

Julian Robinson, MP

12TH ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY REPORT

South East St. Andrew
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MP's Commitment to accountability

For the 12th consecutive year, to mark the anniversary of my election as your Member of Parliament, I present the 2023 St Andrew South Eastern MP's Annual Report.

In 2023, we launched our Youth at Risk training program with HEART Trust and continued our summer camps and Christmas outreach activities.

As usual, throughout the year you can check my website www.julianjayrobinson.com or follow/contact me on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for project details and other updates throughout the year. Hard copies of this report are available on request.

In 2024, I will continue to represent your concerns and interests, both at the national and community levels.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julian Jay Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Breakdown of expenditures for the year 2023 of the Constituency Development Fund

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	BUDGET	Implementing Agency	Date of Approval	Amount Disbursed	Date Disbursed
St. Andrew South Eastern Economic Enablement 2023/2024	Economic Enablement	1,000,000.00	SDC	25.4.23	1,000,000.00	29.5.23
St. Andrew South Eastern Additional Social Housing 2023/2024	Human & Social Development	1,150,000.00	SDC	25.4.23	1,150,000.00	29.5.23
St. Andrew South Eastern Additional Welfare Programme 2023/2024	Human & Social Development	1,500,000.00	SDC	25.4.23	1,500,000.00	29.5.23
St. Andrew South Eastern Administrative Assistant 2023/2024	Human & Social Development	1,500,000.00	SDC	25.4.23	750,000.00	26.4.23
St. Andrew South Eastern Summer Reading Camp 2023/2024	Human & Social Development	3,841,119.89	SDC	25.4.23	3,841,119.89	29.5.23
St. Andrew South Eastern Education Assistance 23/24	Human & Social Development	5,000,000.00	SDC	7.6.23	2,500,000.00 2,500,000.00	19.6.23
St. Andrew South Eastern Employment Generation 2023/2024	Physical Infrastructure	3,500,000.00	KSAMC	10.10.23	2,500,000.00 1,000,000.00	12.10.23 23.10.23
Labour Day/Welfare Project	Labour Day/Welfare Project	500,000.00	SDC		500,000.00	16.5.23
Welfare & Emergency	Welfare & Emergency	1,000,000.00	SDC		250,000.00	25.4.23
			SDC		250,000.00	17.8.23
			SDC		250,000.00	7.12.23
Social Housing	Social Housing	1,000,000.00	SDC		250,000.00	25.4.23
			SDC		250,000.00	17.8.23
			SDC		250,000.00	7.12.23

\$22M was allocated to the constituency under the Constituency Mitigation and Cleaning Program

Program Component	Allocation	Works done
Road repairs and patching	\$10M	Estimates completed for roads identified Next step is procurement
De-bushing verges	\$6M	Lady Musgrave Road, Diana Crescent, Vineyard Road Additional works to be done in January 2024
Drain cleaning	\$3M	Lady Musgrave Road gully, St. Hugh High gully, Mico gully, Marescaux Road drain
Community bulky waste clean up	\$3M	Swallowfield, Woodford Park, Golden Triangle, Seymour Lands, New Kingston, Nannyville, McGregor Gardens, Vineyard Town

PARLIAMENTARY AND LEGISLATIVE WORK

I serve on several Parliamentary Committees

- ▶ Public Accounts Committee – **Chairman**
- ▶ Infrastructure and Physical Development Committee
- ▶ Constituency Development Fund Committee
- ▶ Joint Select Committee reviewing the Integrity Commission Act
- ▶ Joint Select Committee reviewing Job Descriptions for Members of Parliament
- ▶ Joint Select Committee reviewing the Security Interests in Personal Property Act
- ▶ Integrity Commission Oversight Committee

I raised concerns about the role of state agencies in holding developers accountable

Infrastructure and Physical Development Committee calls on regulatory agencies to ensure housing developers do not infringe on citizens' rights

🕒 23 January 2023 ✍️ Shanice Gibbs 💬 No comments 📁 Categories: News

The National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) and the Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation have been called on to exercise their authority and ensure that housing developers do not infringe on citizens' rights.

The matter was raised at Parliament's Infrastructure and Physical Development Committee on Thursday (January 19), when it deliberated on submissions made by the Citizens Rights Group – an amalgamation of almost 30 associations across Kingston and St. Andrew.

Committee member Julian Robinson noted that many developers have been breaching the Provisional Development Order established in 2017, which sets out the framework, guidelines and policies for planning and development in parishes and communities.

NEWS

Legislators alarmed at development breaches ignored by State agencies



BY ALECIA SMITH Senior staff reporter smitha@jamaicaobserver.com |

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Opposition committee member Julian Robinson stressed that, unfortunately, these are widespread breaches, noting that "they are the norm, not the exception".

"There are court cases that private residents have brought and there have been judgments which have raised serious questions about, in particular, these two entities [KSAMC and NEPA] in relation to how building permits are handled. And there are citizens' groups that have raised a number of issues around it," he said.

Robinson said he was recommending that, in relation to this specific report, the two entities cited – the KSAMC and NEPA – be referred to the Infrastructure and Physical Development Committee, given the issues that were raised in this report.

I called for the Bank of Jamaica to ensure banks maintain minimum service levels for ATMs

Opposition wants central bank to intervene in ATM availability issue

5:02 pm, Fri January 5, 2024



Julian Robinson

By Clinton McGregor

The parliamentary opposition has called for the Bank of Jamaica to intervene in the growing crisis facing customers seeking to withdraw or deposit cash at automated teller machines (ATMs) across the island.

There are growing call for banks to provide more ATMs across Jamaica as customers are faced with undesirable circumstances the machines.

Customers have been complaining of long lines and lack of cash at the machines.

Speaking with *Radio Jamaica News* on Friday afternoon, Opposition Spokesman on Finance Julian Robinson dismissed claims by the Jamaica Bankers Association that increased vandalism and attacks on courier vehicles have contributed to the crisis.

According to Mr. Robinson, local banks are failing to fulfill their obligations to their customers as required by law.

"There's some basic minimum service standards that every single financial institution should abide by. If you have ATMs, they should be operational let's say, for example, 75% of the time, which means that if you're going there to do transaction, like with drawing cash, they should have cash."

The problem, he said, is that banks are "forcing people out of branches", telling them to use online means of banking, but are failing to do their part in ensuring their systems work.

I proposed the implementation of a light rail system to ease traffic congestion and improve productivity

LATEST NEWS

Robinson says Gov't should consider investing in light rail service to ease Corporate Area traffic woes



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Julian Robinson

Member of Parliament for St Andrew South Eastern, Julian Robinson, has recommended that the Government considers investing in a light rail service that would help to ease the traffic congestion in the Corporate Area.

Robinson bats for new policies to address traffic congestion

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JULIAN ROBINSON, the member of parliament for St Andrew South Eastern, wants the Government to introduce policy changes that will ensure that infrastructure keeps pace with development in the Corporate Area to alleviate chronic traffic congestion.

In his contribution to the State of the Constituency Debate in Gordon House yesterday, Robinson recommended that the Government commission a study to determine the feasibility of installing light rails in the Kingston Metropolitan region as a means of reducing traffic congestion and improving public transportation.

I advocated for an increase in the allowances to PATH beneficiaries

Robinson calls for increase in PATH benefits

Opposition spokesman says allocations can't cover basic food costs

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Michael Skonec/JS

Julian Robinson, opposition spokesman on finance, points out the impact of inflation on some basic food items while making his contribution to the Budget Debate in the House of Representatives on Thursday.

Opposition Spokesman on Finance Julian Robinson has urged the Government to revise the \$580 weekly payment to beneficiaries under the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH), which he says can barely fund the nutritional needs of a person for a day.

A 2020 study by University of Technology professor Fitzroy Henry showed that it cost US\$3.29, or approximately J\$490 a day at the time, to meet a low-cost nutritionally balanced diet for a single person

I pressed for transparency in the handling of the SSL fraud investigation

LATEST NEWS

Opposition calls for update on SSL fraud probe



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Julian Robinson

KINGSTON, Jamaica - The Opposition People's National Party is calling on law enforcement officials to provide an update on the status of investigations into the massive fraud uncovered at Stocks and Securities Limited (SSL).

In a release on Wednesday, Opposition Spokesman on Finance, Julian Robinson, said, "It is critically important that the public be kept abreast of the progress being made by law enforcement officials in this important case. While it is in the public domain that one individual has been arrested and charged, we want to know whether other persons are being pursued and the status of those probes."

READ: SSL breaks silence, seeks to clear air in fraud matter

Robinson said it is important to note that the hundreds of investors who were fleeced of their monies, have no idea whether they will be repaid and have received no communication at all about the ongoing probe.

KINGSTON, Jamaica— The People's National Party (PNP) has expressed concern and shock at the reported theft of several laptops from the offices of Stocks and Securities Ltd (SSL), which is currently embroiled in a multibillion dollar fraud probe.

READ: Thieves reportedly steal laptops from SSL

The PNP said in a release on Thursday that the recent development raises critical questions about the integrity of the ongoing investigation.

The Opposition added that it is "deeply troubled" by the apparent security breach at SSL which it believes poses a significant risk of compromising crucial information vital to the investigation.

"It is unacceptable that potential evidence, stored within these laptops, might be tampered with or destroyed, hindering the pursuit of justice," the PNP said.

Opposition Spokesman on Finance, Julian Robinson stated that Thursday's theft at SSL is "profoundly unsettling" as it was revealed on Wednesday that the fraud at the financial institution has occurred on a larger scale than initially reported.

READ: SSL probe reveals over 200 accounts hit, exceeds US\$30m in fraud

I continue to question the management of the Census which has been plagued by delays and missed deadlines

Census poorly managed - Opposition

12:42 am, Tue October 24, 2023



Opposition Spokesman on Finance Julian Robinson



Opposition Spokesman on Finance Julian Robinson has taken the Statistical Institute of Jamaica [STATIN] to task for what he calls its poor management of the 2022 population and housing census.

STATIN has released multiple deadlines for the completion of data collection on the census but the exercise has been delayed by a number of issues including the agency's inability to retain workers.

The agency's last deadline for the completion of data collection was March this year; however, since then it has not been able to provide a satisfactory update on the progress of the exercise.

Mr Robinson, speaking Monday on Radio Jamaica's *Beyond the Headlines*, reiterated his call for Finance Minister Dr. Nigel Clarke to intervene and find a solution to issues affecting the completion of the census.

At a press conference last week, Deputy Director General of STATIN Leesha Delatite-Budair said the agency was wrapping up the census but declined to give further details.



Robinson to seek PAAC intervention to get answers on 2022 Census status

HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

We commenced our Youth at Risk training program in collaboration with HEART Trust NSTA

Institution: Excelsior Community College

Total number of trainees engaged is 257

Skills Offerings

Cohort One July- September 2023

- Cosmetology- Hair braider and weaver - Job Cert Level 2
- Electrical- Conduit, trucking and cable trays installer - Level 2
- Construction- Mason - Level 2
- Construction- Tiler - Level 2

<u>Skills</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Hair braider and weaver	60	Pending assessment
Conduit, trucking and cable trays installer	36	30
Mason	31	Pending results
Tiler	30	Pending results
Total	157	30

We commenced our Youth at Risk training program in collaboration with HEART Trust NSTA (cont)

Cohort Two October- December 2023

- Cosmetology- Hair braider and weaver - Job Cert Level 2
- Electrical- Conduit, trucking and cable trays installer - Level 2
- Auto Mechanics- Braking system technician - Level 3

<u>Skills</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Training start date</u>
Hair braider and weaver	20	October 30
Conduit, trucking and cable trays installer	40	October 30
Braking system technician	40	October 30
Total	100	

We commenced our Youth at Risk training program in collaboration with HEART Trust NSTA (cont)

Institution: International University of the Caribbean

Total number of trainees engaged is 87

Skills Offerings

Cohort One October- December 2023

- Customer Service- Admin Assistance Level 2
- House Keeping- Guestroom Attendant Level 2

<u>Skills</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Training start date</u>
Customer Service –Admin assistance	41	October 30
Guestroom Attendant	46	October 30
Total	87	

We did a 2 day community tour with HEART Trust – taking the institution directly to the people

Julian J Robinson - MP (South East St. Andrew)
In collaboration with the Heart Trust NSTA
Presents

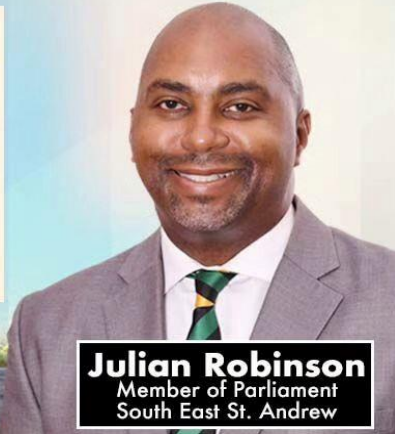
MOBILE COMMUNITY TOUR

The HEART mobile bus will be engaging with residents on the various training opportunities offered by HEART.

Tuesday
June 27, 2023 starting at **10am** in Swallowfield;
11am Nannyville; **2pm** Mountain View

Wednesday
June 28, 2023 starting at **10 am** in McGregor Gardens; **11am** Lower Vineyard Town,
2pm Woodford Park, **3pm** Slipe Road

Come and take advantage of the opportunities for your empowerment



Julian Robinson
Member of Parliament
South East St. Andrew

The Government of the Dominican Republic upgraded the computer lab at Clan Carthy Primary



Photo: Michael Sloley

Minister of Education and Youth, Hon. Fayval Williams (fourth left), and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Most Hon. Juliet Holness (fourth right), cut the ribbon to officially open the renovated computer room at Clan Carthy Primary School in Kingston on Tuesday (November 28). Among those sharing the occasion (from left) are Head Boy, Jhoneal Johnson; Head Girl, Jameliha Clarke; Principal, Winsome Reid; Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to Jamaica, Her Excellency Angie Martinez; and Member of Parliament, St. Andrew South Eastern, Julian Robinson.



We collaborated with the Universal Service Fund to establish free Wifi hot spots in Swallowfield and Nannyville



Photo: Michael Soley

Chief Executive Officer, Universal Service Fund (USF), Daniel Dawes (second right), applauds as Member of Parliament, St. Andrew South Eastern, Julian Robinson (right), points to the newly unveiled sign to signal the launch of community Wi-Fi service at Spaulding Lane in Swallowfield, St. Andrew, on September 11. Sharing in the occasion (from second left) are Inspector Shantae Coddington of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and Pastor, Church of God of Prophecy, Rev. Timon Waugh. The launch of the Community Wi-Fi initiative at Spaulding Lane signifies a strategic effort to bring digital inclusion to the heart of the community.



Chief Executive Officer, Universal Service Fund (USF), Daniel Dawes (second right) along with (from left) Inspector Shantae Coddington of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF); Member of Parliament, St. Andrew South Eastern, Julian Robinson; and Social Development Commission (SDC) Community Development Officer, Joie-Ann Mills Gordon, point to the newly unveiled sign signalling the launch of community Wi-Fi service in the Nannyville community on September 11.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The following roads were repaired in 2023

- ▶ Mountain View Ave (top)
- ▶ Vineyard Road
- ▶ Diana Drive
- ▶ Snowden Avenue
- ▶ Dorset Avenue
- ▶ Jacques Road & Crescent
- ▶ Brisbane Road
- ▶ Lords Road
- ▶ Oval Road
- ▶ Seymour Avenue
- ▶ Lady Musgrave Road
- ▶ Norwood Avenue
- ▶ Hopefield Avenue
- ▶ Latham Avenue
- ▶ Easton Avenue
- ▶ Linstone Crescent
- ▶ Sackville Avenue
- ▶ Fontenoy Road (bottom)
- ▶ Upper York Street
- ▶ Worthington Avenue
- ▶ Altamont Crescent (by DHL)
- ▶ North Avenue & Central Avenue

The following roads were repaired in 2023 (continued)

- ▶ Union Square in Cross Roads
- ▶ Upper Montrose
- ▶ Hillcrest Avenue
- ▶ Fairway Avenue
- ▶ Pawsey Close
- ▶ Hobart Road
- ▶ Walford Close
- ▶ Donhead Avenue
- ▶ Nightengale Avenue

Update on road repairs

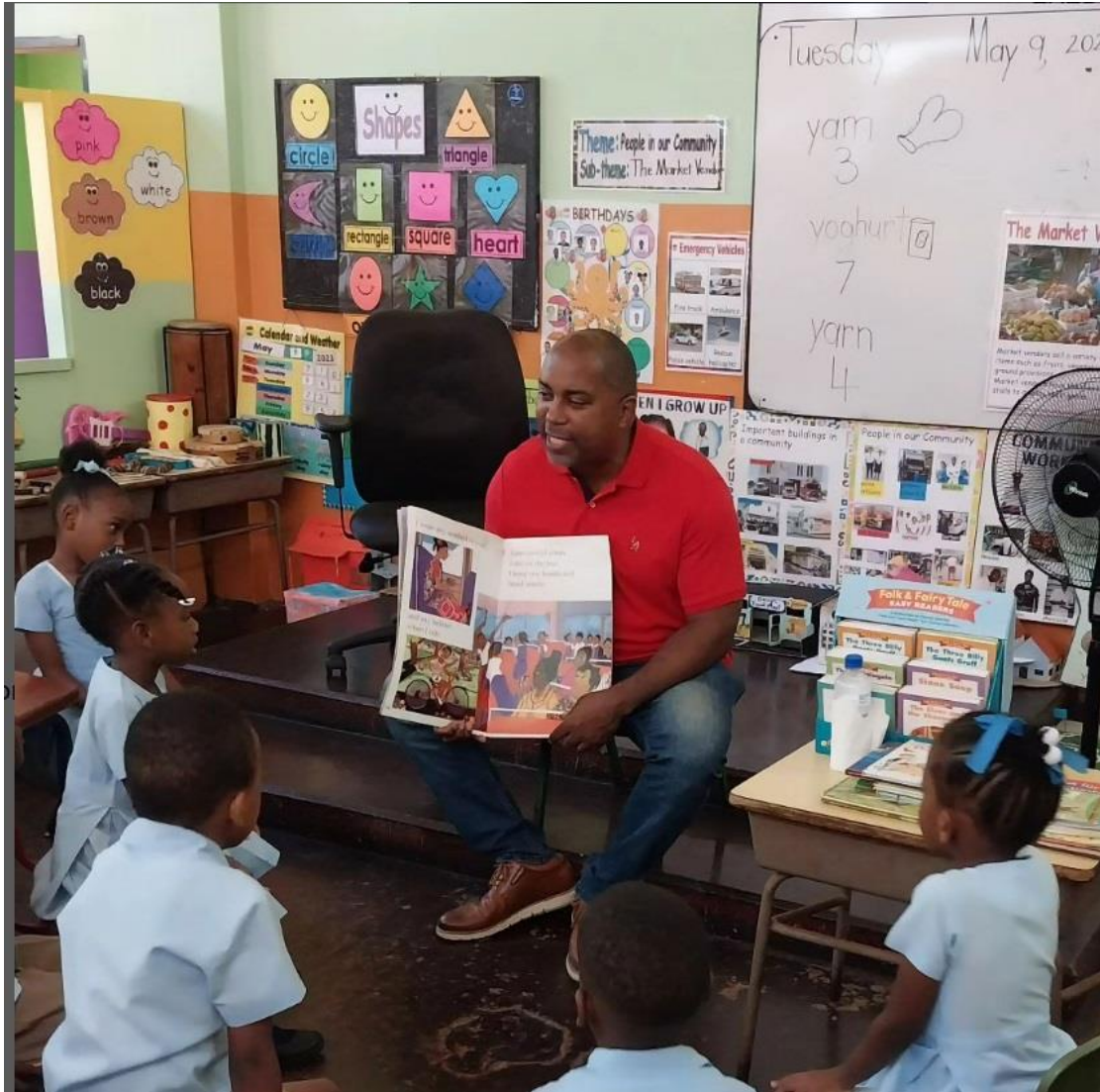
- In spite of the roads repaired last year, the heavy rains of October have placed some of these same roads in need of repairs.
- Last year, the Government allocated \$40M to each constituency to repair NWA roads. Those repairs have been significantly delayed due to procurement issues at NWA. I anticipate that we will be able to complete these works in the 1st quarter of this year.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

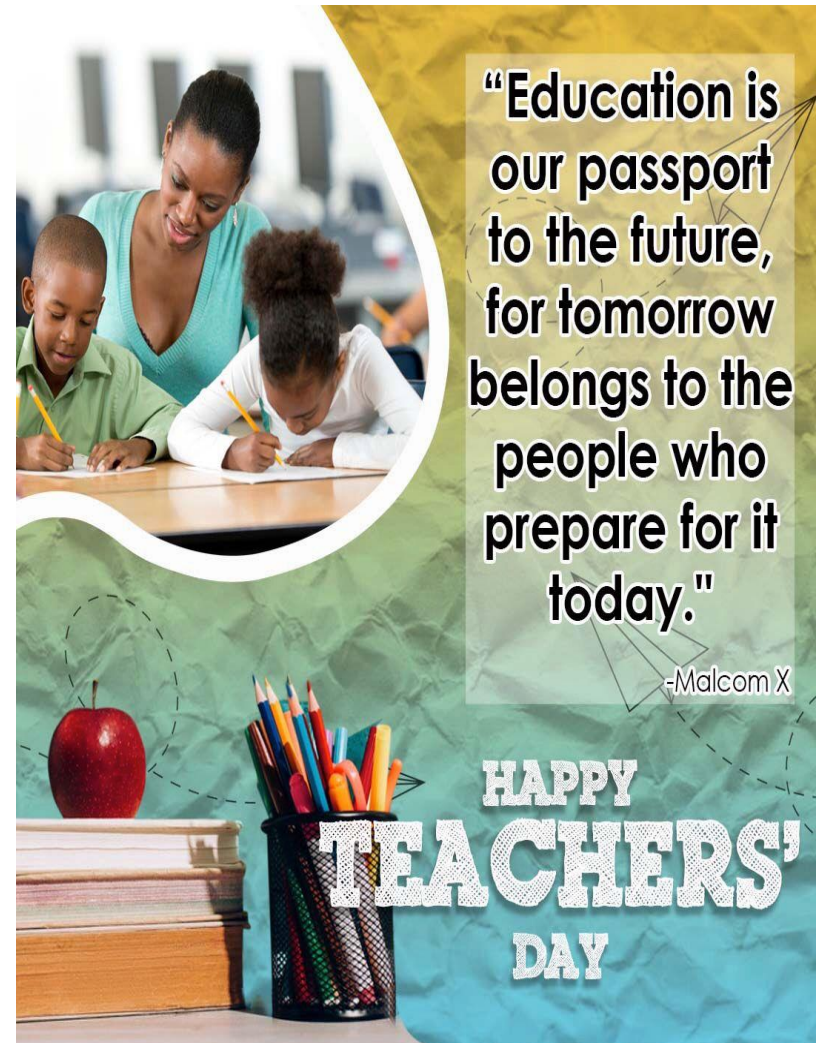
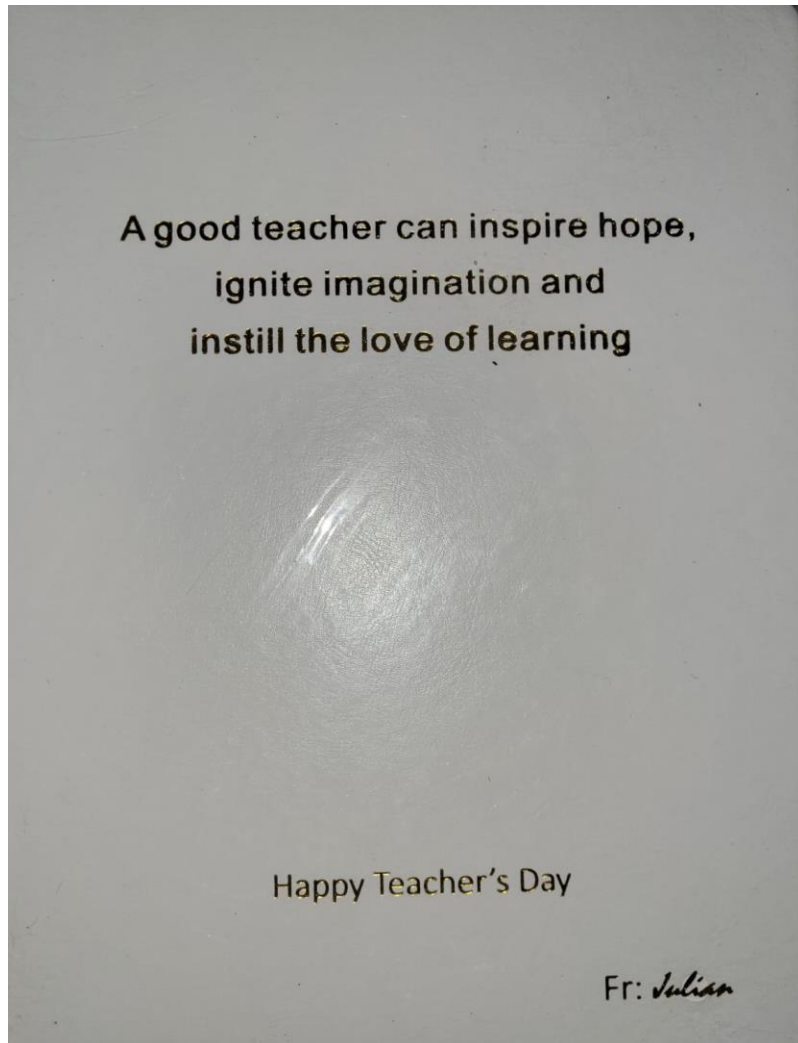
We hosted our Annual Constituency Back to School Health and Dental Fair



I read to students at Christ Church basic school on Reading Day



Our teachers were given a notebook on Teacher's Day to show appreciation for their contributions



Labour Day Activities 2023



We hosted a social services and information fair in collaboration with SDC



A vibrant poster for the Nannyville Social Services & Information Fair. The top half features a black background with the event title in a mix of yellow script and white bold fonts. Below the title, the time 'TIME: 9AM' is displayed in yellow. The bottom half is dominated by three large, overlapping hexagonal shapes in yellow, green, and blue, each containing specific event details. A red banner at the bottom left highlights 'FREE: EYE TESTING'. The footer includes the SDC logo, the text 'SPONSORED BY:', and the name 'MP Julian Robinson'. The background of the poster is a collage of images showing smiling children and a man holding a child.

Nannyville
SOCIAL SERVICES & INFORMATION FAIR

TIME: 9AM

VENUE: **SIR HOWARD COOK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DEC 6 2023

AGENCIES: **NIS
HEART
RGD
TRN**

FREE: EYE TESTING

SPONSORED BY: **SDC** SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MP Julian Robinson

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Work is well advanced on the Nannyville Field

- Installation of the walking trail completed
- Preparatory work in progress to install turf
- Expected completion of turf installation is end of February 2023



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