

## **THRASS TWO-DAY CERTIFICATE, GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA, JUNE 2-3, 2005**

Interesting course, extremely valuable for teachers and future teachers.

What an honour and a privilege to be included in this 'world of words'. So tightly thought through, every thread and loophole catered for – challenging me and my practise at every turn. This teacher is in CRISIS!! How to change my methodology? How to convince my staff to change their mindsets and risk a little? How to get my children to this as quickly as possible? THANK-YOU ALAN!

IT WAS BRILLIANT! SOUTH AFRICA NEEDED THIS! THANK YOU!

Informative, eye opening, exciting, excellently presented given the stipulated amount of time that was allowed, captivating.

This course was interesting and showed me a NEW IMPROVED way of teaching phonics! It proves to be valuable to the learners as shown with the demonstration. I am excited to implement this in the classroom. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the course! Thank you for everything.

The course is FANTASTIC! Phonics is such a mystery and it now seems so much easier and simpler with THRASS. It seems like fun and isn't wrapped in fairy tales. Alan is dynamic, interesting and held my attention. Thank you for all the materials!

Very good. This course brought new insight to phonics teaching. I think this will make it easier for children to learn how to read and write. Thank you very much. I wish I was taught this when I was younger. It would have made life easier.

Excellent presentation. Passion comes through very clearly. Explanations very thorough. Knows the product and conveys it with extreme confidence. Excellent workshop for all student teachers and teachers of little children. I especially like the different modes of presentation available to all children and catering for the different learning styles of children. Thank you. It's been an absolute privilege attending your workshop.

THRASS was very enlightening! Particularly liked that the course programme helps second language students, as this is an important aspect in South African schools.

This has been an absolutely amazing opportunity and course. Some of the most striking features being that through this course children's intelligence is not undermined, the notion that one letter represents one sound is eliminated and that the THRASS map caters for diverse dialects as well as accents. The latter being phenomenal for a country that is rich in diversity! It is a real challenge and Alan thank you for travelling all this way to enrich not only our students but us as an institution.

I think it was very beneficial and I am definitely going to pass on this amazing concept to my learners. Thank you so much. Really enjoyed it! You're a great speaker and are very positive and enthusiastic!

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU. I have found this course so beneficial. I have learnt SO MUCH! It makes so much sense to know about 44 sounds in the English Language. You have spoilt us with resources and I promise I will use it. Now that I know about THRASS, it is impossible to ignore it! Great presentation Alan.

Fantastic. Went against almost everything I believed. But I'm sold. I'll never go back. Hope the South African government jumps on the bus soon. Perhaps set up a South African/African branch? We need it.

Extremely informative. Interesting and enthusiastic presentation. THRASS has been proven to work and its amazing to see it in 'action', it's the only programme that actually makes sense! Hope that all schools in the near future will implement this programme as it will only benefit future readers, writers and educators of the English language. Alan has again proven that it can only benefit children if we teach them correctly from the start. Brilliant.

Brilliant! We should have done this from the beginning.

I am very pleased to have attended this course. I have seen it implemented in schools in Johannesburg. I have heard about how wonderful THRASS is and after attending this course I believe that this will help eliminate the literacy problems we are currently faced with in South Africa. Although I did find it difficult to keep focused for such lengthy periods. I have learnt an enormous amount and was kept on my toes by the brilliant presenter. Thanks Alan!

You have just given me a powerful instrument that has transcended my inconfidence to great confidence. Thank you. I feel very privileged to do the course. Good luck with all your endeavours.

A meaningful and worthwhile course. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and have learnt so much. I know and am confident now that I can go into a classroom next year, knowing how to teach a child to read, spell and write correctly.

The course was well presented. There was a lot of resources that was competent to the course. We gained insight on how to develop teaching methods and aids on phonema. We enjoyed the course and would like to continue corresponding with THRASS to get further resources.

I think that THRASS is awesome. I really felt it to be worthwhile and useful to use in a classroom. It helped answer many "problems" that I have observed in schools.

Alan is a great lecturer, making the course fun and interesting. LOVED IT! THANK YOU!

Very interesting, a lot to grasp within 2 days but it was worthwhile. One will need a sample of different lessons that one can implement in the classroom. (To serve as a guide).

Thank you. I enjoyed it!

The course was great. A very different approach to phonics, one I wasn't aware of, or thought possible until now. I do think it's positive and very beneficial for both children and teachers. Thank you for all the resources they clarified concepts. I think it is very possible to teach this to children and I am confident to do so and perhaps next year I will be implementing this programme. Thank you very much.

I love this program, and feel that as a child I was deprived - after experiencing this course!

This course is concrete and a reality. I believe that aid of learning disabilities will be cured through this program.

Once graduated, I hope to go into a school that uses this programme. Thank you for your time and generosity. Your program is interactive, innovative and very exciting.

Absolutely fantastic!!

Thank you for your time. It was wonderful to learn these new aspects. I hope that I will be able to use this in a classroom of my own. Thank you.

I found the course very interesting and useful. I think it can benefit both teachers and children. It is an excellent way of teaching and learning, in a fun and different way! I think it was extremely well presented. It was very enjoyable. Thank you!

I really enjoyed the course. The activity outcomes were loud and clear. New implementation has been established in me. I am going to teach this during my next school experience!! Thank you THRASS!

Excellent. I really enjoyed it and I would love to use it in my classroom.

Thank you so much. I really learnt a lot. I found that it was a really different approach towards phonics. I do think this is a brilliant programme and is very essential for all teachers to learn, so we can teach more children about THRASS.

Great approach in dealing with phonics, reading and handwriting and spelling. Have taken valuable hints and ways/approaches of teaching.

New. Exciting. Fun.

Very informative and relevant to all situation teachers face. Focuses on strengths and weaknesses. Stimulating and thought provocative information.

I really found this course fascinating! It was well presented and I'm really excited about it. Thank you!

A wonderful course. I hope to be using it soon in my own classroom. Alan is a great public speaker, and made the course interesting.

I enjoyed the course. I actually want to go out and use it in the schools and see if it works. I'll definitely use it on Prac. I like the fact that there is a "dictionary" of sound included. I myself battle with spelling and it has open up my eyes to things and can try and improve. Thank you for a wonderful two days!

I found the course very interesting and would have liked it to be over a longer period of time. Thank you so much!

This course was really enlightening. I will definitely use THRASS as a means of teaching. It was a truly valuable course.

Great to learn something new.

It was very informative. It has helped me to look at a new way of teaching phonics.

The course was very informative and enjoyable. I am an intermediate phase teacher trainer, I will definitely use it with my children. If there are learners in my class who are having difficulties in reading and writing, I will use this method as I think it's very effective. This course depicts an enjoyable way in which phonics, reading and writing should be taught. As an intermediate phase teacher, I will make use of the word chart and will be displayed in my classroom one day. Thank you!

Informative, although I am a senior Intermediate Phase Specialist, it's outcomes have been achieved. It can be used for the older learners and this in turn makes learning a lot more understandable. Thank you Alan Davies.

I think that this course was very stimulating and enriching. However, I think that it applies more to Junior Primary Teachers rather than senior Primary Teachers. Nevertheless, I'm sure that many of these skills can be incorporated in the senior phase to some extent. Thank you.

The whole course is very impressive, including all the different resources – charts, cards, assessment sheets, workbooks etc. It is very thorough. The course works well with a very competent instructor guiding it – I hope the materials stand up as well without that 'force' behind them!

Really interesting. I am amazed at the concept. It makes so much sense and I look forward to teaching it! Thank you. Outstanding.

A very good course. I learnt a lot from it and look at teaching, spelling and phonics in a very different light. Thank you!

A very useful course! We learnt a lot, although we (I) need to learn about it more to be able to teach others (it can be a bit tricky). Alan is a very knowledgeable and a good public speaker. Thank you for the equipment and information.

This course proved to be extremely beneficial to me. I now feel positive about teaching phonics. The course was thoroughly enjoyable and I learnt a lot. It is nice to see that there are still people that feel as passionate about teaching as I do. Methods were explained really well and were easy to understand. It is amazing to have received so many valuable resources and these are greatly appreciated. Alan is extremely enthusiastic in his work and this was enjoyable to see.

I think this course was really fabulous and great. We learnt a lot from this course and we surely will use this in our later stages of life. Thank you for everything.

Very informative and what an eye opener. What I have learnt is very valuable and will certainly be put into good practice. The information was clearly presented and very understandable. It was fantastic.

The course was really good and the knowledge I have come at with, I will incorporate into my class one day. I found that there was so much to take in during the sessions and it became very hard to concentrate. Excellent course. I get a little confused with consonant blends; digraphs. Well done with the presenting of the information using your teaching aids. Well done.

Outstanding. I thoroughly enjoyed the course. Alan you were so enthusiastic it makes me feel that way too! Thank you very much!

Brilliant, excellent, outstanding, amazing. Thank you very much!

I enjoyed the course, it helped me as a second language speaker how to pronounce certain words. I think it will be useful to me, my child and the children I am going to teach. It has increased my phonemes knowledge. Thank you very much.

I feel that I'm extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to have exposed to THRASS, both as a teacher and a parent. I am definitely going to try to implement THRASS when I start teaching. (If the school allows it).

It was well presented and I think that it contributes to the overall appeal for THRASS.

Thank you for opening my eyes to the way we teach.

I felt that the course was very helpful. It really made sense. The course was well presented. The presenter was interesting and passionate.

Good course! Very informative and descriptive! Thank you for coming to South Africa!

The THRASS course was fantastic! Excellent guest speaker who conveyed the ways of teaching THRASS extremely well. I believe it is an excellent way of teaching phonics and having school children come in and demonstrate their learning of THRASS proved this. The course was definitely worth it and thoroughly enjoyed.

The course was very good but I think it should have been spread over more days because it is too much to absorb in two days. The only problem is the writing in SA is different. This makes it a bit difficult when using the resources in a SA class. I could definitely apply this knowledge to the private lessons!

Excellent course! Very informative! I really enjoyed it!

Very exciting, new approach to phonics! This course has given me a lot to think about. Can't wait to use THRASS with my own learners.

I thought the course was definitely worth it. I honestly think it is definitely necessary for all teachers to be looking forward to applying it in my class one day – very meaningful and useful. Thanks, Alan!

A fantastic course, well worth the money! Alan is a brilliant speaker and presented a very interesting and worthwhile course. Availability of resources for each student also a good idea. Thanks for your time.

Course was extremely well presented. It was exciting but also informative. We can see this programme was created with practicality in mind – implementation will be a breeze. Thank you for an enjoyable two days!

It was an excellent course that made me aware of this whole phonics situation. It's fascinating what we have learnt and I do believe it is very beneficial.

I learned a lot from the course. I enjoyed the interactive way we were taught THRASS. I think that THRASS will benefit the educational system if implemented correctly.

This was very beneficial and I really hope that I will be able to teach it in the near future. The singing/rap was the best part. I can't believe that any normal teacher would not ever want to use the THRASS course.

A lot of information to absorb in two full days! Perhaps fewer hours over a longer period of days – to emphasis more important concepts. Great concepts – look forward to implementing the points I did manage to grasp in my class!

I found the course very interesting. The presenter promoted the course well, and spoke with enthusiasm. I felt that I benefitted greatly from the course, even though I am a Senior Primary Student. It was fun and we were all actively taking part. I believe the learners should benefit from this. Thanks a lot!

The course is very enriching and I found every aspect of it to be absolutely true. Alan Davies is really a great speaker and I am so grateful for learning what I have in the last two days. Thank you for your time and interest. I feel that you should go to more schools in S.A. in order to get them to change from Letterland to THRASS as when I graduate and get a job I would like to be able to teach THRASS and not Letterland.

Brilliant – I really enjoyed it. It was very interesting to see how well it worked and how structured it is. It was also interesting to see how bad the old programme was when compared to THRASS.

Wow! I found the course both exciting and knowledgeable. The enthusiasm was transferred from Mr. A. Davies to me as a future teacher. I love that the learners will be taught in the correct way from the beginning. I am also glad that the learners are introduced to words like phoneme and are encouraged to use them. This is a great course. Thankyou!

The course was very interesting. I really gained a lot. It really opened up my eyes. I gained new skills of teaching phonics. I think that each and every teacher should be introduced to this course. I really had fun. Thank you!

The course was very interesting and fun. Even though it is not the be and end, I think that I have learned a lot because I never had a chance to be taught phonics in such depth. I still have to train myself on the articulation, then I will be able to pass it on to others. The other thing that makes it interesting is the way it was presented. We sang, made sound and had great FUN! Thank you Alan for empowering us and for your time.

The course has really made me aware of how important phonics is and what can be done to improve our teaching skills. I truly feel that all teachers in South Africa should be introduced to this course because it plays a very important role in education and it can make a big difference in our education system. I enjoyed every minute of it and found it really interesting and fun. Thank you. This course has taught me about the English language (my 1<sup>st</sup> language). In other words things I didn't know. Secondly, I feel much more confident teaching phonics to young children and it is definitely the best strategy we've been exposed to. Thank you.

The course was very good, interesting. I have learnt a lot in the last 2 days. I have a better understanding of phonics or language. I can't wait to start teaching this in my classroom. You have shown me a new improved way to teach spelling and phonics. Thank you so much for sharing this course with us.

As the first students to do this THRASS course in Africa, I found the course firstly, enjoyable and definitely worthwhile. The course followed out to be easy to use activities and resources were superb! Thank you very for them. I want to use it in the schools where I teach in the near future. During the past 2 days and captured a lot of information and quite confident to use THRASS. In South Africa, I will surely go on to the website as soon as possible to learn more.

I found this course absolutely brilliant. After doing this course, I can't believe that something so obvious and simple could be hidden so well. It's scary really. I am so excited to try this method out with children. The course was very worthwhile and was an excellent bargain. Alan Davies is a brilliant speaker and got the message across so well. Thank you so much.

I thought this course was great as it was a completely new insight into teaching. At first I was wary about the charts as well as using vocabulary, such as phoneme, grapheme, graph etc. I changed my mind very quickly after observing the boys, watching everything put into practice. I will look forward to utilizing this THRASS within my classroom.

Really interesting. Jam packed, 2 days is a very short time to cover all this exciting information. Thank you so much for your time and generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Alan said it was the children that have learning disabilities that have difficulties with one letter one sound. This is brilliant because it will incorporate every single child. Alan is a dynamic speaker and really got each person talking about this course. He truly believes in what is said therefore we believe. Thank you. Thank you for giving us this incredible tool.

The course was extremely enlightening and taught me things I would never have thought of if I was teaching. The dyslexia part that was spoken about, for a personal reason, was extremely interesting and now understand where the child was coming from.

Absolutely fabulous. What an amazing course. This is the missing link of what has been taught in the past. Alan is a fantastic presenter, who keeps the attention of his audience. Really would like to see THRASS implemented in all schools, and especially in rural areas. I have so much respect for Alan for having the courage to put together this wonderful course. Thank you for all the resources and thank you for taking the time to share your knowledge with us, student teachers who are eager to implement this new knowledge.

The course has been very interesting for me as I'm training as an intermediate phase teacher. The relevance of phonics has never been important for me, but bad/incorrect spelling has been an issue in my classroom pracs. It is incredibly helpful to know that I don't have to use the 'old' rules when children do not spell correctly. This information has transformed my understanding of phonics, and how to use it to its best in my classroom. Also, Alan is an excellent presenter, and really makes the learning fun. He also models very good methodology.

This course was great. Alan puts his knowledge across to us in an easy to understand and fun way. I do believe THRASS is the most sensible way to teach children reading and spelling. Thank you for all the materials, we really appreciate it.

AWESOME, I have thoroughly enjoyed this course. It has truly been insightful and interesting. I've become excited to implement this in my classroom. It is a fantastic concept that has been thoroughly thought through and developed – I love the practical aspects and examples of activities that can be used with the given resources. Alan your passion and enthusiasm of THRASS is clearly evident – certainly an inspiration. Thank you.

Excellent presentation – amazing energy, passion, dedication and commitment. Informative, comprehensive and inspiring. After many years of teaching, this course has given me a refreshing and renewed interest in the teaching of reading and spelling. Resources available are varied and exciting. Answered many queries e.g. syllabification and sounds. But: exhausting, perhaps should be done over 3 days.

I enjoyed every minute of this course. I think that is the course that every teachers parents and other responsible people need. To qualify my reason I can say that yes the old method worked to a certain degree but confusing special to a e sounds. But now because of locations on the map that we used is much clear which sound are we using. And I liked the fact hat we have to teach children the letter name not only the sound. Thankx to enrich our knowledge and hoping for the best of this programme.

The course seems to be a bit compact, too much info has been piled up. However, I think this is an interesting course, providing different views of teaching phonics. I will certainly try my best to seek for a chance to use the materials from the course in the near future.

THRASS has been such an honour to all of us I hope but I feel I've been fortunate to have attended this course because I have learnt a lot. I was also alarmed to see that the THRASS approach is much easier and enjoyable even to young school kids because the way the boys presented it was a real evidence of this. I wish THRASS can be able to teach teams around South Africa because there is a need. Thank you for all the aids we received from you and for your heart of giving so much to the world and may THRASS carry on for as long as it can. I wish you good luck wherever you go from here and may God bless you.

I found this course to be highly informative. I have not only learnt how to teach reading, writing and phonics correctly, but I will be able to do it, in a fun and effective way. I absolutely loved this course and it was most definitely fantastic. I only hope, that this course (THRASS) will be incorporated into the Bachelor of Primary Education (BEd) course in the near future. Thank you so much for inspiring me to want to teach phonics, reading and writing in a/my classroom.

I found the 2 day course very interesting and beneficial to my future education and teaching in the long run. The information supplied was informative and set out in an easily understood manner. The resources are user friendly and exceptionally made. Alan (and cameraman Mike) have been friendly throughout and have been wonderful in answering questions. A big thank you for all the hard work and dedication.

The THRASS course, was the most invaluable teaching course I have yet encountered. The learning of teaching phonics to children in a meaningful and constructive manner is absolutely wonderful. The professionalism and sheer dedication shown by Alan and Mike is great appreciated. A heartfelt thank you, and a wish of much success for your course in time to come. Information was greatly understood and materials are exceptionally user friendly.

This course is excellent. THRASS provides a tool to explain to learners why different sounds have a variety of spellings. This is such a relief as I no longer have to tell learners 'it's spelt like that because English is a funny language. Rather, I can given them resources and tods to help explain variations in spellings.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! This was an excellent learning experience I only wish I had known all this at the beginning of my teaching career. I can't wait to start implementing what I have learnt. A wonderful two days.

The course was fantastic. I've learnt and gained so much through this course. I cannot wait to implement THRASS in my classroom as well as help my brother as he has a learning disability. The course has been to my advantage. I really appreciate receiving all the materials. Thank you.

I liked and enjoyed everything. It was exciting when we do phonics and the music along. This programme is very important for us teachers especially those who English is their second language.

This course was very valuable because it put a different light on phonics and different ways to teach it. The teaching aids are fantastic and very useful for teaching. This will definitely help children that have reading and spelling problems because they are taking letter sounds and grouping the same sounds together. Thank you Alan for your time and insight to better spelling and for the teaching materials.

This has been an absolutely fabulous experience. It was so professionally presented and well organised. Most of all – it made BIG SENSE! We need to implement this in our schools and get our teachers trained in THRASS. Thank you for your time and effort to come to South Africa and train us in a course like this. We really appreciate it.

Amazing, eye opener. The information and concepts are actually common sense that other strategies made sooo complex. Thanx for giving me a straight forward strategy that I understand and will use. You changed my spelling problems.

Fun and educational. I was singing the songs when I got into bed last night. I'm sure learners will be doing the same too. Resulting in incidental learning useful not only for my future students but for myself as well.

Thank you so much for taking the time to share this information with us. It was extremely interesting and valuable. It has definitely allowed me to extend and better my teaching. The course was well presented.

If this was a course on evolution, we would have just uncovered 'the missing link'. Thank you for your passion and igniting it in us. Wishing you continued success.

I found the course inspiring and a clever system. I also think I will need to revise the concepts covered several times and try to 'unlearn' my previous knowledge to feel confident to spread the word. Thank you for this opportunity.

Thank you so much for sharing this concept with us. I am very keen to incorporate this in my class. However, I was a shocking speller at school as well as now and am no where nearly confident enough to teach this. It is a great ideas and it works so I am going to try my best to work at it. Thank you.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the course. I have learnt so much that will definitely assist me when I start teaching. Even though I am an intermediate teacher, the skills I have acquired will make a difference in my classroom for the learners. Thank you for all the resources. God bless you.

I think this course was fantastic. It has opened my yes and I feel confident about teaching children about reading and spelling which in the past has been a blind spot for me. Thank you very much for all you have given us.

I really thought the course was worthwhile. I firmly believe that learners should be using this method due the fact that it encourages as well as helps learners to spell, read and write efficiently. I also think that it really benefitted the junior primary teachers but will also help within the intermediate phase. Alan seems very dedicated and is hilarious in the class. Thank you.

This is a very brilliant course. I have enjoyed it very much. I've learned a lot because I'm battling with the language even with writing but after this I think I'll do better. Every easy and very basic. Thank you.

I felt that the course was very valuable it has taught me so much. For a person with reading and spelling problems I wish I had THRASS during my school year. I love the 'raps', very enjoyable. Alan made the course fun and exciting. Thank you.

The course was fantastic and it has opened my mind about phonics. I am very excited to get into the classroom and start teaching phonics by using the THRASS programme. The materials are excellent and

I will be putting in an order for more materials. Alan is a superb speaker and he makes you eager to learn because he makes it fun and interesting.

I thoroughly enjoyed this THRASS course over the past 2 days. Alan captured my attention and I felt that I could easily understand exactly what was being implemented. The new learning of handwriting, reading and spelling is a wonderful method and I look forward to ordering some materials and implementing them myself.

I thoroughly enjoyed the course and think it is an exciting way to teach our learners a new way of handwriting, reading and spelling. I am excited to try this method out.

I think this was a wonderful, very useful and valuable course. I think it should be done in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year so that we could see it being implemented in the schools. I do however feel it was a lot to take in and therefore should have rather been done in 4 days rather than 2. Thank you for the wonderful resources which, I am sure will be used and may will benefit from. I look forward to trying it out on the children I teach.

This is a fantastic program if I should say it truly gets you thinking about what you've been taught and how can you change that. It has helped me to answer the questions that I've been asking myself when it comes to reading and spelling skills. This is awesome, wow! Thank you.

This course was an excellent course and is really true and relates to phonics happening in schools. It really has inspired me to teach phonics according to THRASS as it makes more sense and is more meaningful than ordinary phonics teaching. The resources given were excellent and a great help to start. Thank you very much.

The course and the idea is excellent. It was just a bit long. Perhaps do the course over 3 days instead of 2. It is very easy to lose concentration during such an intense course.

I enjoyed the course so much. I've learned a lot and think I will use the skills I got to adapt the program to use in Zulu language. Thank you Alan for your beautiful presentation.

The course was excellent in every respect. I have certainly been helped out of the novice group in terms of phonics. The only suggestion I have is more demonstration would help reinforce concepts, as you did when you taught the groups of boys. Thank you.

A well presented course, delivered with passion. This approach has been clearly explained, and makes a lot of sense to me. I am extremely motivated to try it out. Thank you.

This course is brilliant. I battled as a young girl and if I had known about this it probably wouldn't have battled as much. Thank you for everything. This would be useful to many teachers that are already out there.

I found this course to be a valuable part of my education and feel that I will enjoy teaching this. I think that it will help learners with reading and spelling. It is an incredible way to learn and it makes sense. Thank you for coming.

I thoroughly enjoyed this course. I found it extremely beneficial and can't wait to use it in the schools. The children will benefit a great deal too. Thank you very much.

THRASS is essential for future learners. I found that this course helped me to correct my own spelling errors and I think it could help learners with difficulties such as mine. Wonderful course which has opened my eyes to the common mistakes made today and most importantly the corrections and solutions.

This course has been a brilliant experience. I feel that I have learned so much in these past two days and that the things I learned are important. THRASS is an excellent method to teach young learners,

things are so much clearer now. I hope that one day I will be able to use this in the teaching process because I strongly believe in it and agree 100% Thankyou.

FABULOUS! Even though I am an intermediate phase teacher, I feel equipped to help and equip my own learners with the necessary language skills. Thought the 'raps' were brilliant. Some sessions felt long (brain overload). THRASS is like nothing I've seen before. Alan is hilarious, inspirational! A refreshing spirit. Thank you.

I found that this course has made me look at literacy in a completely different way. It's made me realise that as children and teachers, we have been exposed to incorrect literacy programme and that a letter should never be labelled with one sound only. This programme is revolutionary as it exposed teachers and children to the true nature of phonics. I feel that it is the solution to many literacy problems as well as the problem of overload amongst teachers.

One of the most interesting and captivating speakers. I love the THRASS way of teaching – I'm hooked and I believe the system is awesome and makes a lot of sense. I will definitely use THRASS in my classroom. Amazing and brilliant.

The course was very interesting and informative. It makes a lot of sense and I think it will do wonders. However, implementation needs to start from Gr R and this is where the government needs to intervene and allow for this change. Alan has a very wonderful way of presenting the course and is obviously very passionate about THRASS. I think it was time well spent.

Superb. Exhausting but very exciting. Alan has enormous passion, great skill, a wide knowledge and energy which will be hard to match. Paradigm shift for me in many ways but it makes absolute sense!

Thank you, thank you, thank you Alan! An outstanding course for student teachers who have had an opportunity of a life time. THRASS has inspired these students, as well as made them think deeply about the nature of the code used in spelling and reading. This course will be a compulsory module in the B.Ed degree from now on. It is essential for all pre-service teachers and practising teachers.