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Hornlee Primary wins Water Wise Competition

In March 2016, the Knysna Municipality commenced with a water saving awareness campaign. All residents and businesses were urged to treat water as a precious, limited resource and to use it sparingly in order to avoid a crisis.

As part of the campaign, the municipality engaged Lunchbox Theatre to bring their educational theatre shows to Knysna schools. And so an exciting inter-school Water Wise Competition was launched. Saving water was encouraged through The Last Drop, a fun and educational live theatre show followed by a Water Heroes Workshop to entrench the message.

Plettenberg Bay, Formosa and Hornlee Primary schools participated in the competition. Water readings were taken at each school before the show and 3 times thereafter. Hornlee Primary School reduced their usage by 52.7% from May to June 2016 and won the title of the Water Wise School of the Year in Knysna. The winners' certificates were handed over to teachers and kids at the school in July.

Portfolio Chairperson of the Technical Services Committee, Councillor Levael Davis thanked school learners and teachers for doing their part to conserve water. "Thank you for responding positively to our plea of reducing water consumption. I encourage you to continue using water sparingly; the town has made some improvement in reducing consumption. Knysna's current water consumption is 10.77 MI/day and our target is to reduce it to 8 MI/day."

Caption

Stuart Palmer, founder of Lunchbox Theatre presenting a certificate of appreciation to Principal, Mrs Arends and Teacher, Ms Koeberg with the Hornlee Primary Water wise Heroes.

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