



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Pay it forward this year**

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies is asking residents of Greater Knysna to consider paying it forward at the start of this new school year.

“Being a mother myself, I know how quickly children outgrow their clothing and also know how these clothes will help another child fit into their new school environment as they step nervously through the gate of their schools, be it ‘big’ school or just a new school year, on 11 January.”

She asks that parents look through their cupboards for any school clothing and/or shoes that their children may have outgrown and consider donating these for the use of those less fortunate.

“During my years as a high school teacher, I watched children nervously step into classrooms unsure and bewildered. Not wearing school clothes always made the transition so much more difficult for many of these pupils,” she said.

Bouw-Spies further appealed to residents to consider donating backpacks and stationery. “Wouldn’t it be wonderful if all our Ward Councillors could have backpacks filled with necessary stationery at the ready for those mothers who can’t afford the endless list provided to them by the schools? It always makes me burst with pride when our Greater Knysna community stand together to make another’s life a little easier, and once again I beseech our residents to consider donating something that will help our scholars, either at the start, or on the path of their long school career.”

All items can be dropped off at the Knysna Mayoral Office, 5 Clyde Street, Knysna and the Knysna tourism entity, Knysna & Partner’s Sedgefield branch.

“I thank all our kind hearted residents and assure them that all items will be logged and donated to those who need them most,” concluded the mayor.

For further information please contact Kirsty Hofhuis, Mayoral office 044 302 6353.

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## **CAPTION**

The Executive Mayor of Knysna is asking all residents to consider donating clothing, backpacks and / or stationery for those less fortunate.

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