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DWS Limpopo celebrates Global Handwashing Day

22 October 2018

The Department of Water and Sanitation in Limpopo, together with Department of Education, kick-started the Global Handwashing Day at Lesetsi and Sampse Primary Schools on the 18th of October 2018 in Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality.

Annually, the department embarks on a campaign to educate South Africans about the importance of washing hands with soap and clean running water to minimise the spread of water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea and reduce childhood mortality rate. The Global Handwashing Day is celebrated yearly on 15 October.

A number of activities in schools around the province have been organised to educate the learners about the importance of washing their hands and how the learners and their teachers can contribute to healthier and cleaner communities.

The campaign aims to raise awareness of hand-washing with soap as the most effective and cheap way to reduce the spread of water-borne diseases. The campaign will further focus on sanitation, water quality as well as health and hygiene in the schools and communities. A demonstration of the 6 steps of washing hands will be conducted during the activities to show people the proper way of washing hands with soap and running water. Washing hands also promotes a healthy lifestyle.

The Department will also be conducting the Global Handwashing Day campaign at the following schools:

DATE	NAME OF SCHOOL	TIME
23 October 2018	Ramarula Primary School (Capricorn District)	10:00
24 October 2018	Bombeleni Primary School (Mopani District)	10:00
24 October 2018	Dududu Primary School (Mopani District)	11:00
25 October 2018	Mamothibi Primary School (Molemole Local Municipality)	10:00
30 October 2018	Kgabagare Primary School (Mogalakwena Local Municipality)	10:00



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30 October 2018	Tlakana Primary School (Mogalakwena Local Municipality)	11:00
31 October 2018	Mantheding Primary School (Polokwane Local Municipality)	10:00

End

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