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Knysna Municipality participates in National Water Awareness Week

National Water Week is an awareness campaign by the Department of Water and Sanitation and takes place from 17 - 23 March. The theme for this year's campaign is "Water is Life - 20 Years of Water Delivery for Social and Economic Development".

In honour of National Water Week Knysna Municipality organised a guided tour of the Water Treatment Works for Concordia and Knysna High School on Wednesday, 16 March and Thursday 17 March respectively. On Friday Lunchbox Theater performed their stage production "The Last Drop", sponsored by Eden District, for the learners of Fraaisig Primary School.

Speaking on National Water Week Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans said, "The initiative to create awareness around this scarce resource is crucial as we are in the midst of the worst drought to hit our country in over 20 years and this has really highlighted the fact that, even here in the lush Garden Route and especially in Knysna, which is surrounded by water, we have to realise and appreciate the importance of clean, drinkable water," she continued. "Water is essential to life, but there is less available each day."

"We can all play a part in creating awareness of the responsible and efficient use of our water resources; whether it is through educational talks and programmes or through the help of our residents by adhering to our water restrictions and reporting any leaks we cannot afford to take this precious resource for granted".

Ms. Wolmarans concluded by saying, "Our water restrictions are still in place and, should the water demand not decrease, the municipality will implement stricter measures. We appeal to residents to use water sparingly and to help us extend the availability of the existing supply of water", she concluded.

1st photo: Learners from Knysna High School paying a visit to the Knysna Water Treatment Works

2nd photo: Enthusiastic learners from Concordia High School visit the Knysna Water Treatment Works.

3rd photo: Fraaisig Primary School learners enjoying Lunchbox Theater's stage production "The Last Drop".

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