



SAPIX

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SAPIK community,

It's that time of the year again — the final stretch! Everyone is rushing to complete evaluations and reports, secure new schools for next year, and wrap up final marks for students. We've almost made it through yet another whirlwind of a year.

It's hard to believe it's already been four (almost five!) months since the new SAPIK Board was elected. There hasn't been a single idle moment. The new team has been hard at work, planning and laying the groundwork for the goals we've set for this term. We are committed to introducing fresh initiatives while upholding the high standards that define our profession.

That said, a Board is only as strong as the members who stand behind it. We truly hope that everyone who shares our passion for Kinderkinetics will continue to support, encourage, and cheer on these dedicated individuals who so often work after hours to uphold the best for us all.



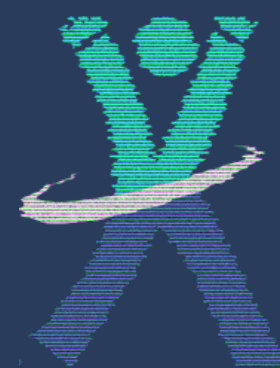
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At this point in the year, a sincere word of thanks feels more than fitting — especially to the person who is the glue holding everything together between SAPIK matters and our daily lives. Chani, thank you for your hard work, your patience, and for making my transition into this new role as seamless as possible. I think I speak for the entire SAPIK community when I say: you are a true gem, and we would be quite lost without you!

As the year winds down and we start to look toward a well-deserved break, I wish each of you rest, renewal, and moments of joy — whether that comes through quality family time or simply a pause from the everyday hustle and bustle. Let's finish strong and step into the new year recharged and ready for what's next!

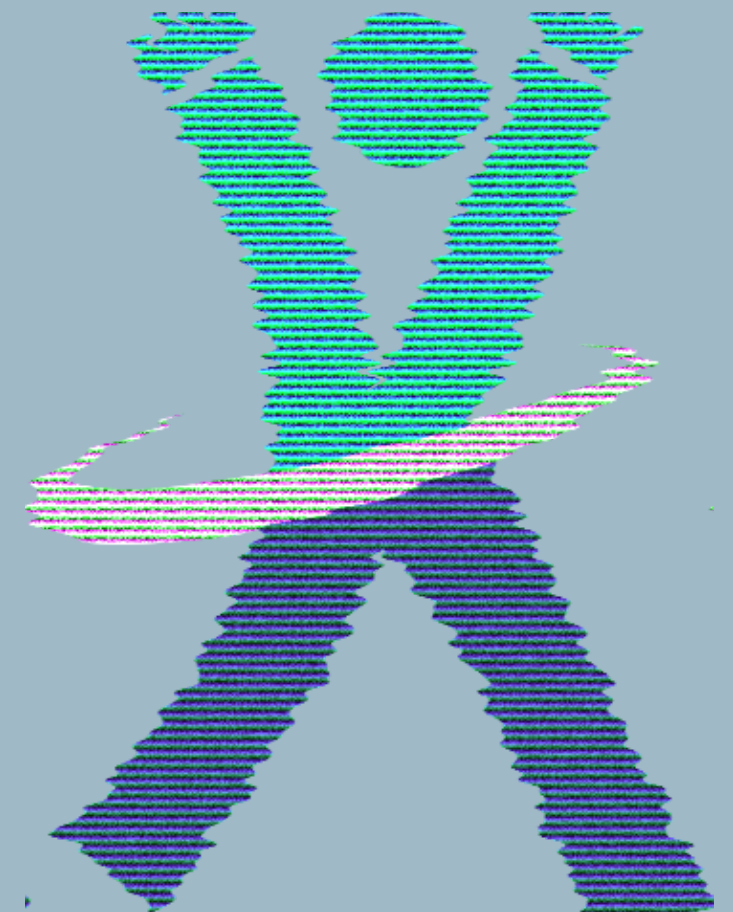
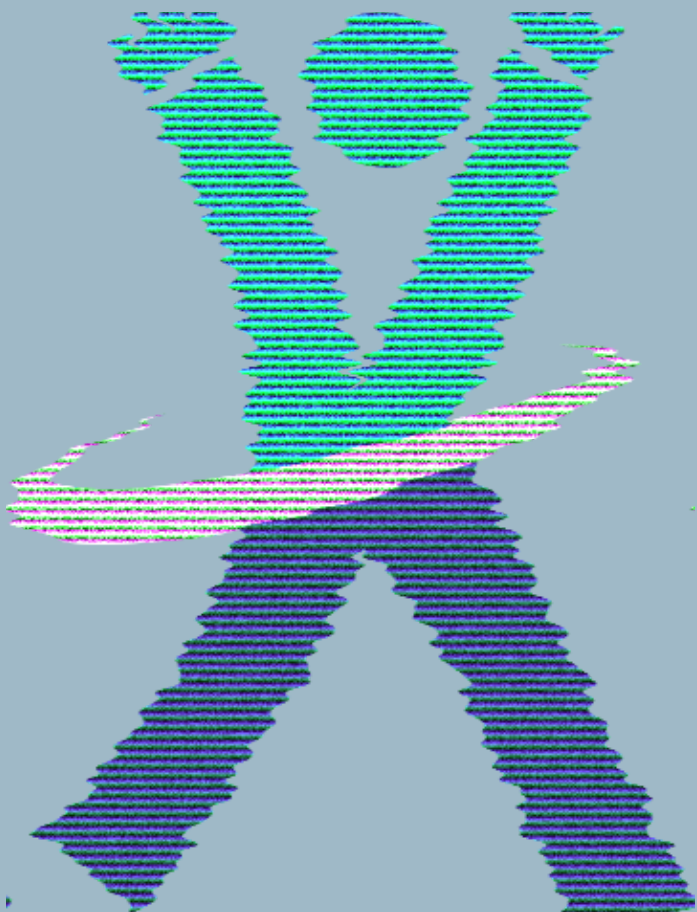
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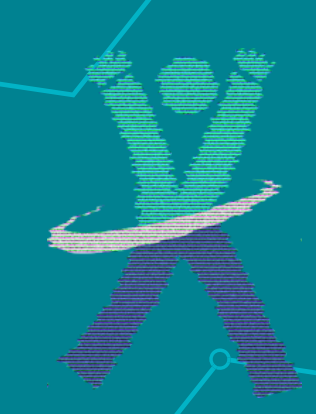
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SAPIK President



FINANCES

- A new and improved Excel sheet has been implemented to streamline the tracking of budgets and spending, ensuring greater accuracy and transparency.





CPD

EARLY BIRD OPPORTUNITIES

- Article opportunities will now be released together with an early bird option available for the first three days. The specific dates will be finalized and communicated soon.

SAPIK WORKSHOP

- It was agreed that the current workshop should be marketed as a learning activity or informational session rather than a workshop. To qualify as a formal workshop in future, we recommend including an interactive or practical component. A meeting will be scheduled to provide further explanation and in-depth feedback on how to strengthen the session structure.

CPD

FREE CPD OPPORTUNITIES

- Members will have access to two (2) free CPD courses per year. Details on these opportunities will be shared in upcoming communications.

PHD PRESENTATIONS

- The next round of PhD presentations is scheduled for 2026. Dates will be confirmed and shared once finalized.





CPD

USE OF THE SAMARITAN FUND

- Proposed changes to the Samaritan fund document will be approved by 31 October and final board feedback will be provided on 14 November.

Additionally:

- More free online CPD opportunities will be explored for members.
- Lower CPD points will apply to these specific courses.
- This adjustment will be included in the updated CPD regulation document.

TRAINING

ARTICLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CPD

Please note, the CPD article opportunities close on the 31 st of October for 2025. Articles for 2026 will be identified shortly and communicated with members in advance.

IN-PRINCIPLE MINIMUM STANDARDS

The development of the Minimum Training Standards is now in its final phase. The next steps, scheduled for late 2025 and early 2026, include obtaining final board approval before submission to SAQA for official implementation.

This initiative aims to establish a clear and comprehensive framework that aligns existing standards across institutions, ensuring consistency, quality, and rigour in training. As part of this process, the committee is also exploring quality assurance mechanisms, including the potential introduction of a five-year review cycle for each university. This would promote regular monitoring and continuous improvement, further strengthening the credibility and integrity of the profession.





TRAINING

TRANSFORMATION PLAN

We recognize the importance of engaging deeply with the concepts of diversity and transformation to guide meaningful change within our profession and Universities. In the university context, diversity speaks to the inclusion and representation of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, identities, and lived experiences, including race, gender, culture, socio-economic status, and ability.

Transformation, by contrast, refers to a deliberate and systemic effort to redress historical inequities and build a more inclusive, equitable, and socially just environment for all. We acknowledge that true transformation is a process; one that cannot happen overnight. However, we are committed to doing our homework. We are actively working to understand these complex concepts so that our decisions are informed, our changes are intentional, and our plans are sustainable.

By laying the groundwork today, we aim to ensure that the changes we implement will lead to real, measurable impact in the near future.



TRAINING

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

The plan is to finalise these documents early in 2026, ensuring they are both comprehensive and aligned with current professional demands.

TRAINING IN NEW TEST BATTERIES (BOT-3, MABC-3, PEABODY-3)

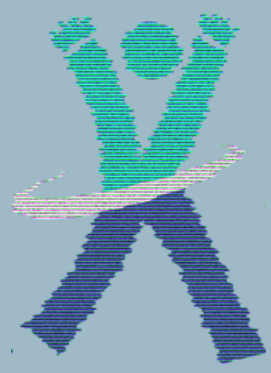
There are new updated test batteries available, these include the new BOT-3, MABC-3 and the Peabody 3. North-West University currently has these assessments available for training, should you wish to upskill or familiarise yourself with the latest editions. Stellenbosch University will also have access to these test batteries by 2026, with training opportunities becoming available in the new year.

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TRAINING

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEST BATTERIES

Following the introduction of the PERF-FIT assessment, the Training Committee is in the process of developing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the introduction of new test batteries. This initiative aims to ensure a clear, consistent, and standardised approach when implementing new assessments for members. Once finalised, this SOP will serve as the official guideline for all future test battery introductions, supporting quality, transparency, and uniformity across practice.



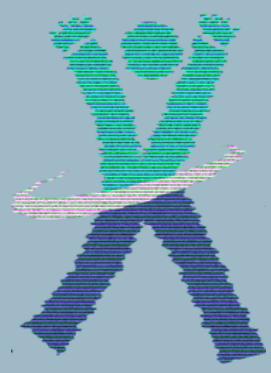
Marketing

SAPIK WEBSITE

- SAPIK has received quotes for service providers and has tentatively decided on one.
- Consultations will start soon and hopefully the website upgrade can proceed shortly.

MERCHANDISE

- We are currently conducting a “test-run” on the Kleuter-evaluasie kit, we would like to ensure comfortability and a hassle free kit for our members to invest in and use in their practice.



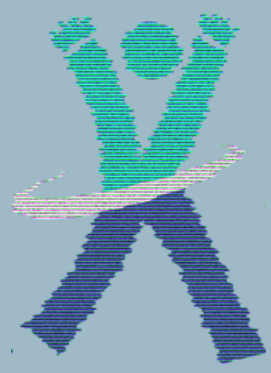
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EXPO'S AND MARKETING DAYS

- In July 2025 SAPIK had its first expo/marketing day at the Wiggly Education Conference.
- It was a very positive experience with a lot of good feedback.
- Should the members know of any possible expo's/marketing days that will be good opportunities for SAPIK to market Kinderkinetics, please get into contact with SAPIK.

ALTERNATIVE MARKETING STRATEGIES:

- SAPIK has repeatedly reached out to members with regards to alternative marketing in the form of magazines etc. Every time the members indicated that they are happy with only digital marketing (social media etc). This point has therefore been removed from the agenda until it is necessary to revisit.



Marketing

NATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK

- The marketing committee is already hard at work and busy with the content for the 2026 Awareness week.
- Once the newsletters etc has been approved, it will be sent to the members for input as well.



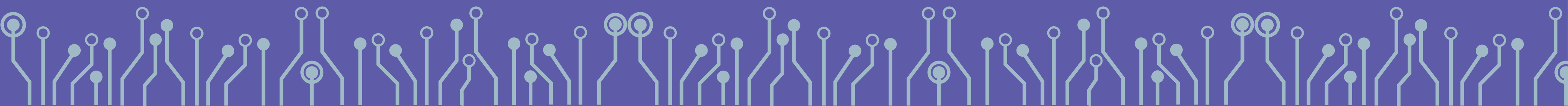
Practice forum

PRACTICE VISITS

- We are busy with the practice visits for 2025/2026.
- If SAPIK contacts you, please respond so that we can finalise your practice's visit promptly.

PRACTICE VISIT DOCUMENTATION

- Practice Forum added new criteria and practice visit documentation for practices that are only Learn2Swim and Vision stimulation. This was approved at the October 2025 Board meeting and should be in effect soon.





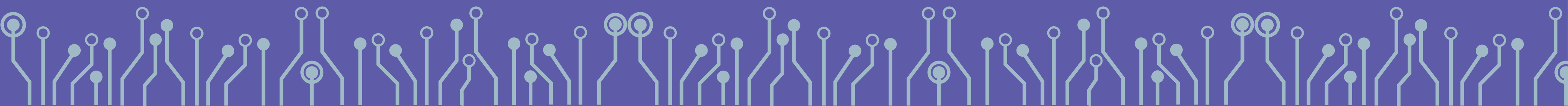
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DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBSITE

- The incident report was updated and the Afrikaans version was removed. This updated version will be available soon on the website.
- A new document was drafted – guidelines to consider when employing a Kinderkineticist. This document still needs to be finalised and will be available on SAPIK's website soon.

PRACTICE FORUM CPD WORKSHOP

- The workshop is finished, we are just waiting for our final CPD accreditation from SAPIK before we can launch and make it available to all members.





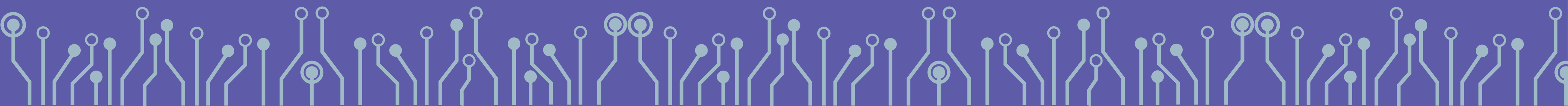
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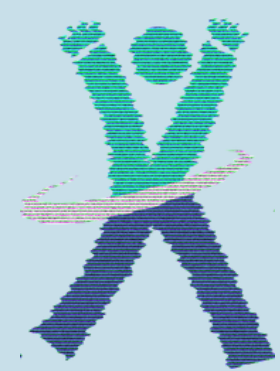
COST RECCOMENDATIONS 2026

- This document was updated for SA and NAM. All the prices were increased in line with inflation which is 3%. This was approved at the October 2025 Board meeting.

ONLINE CHECK-INS

- We are busy with the online check-ins for 2025/2026.
- If SAPIK contacts you, please respond so that we can finalise your practice's check-in promptly.





Ethics

INCOME INITIATIVE

The income initiative is still in the process, currently we are finalizing the ethical guidelines and then we will be able to update everything.

ETHICAL ARTICLES

Thank you for completing the ethical articles for 2025.

ETHICAL CASES

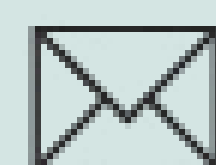
There are now currently one open ethical case.

Please do not hesitate to contact SAPIK if you see something concerning our field, bring it to SAPIK's attention and we can resolve the issue as soon as possible.



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