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Butterworth learners encouraged to save water

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The Department of Water and Sanitation recently embarked on a water saving campaign, targeting schools in Butterworth in an effort to inculcate the culture of water saving to school learners and teachers.

This initiative was welcomed by learners and teachers in Mbanga Junior Secondary School who praised the department for identifying them as an important stakeholder to play a role in water saving initiatives.

According to Water Support Service Deputy Director, Ms Lungiswa Radebe, Butterworth was easy to identify because of the current drought situation in the area.

“Learners should be more responsible about using water and we want to make them understand the severity of the drought in several areas of Butterworth. Learners must be able to understand the impact a leaking tap has in water loss”.

An Engineer from Amathole District Municipality, Mr Vumile Nqakana explained the dire situation of water shortages in Butterworth and said it is the responsibility of everyone to save every drop of water.

“Water shortage in Butterworth needs all stakeholders to be involved in water saving during this time of drought. Government is trying by all means to assist the communities with the intervention programmes like drilling of boreholes and distributing water tanks in the affected areas like Mchubakazi but we still need you to save water.”

He further encouraged learners to report water leakages they come across wherever they go.

A Grade 9 learner Milani Saul requested the government to provide them with water at their school because sometimes when they are thirsty it is difficult to concentrate in class. She also applauded the campaign and said it is important for them because they never really understood why they should be saving water.

The principal of the school Mr Sonwabile Ndimba echoed everyone’s sentiments and said water is very important in our lives and if there is no water at the school, definitely education will be affected.

“We appreciate the water saving information that you brought us here and we hope that learners will pass this information to their parents and friends in their communities”, said Ndimba.

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