



## REPORT ON MT PLEASANT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 3, 5 & 7 APRIL 2017

In first week of the April school holidays 19 Grade 6 and 7 learners from Mt Pleasant Primary participated in a holiday programme hosted by Whale Coast Conservation.



On **Day 1** the children visited Grotto Blue Flag Beach.



They learnt about Blue Flag Beach criteria...



... and beach ecology, especially survival in the intertidal zone...



... and Milkwood forest ecology.



Learning about estuaries can also be fun.

On **Day 2** the theme was waste reduction and anti-littering.



Guess how long it takes waste items like disposable diapers to degrade?



They simulated a storm water drain to see the effect of litter on water flow.



Using magnifying glasses, they looked at the fine leaves, curled under to minimise transpiration.



Then they checked the drains near their school for any litter problems.

On **Day 3** the weather was inclement and the children could not walk to the waste transfer station to see how the Overstrand manages its waste, as previously planned.



They then played a board game that they made themselves.

The participants were enthusiastic about the opportunity offered to them. As one youngster remarked: "Spending the holidays learning new things is a lot better than sitting at home doing nothing."



Instead they could study fynbos specimens to see how these plants are adapted to hot, dry conditions and poor soils.

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