



WAR ON WASTE EXPO FOR A CLEANER GREENER ENVIRONMENT

LAERSKOOL KLEINMOND



On 22 March the Whale Coast Conservation Expo "War on Waste" went to Kleinmond to present the information on how to attain a cleaner, greener town to learners at 3 schools. A total of about 120 Grade 7 learners from Laerskool Kleinmond 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.



Fiona Matthes showed learners ways to easily reduce our "waste footprint" and save money in the process. She further pointed out 6 easy things that everyone can do to reduce litter and its impact on nature.



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

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”.



The Expo exhibits were a great hit with the learners who were interested in the practical demonstrations of their classroom book learning about waste.



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, as was the ‘wild’ elephant that picked up litter and placed it in a bin.

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