

## Eco-School Award Ceremony at Polokwane

On Thursday 21 February Ian and I attended the Limpopo Province Eco-School award ceremony in Polokwane. It was an all day affair with guest speakers such as Clive Walker from Lapalala Wilderness Leadership School who spoke about a vision he had to develop a centre where children could come to learn and appreciate the value of the environment. This has become the core to which Eco-Schools aspire to. Matimba from trees and food for Africa spoke about the valuable role that educators play in the system. Dr Dave Thompson from SAEON introduced the concept of citizen science by means of schools participating in a calendar garden which will assist with research into climate change. Michael Gardner from the Village Tourism Trust and an author of a book on local folk law stories gave a very thought provoking and inspiring talk on the values of our culture and storytelling.

There was a market place with various exhibitors from around the province displaying various products and services relevant to the environment.

There were over 120 schools represented with over 300 delegates receiving their various awards. On behalf of Kingfisher I accepted with pride our first year Bronze certificate. Thank you to all educators, learners and parents for your hard work.



Mel Owtram receives the award on behalf of Kingfisher from Fatima Cachalia, the Limpopo Province co-ordinator.