



WAR ON WASTE EXPO FOR A CLEANER GREENER ENVIRONMENT

GANSBAAI ACADEMIA

On 3 March the Whale Coast Conservation Expo "War on Waste" went to Gansbaai Academia. A total of 166 Grade 10 learners attended the Expo.



Rob Fryer showed the learners the classification of plastics and how to tell what plastic items can be recycled.



He used an innovative time line to illustrate the rate at which different waste items degrade.



Anina Lee encouraged learners to examine ways to easily reduce our "waste footprint" and save money in the process.



She explained that bottled water is an unnecessary expense when tap water in the Overstrand is of excellent quality and free. Moreover the plastic bottle has its own carbon and water "footprint".



Sheraine van Wyk showed them what types of litter, especially plastics, are collected on beaches and discussed the impact of plastic on the marine environment.



Sheraine also showed the learners how our waste water systems operate and how easily it can be impacted by litter, leading to pollution of waterways and flooding in urban areas.



Denfred Bruintjies showed videos of the problems created by waste and litter around the world. A video of large sculptures created entirely from waste, was a big hit with the learners.



Shirley Mgoboza impressed on the learners that cigarette butts are toxic waste. The filters do not biodegrade, but trap toxins from smoke, which leach into the environment.

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She showed them the bins developed and manufactured by Whale Coast Conservation to encourage smokers to "bin your butts".

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