

CROSS CURRICULUM NEWS

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Infinity Award Winner!

Last Friday night, 30th August, Coolbinia Primary School was announced the 'Winner' of the Waste Wise Schools category at the Infinity Awards. Coolbinia's nomination focused on our 100 Tonne Plan and the whole systems thinking approach it demonstrated. The prize for winning the Infinity Award was \$5000! For more on this story please look at the Waste Authority's website: <http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/infinity-awards/winners-stories-2013/>

Congratulations and thanks to the whole school community and our partners for this amazing achievement.

Special thanks to Maia Maia Emissions Reduction Currency System Inc. for ongoing support, from our 10 Tonne Plan in 2011, our 50 tonne Plan in 2012 and now our 100 Tonne Plan. This initiative is clearly a winner!

Sincere thanks to all our Waste Wise supporters ... students, staff, parents, volunteers, other participating schools and wider community members. Thank you.



Congratulations to

Infinity Awards winners

Recognising innovation and excellence in recycling and waste reduction

2013

A large graphic for the Infinity Awards 2013 winners. It features a large, stylized infinity symbol in green and blue, with the text 'INFINITY AWARDS' to its right. Below the symbol, there are several categories of winners listed in a grid-like format. The categories include Waste Wise Schools, Business, State Government, Community, Local Government, and Waste Champion. Each category lists the winner and other participants who were highly commended. The graphic is set against a blue background with a large, stylized infinity symbol in green and blue.

Waste Wise Schools	Community
Winner: Coolbinia Primary School	Winner: Food Rescue
Highly Commended: Kojoonup District High School	Highly Commended: UWA Student Guild
Highly Commended: Forrestfield Primary School	Highly Commended: Care for Hedland

Business	Local Government
Winner: St John of God Health Care	Winner: Western Metropolitan Regional Council
Highly Commended: Total Green Recycling	Highly Commended: City of Swan
Highly Commended: Brookfield Multiplex	Highly Commended: Southern Metropolitan Regional Council

State Government	Waste Champion
Winner: Polytechnic West	Winner: Alan Grist, Main Roads WA
Highly Commended: Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	Highly Commended: Mindarie Regional Council
	Highly Commended: James Coghill, Total Green Recycling

Our thanks to Chevron, sponsor of the Waste Wise Schools Award

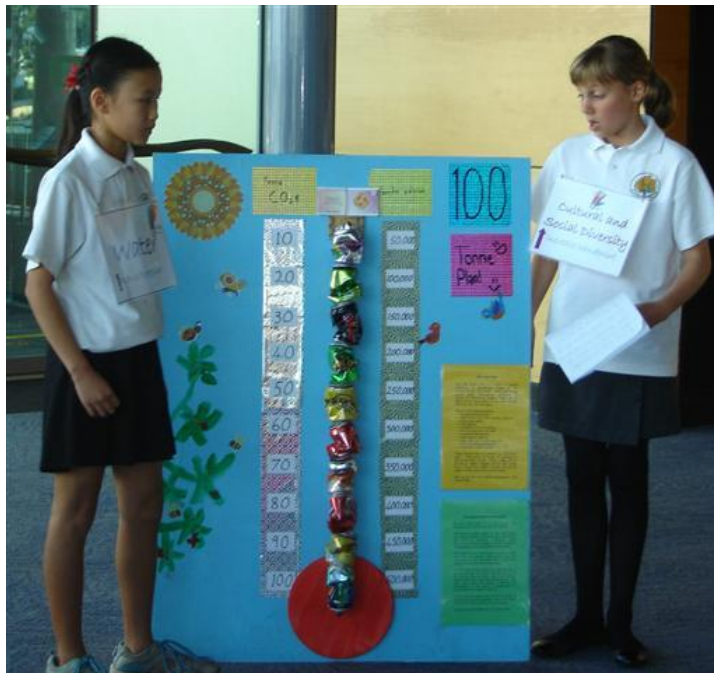
Leadership Program: *Kids Teaching Kids*



Eleven students from our Year 5/6 class and two teachers participated in the *Kids Teaching Kids* youth forum: the WA Regional *Climate, Coasts and Communities Conference*. This event was held at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre last Thursday, 29th August.



Our students conducted two workshops for upper primary and high school students on ... *The Amazing, the Sensational 100 Tonne Plan!* The students did a brilliant job and represented our school in an extremely commendable manner. This experience enhanced our children's knowledge as well as their presentation and critical thinking skills. See the photos below.





The students participated in an expert panel session by asking excellent questions. They demonstrated considerable confidence in this 'adult' context. Our children also attended other student workshops and participated enthusiastically.

Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. *"This is the best school day ever"* was a frequently repeated refrain. We were even commended for our dancing at the Gala Dinner, with one student winning a prize for her sensational moves!



All the other Year 5/6 students in Room 4 will be provided with opportunities to present workshops on *The Amazing, the Sensational 100 Tonne Plan!* as well. They will be presenting at the Target shop in Perth (Target was a *Kids Teaching Kids* conference sponsor) and for the *TravelSmart Showcase* at City Farm early next term.



Special thanks to Mrs Melville for her exceptional talent in facilitating the children's growth through participation at the conference and the other events scheduled in the near future.



Congratulations to all involved in this exciting and empowering performance!



Thank you

Elaine Lewis

Cross Curriculum Coach, 1st September 2013