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## **Creativity awash at the East Gippsland Wicked Water Eisteddfod**

Lindenow Primary school will be the 'raining' champions for the next 12 months after finishing overall winners of the East Gippsland Wicked Water Eisteddfod – the first water themed-event of its kind to be held in the region.

Beating off tough competition, the school also won the Years 4-6 category, with Meerlieu Primary school taking top spot in the entire school category and Lakes Entrance Secondary College coming first for secondary schools.

East Gippsland Water and East Gippsland Waterwatch organised the event, with the grand final timed to coincide with National Water Week. It was targeted at primary and secondary schools throughout the East Gippsland region.

Finishing runners-up were Bairnsdale Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School in Orbost, while Clifton Creek Primary School received a commendation as finalists.

The Eisteddfod name was the brainchild of students and teachers from St Joseph's Primary School in Orbost, while Lindenow Primary School came up with the support slogan *Put the plug in and perform.*

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director Les Mathieson: "It was very pleasing to see how well informed East Gippsland students are about the value of water and water conservation, as well as the environmental importance of protecting our streams, rivers and lakes. The creativity and imagination displayed by the schools in their performances was terrific and their competitiveness added to the spirit of the grand final.

"We look forward to continuing our partnership with East Gippsland Waterwatch to further develop the Wicked Water Eisteddfod next year."

Schools interested in registering for next year's event should contact Kim Snyder at East Gippsland Waterwatch (Ph: 5150 3502), or alternatively Ronan Carroll or Zoe Burnett at East Gippsland Water (Ph: 1300 720 700), for more information.

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