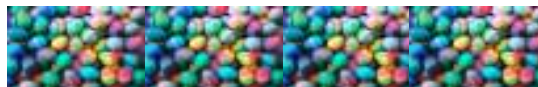
Psychologist

Dr. Judith Arndell

will host a parent evening on the topic of the needs of your child.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

5:30–7 PM



CONGRATS TR. MARGARET!

By: Jet van Heijnsbergen

On March 4th **Tr. Margaret** received her diploma as **High/Scope® Trainer**. After a year of hard studies, homework, practice and seminars in Curaçao, the diplomas were given out on Sint Maarten to her and her Windward Island colleagues.

Tr. Margaret was trained by **Mrs. Anke Boon**, who is one of the national trainers in the Netherlands. The diplomas were presented by the respective task managers Angela Dekker (SXM), René Reehuis (EUX) and yours truly.

In her speech, Angela Dekker reminded us of how it all started. While in Holland on vacation, she and I visited Dr. Paul Leseman and asked him for advice on what daycare program would be best for the Antilles. Two of his students, Priscilla & Marieke, came to do research on Saba. Besides the program, small group size and parental involvement are important, and properly trained staff.

As I congratulated Margaret, I stressed the fact that people working in daycare are multi-taskers, with their heart in the right place, only the best interest of the children in mind, and always willing to learn. It takes a special talent, and we are happy to have that on Saba.

We are proud of you, Margaret. Congrats!



NEW SERVICES FOR YOUTH

By: Dr. Karin Hermans



Dr. Karin Hermans is a child & youth psychiatrist who visits all N.A. islands to help children and families. She was on Saba from 18-20 March.

Dr. Hermans did her medical training in Groningen, after which she returned to Curaçao where she was

born. Later she returned to Holland to specialize in psychiatry, and ultimately in child & youth psychiatry. As such she evaluates, diagnoses and treats children and adolescents with disorders that cause problems with feeling, thinking, and behavior. She is licensed to practice medicine and can prescribe medication when necessary.

Parents and family members who bring their child to a psychiatrist often worry when the child has issues with being sad, lonely, rebellious, inattentive, forgetful, easily agitated or frustrated, or involved with the wrong crowd. They may be concerned about the child's development, eating or sleeping patterns; or how they relate to family and friends, and other people at school or in church.

The **child & youth psychiatrist** is specially qualified to understand the full range of factors related to emotional and developmental difficulties.

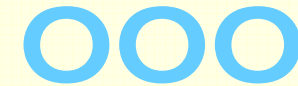
The difference between a psychologist and a psychiatrist is that a psychologist is trained in psychological testing of -for example- intelligence and learning.

Being on Saba for only a few days, it may be possible to identify problems, give advice on how to handle the problem and refer children for further evaluation. **On May 20 Dr. Hermans will return!**



TO ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN THE
LAURA LINZEY DAYCARE CENTER &
SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL &
SABA COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

FOUNDATION BASED & PREPARATORY SECONDARY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



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visiting the Daycare Center*

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