

MEDIA RELEASE

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And the poster competition winners are...

Students from Gippsland Grammar, Buchan, Lindenow and Newmerella primary schools are the East Gippsland region winners in this year's National Water Week poster competition.

The winners, who especially impressed the judges with their imaginative posters conveying the importance of water in our lives, are:

- Grade Prep Noah Warden, Lindenow Primary School
- Grades 1-2 James Lewendon, Buchan Primary School
- Grades 3-4 Hugh Barnes, Newmerella Primary School
- Grades 5-6 Tess Venables, Gippsland Grammar, Bairnsdale campus

In addition, congratulations go to the runners-up: Cleo Evans, Buchan Primary School - Grade Prep; Taylor Dennett, Gippsland Grammar - Grade Prep; Kaleah Matthews, Newmerella Primary School - Grades 1-2; Harry McGuinn, Buchan Primary School - Grades 1-2; Isabella Rogers, Lindenow Primary School - Grades 3-4; Georgia Steel, Gippsland Grammar - Grades 3-4; Casey Hoxley, Lucknow Primary School - Grades 5-6; and Arjen Goessens, Gippsland Grammar - Grades 5-6.

East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond, said, "Once again it's great to see how well informed our younger residents are about the importance of water and using it efficiently. We received more than 330 posters this year and the students' solid understanding of water issues is reflected in the excellent standard of entries."

This week and next we are presenting the competition winners and their schools with their prizes, with each participant also receiving a certificate.

In addition, the winning posters are on display at our Bairnsdale office, 133 Macleod Street, and on our website.

Targeted at primary school students, the poster competition is coordinated each year by VicWater - the peak body for water businesses in Victoria - to raise awareness of water as our most precious resource.

More follows/...

East Gippsland's winning posters

Grade Prep



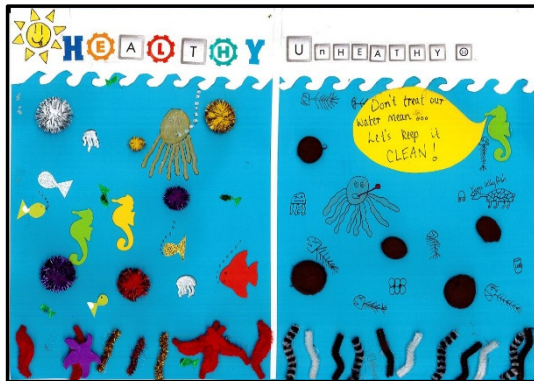
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