SEPTEMBER2026 NEWSLETTER

“Where tomorrow’s stars rise”

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

September has been a busy and productive month for Kei Cricket, with continued investment in grassroots cricket. Development, coach and official development, school and community engagement, and opportunities for our young players to progress. The month has also brought moments of celebration as we recognized the contribution of a respected KFC Mini Cricket leader and celebrated the selection of three Kei Hub players for the CSA Hub Invitational Team.



■ THREE KEI HUB PLAYERS SELECTED FOR CSA HUB INVITATIONAL TEAM

A proud moment for Kei Cricket as three talented Hub players earned selection to represent Cricket South Africa. (CSA) Hub Invitational Team at Cape Schools Cricket Week 2026 in Makhanda, Eastern Cape, from 24–27 September 2026.
Congratulations to: Sinakekele Sele • Siphumeze Nhonwana • Lukhanyo Nkomonye

Their selection reflects the talent and development taking place through the Kei Cricket Hub Programme. From the Hub to the bigger stage, we are proud to see these young cricketers take another important step in their cricketing journey.



■ COACH EDUCATION – CSA LEVEL 1

Kei Cricket continued to support thedevelopmentof coachesthrough CSA Level 1 Coach Education. The programme at Nomandi included Mawande Ntsinga, Thembelihle Mahlanyana and Joshua Mandiwona, with the final day taking place on 3 September.

Coach development remains an important part of strengthening the pathway for young cricketers and ensuring that grassroots participants receive quality guidance and support.



■ MQANDULI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CLINIC

Kei Cricket tcontinued its school and community development work through engagement with the Mqanduli Department of Education clinic. These initiatives help connect cricket development with schools and communities while creating opportunities for young participants to be introduced to and develop within the game.



■ NYS COACHES SUPPORT GXULU JSS FESTIVAL

Kei Cricket's NYS coaches were involved in the Gxulu JSS festival in the Libode area, supporting grassroots Participation and helping bring cricket activities closer to young players in schools and communities.

■ MESSO CRICKET INTRODUCED TO KFC MINI CRICKET GRADUATES

Kei Cricket also introduced Messo Cricket to KFC Mini Cricket graduates, creating another opportunity for young players to continue their cricket journey after Mini Cricket and remain connected to the sport.





■FAREWELL TO MRS. NOBOM TSHAZIBANE

September also gave Kei Cricket an opportunity to celebrate and honor the contribution of Mrs. **Nobom Tshazibane,** following her remarkable journey with KFC Mini Cricket. A farewell gathering was held to recognize her leadership, mentorship, and contribution to the development of cricket and the people she has supported along the way. The occasion was a special opportunity for colleagues, guests, and members of the cricket community to come together, memories, and celebrate the legacy she leaves behind.



■ KEI 20' 2026 U/13 TOURNAMENT

Kei Cricket is gearing up for the Kei20' 2026 U/13 Tournament at Khaya Majola Oval in Mthatha, Eastern Cape. The girls' tournament is scheduled for 24–25 September, followed by the boys' tournament on 26–27 September 2026. The tournament aims to create opportunities for young cricketers while promoting teamwork, discipline, confidence and sportsmanship. Preparations have included communication, beneficiary administration, marketing, sponsor outreach and coordination around tournament requirements.

Community and sponsor outreach: Kei Cricket has been engaging potential supporters, including local businesses and organisations, around possible contributions such as awards, kits and bibs, refreshments, transport, officials' attire, cricket equipment, certificates, branding, first aid and venue preparation.

LOOKING AHEAD

As Septembercontinues, KeiCricket remains focused on creating meaningful opportunities for players, coaches, officials and communities. From grassroots festivals and Mini Cricket development to Hub pathways and the Kei 20' U/13 Tournament, every activity contributes to building a stronger cricket community in the Kei region.

Follow our page for more updates, achievements, tournament announcements and stories from Kei Cricket.

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