



## WAR ON WASTE EXPO FOR A CLEANER GREENER ENVIRONMENT

### ZWELIHLE PRIMARY

On 8 March the Whale Coast Conservation (WCC) anti-litter campaign continued when its Expo "War on Waste" went to Zwelihle Primary School. A total of 207 Grade 4 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 1,300 year time line to illustrate the rate at which different waste items degrade – disposable nappies take 550 years and chip packets fill the end of time (line)!



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



She encouraged the children to think of ways to re-use rather than discarding disposable items.



Joh Cowan showed them what types of litter, especially plastics, are collected on

beaches and discussed the impact of plastic on the marine environment.



John 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.



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.



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



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.

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