



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Student posters reflect water matters that are important to them**

In the lead up to National Water week each year, Victorian primary school students are asked to create a poster reflecting water related topics that are important to them.

“This year’s theme for National Water Week is “Water Sources: There are more than you think. The creativity and understanding of water related issues shown through the student’s poster art is very impressive,” said Westernport Water Managing Director Murray Jackson.

“I always look forward to seeing the posters, the artwork this year has covered many topics, but the underlying message seems to be that we all need to be smarter and more responsible with our water.

“It was good to see student awareness of the different water sources, especially those used locally including surface water, rain water, ground water, tank water, and recycled water,” said Murray.

“Subjects included hydration, recreation, health, drought as well as sustainability and they demonstrated using various water sources in everyday life.

Winning posters that represented Westernport Water as state finalists this year were:

- Grade 5 & 6 – Emily Pendlebury - Bass Valley Primary School
- Grade 3 & 4 – Caleb Weir - Newhaven Primary School
- Grade 1 & 2 – Sonny McMillan – Newhaven Primary Schools

“I congratulate the schools, teachers and students for their fabulous work! It’s important that we encourage our students to protect and conserve our precious water resources by using the right water for the job,” said Murray.

Westernport Water encourages schools and community groups running water related activities or events to contact our Public Relations Manager Geoff Russell on 59564140, to find out how we can help.

Please see next page for a complete list of the 2014 local finalists.

**Winners**

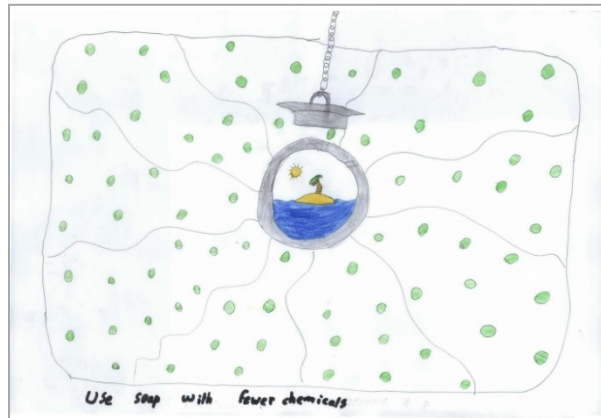
**Grade 5 & 6**

Emily Pendlebury – Bass Valley PS



**Runner up**

Louis Armstrong – Powlett River PS



**Grade 3 & 4**

Caleb Weir - Newhaven PS



Bella Schmidt – Newhaven PS



**Grade 1 & 2**

Sonny McMillan – Newhaven PS



Hayden Schmidt – Newhaven PS

