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National Water Week - Poster Comp winners announced

Students recognised for their fabulous poster art

This year's National Water Week poster competition once again displayed the talents and thoughtfulness of our local primary school children. Students created posters that demonstrated why water is so important to them and their environment from a local perspective.

Westernport Water's Communications and Engagement Officer, Katrina Knight said "This year the theme was 'Water for me, Water for all', which inspired some fantastic entries from students, enabling them to highlight why water is important to themselves and the local environment."

"With climate change affecting temperature and rainfall, Westernport Water believes that water education is essential for everyone. We must do our utmost to teach the leaders of tomorrow to think about and protect our environments and water resources."

"This year we received almost 300 entries from students from across our service area. The artistic talent and water awareness shown in the entries was excellent."

"Our staff always look forward to seeing and judging the entries each year. I congratulate our schools, teachers and students for their wonderful work and hope we receive even more entries next year," said Katrina.

Katrina visited school assemblies this week, awarding prizes and certificates to all the finalists. This year, in addition to the student prizes, Westernport Water also introduced a prize for a lucky school for the chance to win a \$500 cash prize, to be drawn at random and to be used for a sustainability project within the school.

"I am happy to announce that the winning school for 2018 was Cowes Primary School!" said Katrina.

School Principal, Rod Mckenzie was surprised with a giant cheque, “At Monday’s assembly we were thrilled to learn that our school had won \$500 as a result of our participation in the NWW poster competition. The money will utilised to strengthen our sustainability initiatives like the establishment of drought tolerant gardens to increase biodiversity.”

“The NWW poster competition is a great opportunity for students to showcase their creativity. It allows students to develop their understanding of this natural resource and the importance of preserving it given the severity of drought which is gipping large parts of our nation,” said Mr Mckenzie.

Principal of San Remo Primary School, Karen Bowker said “We are proud supporters of Westernport Water’s National Water Week poster competition. Our teachers and students love learning about the different environmental themes each year, and expressing what they’ve learnt in their artwork.”

All local finalists are listed below:

2018 NWW Poster Competition Finalists

Winners

Grade 5 & 6 Winner

Ciara Nathan
Cowes Primary School

Grade 3 & 4 Winner

Moana Field
Bass Valley Primary School

Grade 1 & 2 Winner

Jacqeline Bodaan
Phillip Island Village School

Grade Prep Winner

Grace Yahpae
San Remo Primary School

Runners Up

Grade 5 & 6 (Equal) Runners Up

Ruby Taylor – *Cowes Primary School*
Isabelle Johnston – *PI Village School*
Aerin Sutherland – *PI Village School*

Grade 3 & 4 Runner Up

Alyssa Rogers
Cowes Primary School

Grade 1 & 2 Runner Up

Angelique Bodaan
Phillip Island Village School

Grade Prep Runner Up

James Gorsuch
San Remo Primary School

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Cowes Primary School - left to right - Alyssa Rogers, Rod McKenzie Acting Principal, Ruby Taylor and Ciara Nathan.



Phillip Island Village School - left to right - Geoff Russell Westernport Water, Aerin Sutherland, Isabelle Johnston, Jacqueline Bodaan and Angelique Bodaan.



San Remo Primary School – bottom left - James Gorsuch, Katrina Knight - Westernport Water and Grace Yahpae . Bottom right – Bass Valley Primary School - Moana Field

