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DWS Mpumalanga engages learners on National Water Month in Nkomazi Local Municipality

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The Mpumalanga Provincial Operations recently engaged learners at Suikerland Secondary School in Malalane, Nkomazi Local Municipality, in an educational National Water Month awareness.

The awareness campaign aimed to empower learners with essential knowledge about the significance of National Water Month, the importance of water conservation, career opportunities in the water sector, and the role of proper handwashing in ensuring a healthier and more sustainable future.

Ms. Sabo Makgaola highlighted the importance of National Water Month in the South African calendar and encouraged learners to become proactive water ambassadors.

“March is a crucial month in South Africa as we celebrate human rights and water. Access to safe water is a basic human right, and this month serves as a reminder to place water conservation on the national agenda. It is essential to use water wisely and protect our water resources. South Africa is a water-scarce country where every drop counts. National Water Month reminds us of our collective responsibility to ensure a sustainable water supply for both present and future generations, as water has no substitute,” she stated.

To foster a culture of water conservation among the youth, Ms. Makgaola engaged learners in sharing water-saving tips and encouraged them to actively protect water sources from pollution. Water pollution is a growing concern that significantly impacts water quality and disrupts the natural flow of resources. Informational brochures containing practical water-saving methods were distributed to learners and educators, further reinforcing the message of sustainable water use. The learners were also urged to spread awareness within their communities and advocate for responsible water consumption.

In addition to conservation awareness, Ms. Makgaola introduced various competitions under the Water and Sanitation Education Programme, motivating learners to participate and consider careers in the water sector.

“There are numerous opportunities in the water sector, and I encourage you to seize them with both hands. Being responsible and proactive can help shape both your future and the future of our country. The power to bring about positive change lies in your hands,” she encouraged.

Another critical aspect of the awareness campaign was the promotion of proper handwashing techniques to prevent the spread of diseases. Ms. Makgaola demonstrated effective

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handwashing steps, emphasizing the importance of clean hands in maintaining a healthy society.

“Handwashing is vital for a thriving nation. By adopting proper hygiene practices, you can prevent the spread of infectious diseases within your families and communities. Using soap and water is the most effective and affordable way to maintain good health,” she explained.

Furthermore, she reminded learners of the need to use water efficiently, even during handwashing. Given South Africa’s limited water resources, it is crucial to avoid wasteful practices and conserve every drop.

“We cannot afford to lose water due to irresponsible behaviour. Always be mindful of your water usage and encourage others to do the same,” she urged.

By raising awareness among young people, initiatives like these play a crucial role in instilling a lifelong commitment to water conservation. Empowering the youth ensures that future generations adopt responsible water practices, safeguarding South Africa’s water resources for years to come. National Water Month serves as a powerful reminder that every individual, especially young people, has a role to play in securing a sustainable and water-conscious future.

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