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DWS educate Butterworth learners about the importance of good hygiene

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The Department of Water and Sanitation, in partnership with Amathole District Municipality joined forces in an education drive to raise awareness about the importance of good hygiene to the learners of Tanga Primary School in Butterworth.

This is part of the annual Sanitation and Hygiene Week activities which seek to educate members of the public about and these activities are held under the theme “**Sanitation for Health and Dignity**”. This theme is based on the government’s commitment towards bringing dignity to the people through the provision of sanitation services.

Tanga Primary School was visited to increase awareness school learners about washing of hands at critical times such as before you eat and after using a toilet. This is ensure that the culture of hand washing is inculcated at young age.

Nolundi Mahanjana from Amathole District Municipality said schools can play a huge role by helping to develop useful life skills on health and hygiene.

“Learners can influence the behaviour of family members both adults and younger siblings and thereby positively influence the community as a whole. The dangers of not washing hands at critical times are so dire because they lead to contagious diseases which could have been avoided,” she said.

According to Gideon Mzozoyana from Water and Sanitation said educating school children on basic hygiene and sanitation is very important. He said working with learners is more useful because they listen and they can go back to their homes and communities to educate others.

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