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Somcuba Primary comes second in Baswa Le Meetse national adjudications

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Somcuba Primary School from Msogwaba in the City of Mbombela Local Municipality took second position in the music category during the Baswa Le Meetse national adjudications. The national adjudications were part of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Youth Summit that was held in Boksburg from 25 to 26 June 2018. These adjudications bring together winners from all nine (9) provinces to compete to be national champions.

Team Somcuba comprised of Bonginkosi Mamba, Edmon Mabuza, Sandile Madonsela, Sphamandla Mlombo, Jacob Moyo, Surprise Mahlalela, Perseverance Mhlabane, Tebukgo Mkhandawiri, Patience Mlahleki and Nothando Nkomo.

Cliff Mhlanga, from Jongilanga Primary School in Kildare B in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, took third place in the poster category. The items rendered by the learners from the schools focused on the importance of water conservation and the responsible use of sanitation facilities, while also creating public awareness.

For the efforts, the learners won their schools prize money, with Somcuba Primary School taking home R15 000.00, while Jongilanga Primary walked away with R10 000.00.

Baswa Le Meetse is a project under the 2020 Vision for Water Education Programme targeting Grade 6 learners in Primary School. The learners participate in art forms as a way of educating one another about water use efficiency and protecting the water resources. The art forms where the learners compete include drama, music, poetry, praise singing and posters.

Mr Bheki Mavuso from Somcuba Primary School was excited with the second position as the competition was very tough, especially as it is the first time they are part of the top three since they started participating in 2008. "The competition gives us the opportunity to showcase the talent we have and play an active role in promoting water conservation, health and hygiene in our communities. With the prize money we are going to buy a water tank to cater for the foundation phase as their classes are a little far from the tap. The money will also be used to complement our performing attire", he said.



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