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Eastern Cape learners competed in different categories of the Baswa Le Meetse (BLM) Competition at national level and received cash prize awards for their school needs and bursaries to study at universities of their choice. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) came up with this initiative for Grade six (6) learners to convey health and hygiene messages through drama, music, praise poetry, poetry, public speaking and poster development.

There are three learners who received bursaries through the public speaking category. These are Akwaba Dlamini and Sinxolo Cakata from Zingisa High School, Mthatha, while Nikita Qosholo is from Little Flower, in Qumbu. Other learners who received BLM awards are Siphenathi Mzaza from Khobonqaba Primary School in Adelaide, Lilitha Mange of Noxolo Primary School in Zwelitsha, and a drama group from Cefane Junior Secondary School, eNgcobo. The Baswa Le Meetse competition is a programme under the Vision 2020 of the DWS.

The national winners are also entitled to receive cash prize of R20 000 per category and bursaries. The success of the learners in this competition will contribute to the improvement of their school environment.

Learners from Khobonqaba Primary School received position one (1) in the poster development category, learners from Noxolo Primary school received position three (3) in Praise Poetry and the learners from Cefane Primary School in eNgcobo received position two (2) in drama.

The DWS gives learners a platform to raise health and hygiene issue through these efforts and in this process they also learn and sharpen their performing.

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