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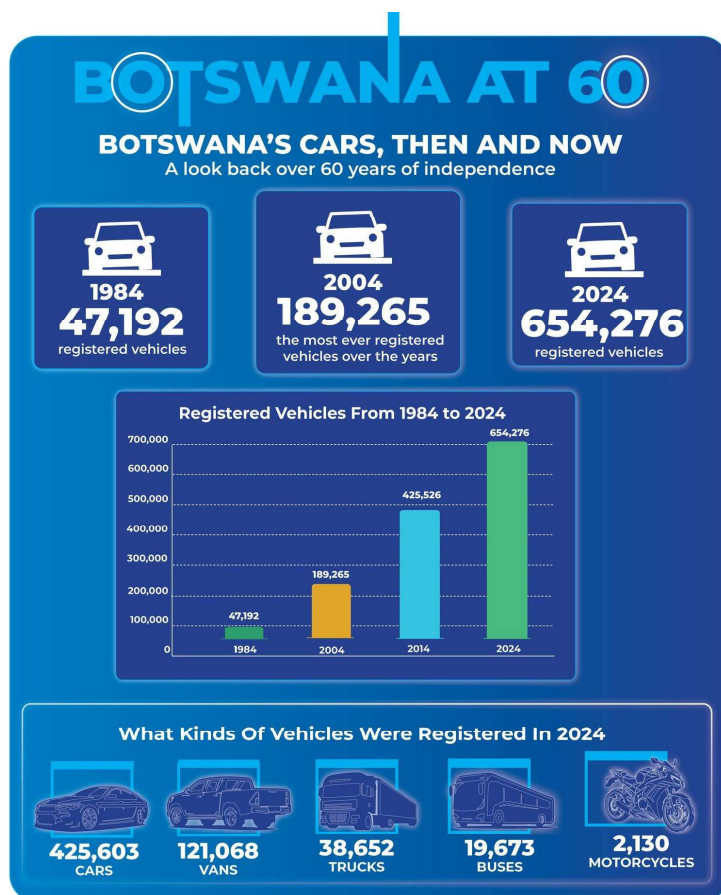
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Broadway puts Madiba in the spotlight



When hard work meets recognition, the results can be nothing short of inspiring. The hall at Madiba Senior Secondary School was alive with cheers, pride and excitement as some of the school's brightest stars took centre stage during its annual prize-giving ceremony.

Among those celebrating was Broadway Motors, which stepped forward to reward academic excellence with a special donation of vouchers to the school's top-performing overall Form 5 students.

The gesture was more than just a prize — it was a pat on the back for students who had put in the hours, stayed committed and pushed themselves to reach the finishing line.

The vouchers were handed over by Broadway Motors New Vehicle Sales Executive, Mawethu Radiporo, on behalf of the company, bringing an added moment of excitement to an already memorable occasion.

The celebration also brought together other partners, including Botswana Railways, as the school honoured learners who had worked hard and excelled in their studies. Delivering the keynote address, Botswana Railways Director of Business Development, Mr Semabale Tladi, challenged the students to keep their eyes firmly on their goals. He emphasised the importance of hard work, a positive attitude and determination in turning ambition into achievement.

As certificates, prizes and applause filled the hall, the message resonated beyond the ceremony itself: today's high achievers are tomorrow's leaders — and sometimes, all they need is someone to believe in them.



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El Niño looms over Botswana

Botswana is bracing for a hotter, drier 2026/27 rainfall season, with El Niño conditions expected to bring below-normal rainfall, prolonged dry spells and above-normal temperatures across the country.

The Department of Meteorological Services is forecasting more than a 90% chance of below-normal rainfall between October 2026 and March 2027, signalling a potentially difficult season for communities, farmers and livestock.



The forecast comes with another warning. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism says Botswana could face an increased risk of severe wildland fires, as vegetation fuelled by last season's rains leaves large amounts of dry material across the landscape.

The combination of limited rainfall, higher temperatures and dry vegetation could create conditions favourable for the rapid spread of veld fires, while placing additional pressure on the country's water resources.

Government warns that the expected conditions could have far-reaching consequences for agriculture, livestock, water supplies, public health and biodiversity.

As Botswana prepares for the months ahead, authorities are urging communities, farmers, local authorities and other stakeholders to act early — conserving water, strengthening drought and wildfire preparedness, protecting livestock and reporting fires as soon as they are detected.



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GOVT RELEASES 2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

School bells are already ringing in the distance – and learners may want to enjoy every minute of the holidays while they can. The government has unveiled the 2027 official school calendar, and it comes with a simple message for learners: the holidays are nice while they last, but school is waiting.

Through the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, the government has set aside 200 days for classroom learning, leaving learners with 56 vacation days, with weekends making up the rest of the calendar. And if anyone was hoping for a gentle start to the academic year, think again.

Term 1 will run for 52 school days, before learners get a short 11-day break. Then comes Term 2, stretching to 62 school days, followed by a 14-day vacation. But the real heavyweight is Term 3. At a whopping 86 school days, it will be the longest stretch of classroom time in the year – enough time for learners to start counting down to December before December even arrives.

The year officially kicks off on 12 January 2027, with schools closing for the first term on 24 March. After the April break, learners return on 13 April and remain in class until 9 July. Then comes the final stretch, beginning on 3 August and running all the way to 2 December.

For learners, that final term may feel like the school year has decided to grow a little extra long. But beyond the dates and holidays, the ministry says the calendar forms part of a



broader vision to develop a dignified, digitally enabled child while protecting and advancing children's rights through inclusive, high-quality child welfare services and a responsive, future-ready lifelong-learning system.

The ministry has also placed STEAM education – science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics – at the heart of its ambition to transform education from early childhood through to senior secondary level.

So, students, mark those calendars.

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Starlet achieves four star safety rating



Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM) has welcomed the latest Global NCAP safety assessment results for the current Toyota Starlet. Following a retest of the current representative model, the Starlet achieved a four-star rating for Adult Occupant Protection and a three-star rating for Child Occupant Protection.

The results were announced on September 1, 2026 at the Global NCAP Forum for Safer Mobility in Cape Town, reflecting the safety performance of the Starlet currently available to customers. The latest results follow earlier testing conducted on a previous-generation Starlet model that is no longer representative of the vehicle currently sold in South Africa.

Safety remains a fundamental pillar of Toyota's global philosophy of creating ever-better cars.

"Safety has long been a cornerstone of Toyota's vehicle development philosophy, informing every stage of our design, engineering and manufacturing processes. The latest Global NCAP results for the current Starlet reflects our continued commitment to delivering vehicles that meet stringent safety standards while making advanced safety features increasingly accessible to a broader range of customers," says Leon Theron, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing at Toyota South Africa Motors.

The current Toyota Starlet incorporates a comprehensive package of safety features designed to improve occupant protection and support safer mobility. The vehicle is equipped with a comprehensive suite of active and passive safety technologies, including standard side and curtain airbags, electronic stability control, anti-lock braking systems and a high-strength body structure engineered to enhance crash protection performance.

Safety remains a fundamental pillar of Toyota's global philosophy of creating ever-better cars. Beyond meeting regulatory requirements, Toyota continues to invest in advanced safety engineering, occupant protection systems and technologies aimed at reducing the likelihood and severity of road traffic collisions.

While safety ratings provide an important benchmark for consumers, Toyota's approach to safety extends beyond crashworthiness alone, encompassing accident prevention, vehicle integrity and continuous product enhancement throughout the vehicle lifecycle.

Toyota remains committed to supporting initiatives that contribute to safer roads and more informed consumer choices while upholding the highest safety standards across its product portfolio.



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Botswana celebrates 60 years of Independence

Botswana is pulling out all the stops as the nation marks 60 years of independence, with celebrations lined up across the country.

Government has set aside P23 million for the festivities, with a significant share earmarked for creatives and players in the cultural sector.

The celebrations are already gathering momentum, with pre-independence activities taking place in different parts of the country, led by senior government officials and village leadership.

Broadway Toyota Mahalapye has also joined the patriotic build-up, adding their own programmes and activities as the nation counts down to the big day.

With Botswana at 60, the celebrations are expected to put the country's culture, creativity and national pride firmly in the spotlight.



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