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School Children to Benefit from School Holiday Programme

Parents need not worry how they will keep their children entertained during the school holiday. Knysna Municipality's Youth Desk is set to host a School Holiday Programme from 8 July until 16 July.

According to Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans, the aim of the School Holiday Programme is to encourage children to participate in sport and recreation activities during the holiday period, and in the long-term. "The Masifunde Youth Centre is driven to educate the youth on what is important; it aims to have the School Holiday Programme be an educational experience for the youth", she said.

The Masifunde Youth Centre has arranged for activities to take place on 8 July to 10 July, namely: Soccer and netball matches, dancing and a performance by a local artist. Khayaletu Youth Centre, in collaboration with SANParks, has arranged for 42 children to be taken on an excursion to SANParks on the 14th, 15th and 16th of July to experience the nature and marine life on offer.

From the 4th of July to the 10th of July the Rheenendal Youth Centre will be hosting activities ranging from hiking to canoeing and walks through the forest arranged by SANParks and CPF. These activities are aimed at youngsters between the ages of 6 and 18 years old.

Wolmarans praised the programme as being a unique and wonderful experience for young children. "This programme has been developed to render services in this area", she said. "Children are faced with complex social problems in their communities and through this programme they have the opportunity to spend their time in a fun and educational manner".

"Through this project we also aim to host an After Care Program in Hornlee which is set to start on 3 July and ends with a Talent Show at Hornlee Youth Centre on 31 July", she said.

Wolmarans explained how the School Holiday Programme will be of benefit to the youth. "The beneficiaries of this programme are children between the ages of 8 – 17", she said. "They benefit from this programme as it allows them the opportunity to understand who they are in relation to their environment, and it allows them the opportunity to form close relationships with their peers".

Wolmarans went on to explain the importance of offering a wide range of activities for children to participate in. "We realize that not all children want to participate in community programmes but this way there is a group to belong to according to each person's passion".

"And I know a lot of our young people out there are talented in sports and we want to show them the benefits of spending their time in a positive manner, she continued. "Through this we aim to build a town in which nature and people prosper", she concluded.

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