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**WAR ON WASTE EXPO
FOR A CLEANER GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

HAWSTON PRIMARY



A total of 149 Grade 1 learners from Hawston Primary School came to the Green House on 16 March for the WCC anti-litter Expo "War on Waste".

Rob Fryer 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 till the end of time (line)!



He showed the learners how to tell what plastic items can be recycled.



Anina Lee encouraged the children to re-use rather than discarding disposable items and so save money in the process.



Shirley Mgoboza explained 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”.



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 used an ingenious model to show the learners how our storm water system operates and how easily it can be impacted by litter, leading to pollution of waterways and flooding in urban areas.



Denfred Bruintjies showed videos of how much waste we produce in a month and 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.



All at Whale Coast Conservation enjoyed teaching these bright young future custodians of the environment.

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