



PENRITH



SUSTAINABLE TIMES

Schools Newsletter

TERM 2 2017

“ *Eco schools grants,
Waste to Art competiion,
HEEN network meetings,
and more* ”



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GoMAD 2017

The Western Sydney Go Make a Difference (GoMAD) event was a huge success. Coordinated by Jess from Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre, GoMAD saw students from across Western Sydney get hands on in learning about sustainability.

Activities included building model solar cars, telling stories through photography,

using an exciting waste app, learning about international schools and their sustainability programs and more. A real highlight for many was hearing from Take 3 for the Sea founder Tim Silverwood. For the teachers there was even a session to talk about incorporating sustainability into their work. Students are now working on projects and we hope to hear how they go!



Eco Schools Grants

The Eco Schools Program is now open for applications. Grants of up to \$3,500 will be available for up to 80 schools in 2017-18.

To help you get inspiration for your project, a collection of examples, tips and resources based on previous Eco Schools grant successes are available on their website. These have been categorised and include projects that focus on biodiversity, energy, gardens, waste, water and engaging students with special needs.

Applications close 19 June, so visit their website for more information.

environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools





HEEN Network

HEEN is the Hawkesbury Environmental Educators Network. HEEN is a network for people who work with students and other young people in the Hawkesbury and Penrith regions, and have an interest in sustainability and the environment.

It provides an opportunity to network with other like minded people, get inspiration, hear about resources to help you, and learn about professional development opportunities.

Stay in touch

There are numerous ways you can stay in touch with the HEEN network. To be added to our email contact list please email Andrew on Andrew.hewson@penrith.city. You can join our facebook page 'Hawkesbury Environmental Educators Network HEEN', and make sure you come along to one of our network meetings below - they're a great way to meet people face to face and connect with other like minded people.

Upcoming meetings

HEEN MEETINGS

Our meetings are a great way to connect with other teachers and share ideas and experiences. Meetings are usually 3.30pm to 5pm.

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre, Maraylya.



THURSDAY 7 SEP

Windsor High School. A great suburban school with sustainability at heart.

WEDNESDAY 8 NOV

Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre. On the edge of Penrith Lakes at the foot of the Blue Mountains.

Waste to Art Comp

Hawkesbury City Council will be holding their 'Waste 2 Art' Competition again in 2017, as part of Local Government Week (31 July - 6 August 2017). The competition is open to primary schools in the Hawkesbury Council area.

Through 'Waste 2 Art', Council hopes to encourage students to reduce, reuse and recycle waste. 'Waste 2 Art' focuses on the REUSE part of the 3Rs of the waste hierarchy, (reuse, reduce, recycle) to specifically show how students can give waste a new purpose by transforming it into a creative piece of artwork.

Students are invited to create unique and individual artworks that can be either 2D or 3D. They must be made entirely of used/ recycled materials. The creative works

**NOW
OPEN**

**\$350 in art
vouchers to
be won!**

will be exhibited throughout Local Government Week at the Deerubbin Centre, Windsor with a presentation of prizes at an opening ceremony on Monday 31 July at 6pm.

1st prize

\$200 gift voucher for art supplies

2nd Prize

\$100 gift voucher for art supplies

3rd Prize

\$50 gift voucher for art supplies

Highly Commended

Art hamper.

Visit hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Registrations close 28 June, artworks to be submitted by 25 July.



For more information go to penrithcity.nsw.gov.au or phone 4732 8055

