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& HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to the Eco-Schools Australia newsletter for Term 4, 2021

As this surprising, turbulent and everchanging year comes to an end, we would like to say a big “thanks” to all our Eco-Schools participants, teachers, students, parents and communities across Australia.

As much as the last two years brought out our frustrations and heartache of isolation, they also showed the incredible resilience, ingenuity and adaptation to the realities of living in a world-wide pandemic.

Thank you to all of you who continued your Eco Warrior journey even under very challenging times. Your creativity, spirit and enthusiasm to care for the environment is a great inspiration to others.

We look forward to a brighter 2022! May the summer break bring you much deserved rest amidst the natural wonders of this Nation.

We cannot wait to share with you all the wonderful offerings that Eco-Schools Australia has for you in the New Year.

Until then, we wish you a very peaceful, safe and happy Festive Season.

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Young Reporters for the Environment winners announced

Thank you to all who entered the Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) competition.

Founded by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), the YRE competition is a well-established and internationally recognised program offering enthusiastic young people a

chance to make their voices heard. It aims to inspire young Australians to find solutions to environmental issues in their communities and to share their experiences through writing, photography or video.

A big congratulations to the following 2021 winners:

- Aldridge State High School (QLD) Campaign Video (15-18 years)
- Blacktown Girls High School (NSW) Reportage Video (15-18 years)
- Darwin Middle School (NT) Co-Winner Article (15-18 years)
- Flagstone State Community College (QLD) Co-winner Article (15-18 years)
- Henbury School (NT) Single Photo Campaign (15-18 years)

Each winner was awarded a \$250 gift voucher from a store of their choice.

Thank you to The Mars Wrigley Foundation and The Coca Cola Australia Foundation for supporting the program!

If you would like to take part in next year's competition, complete the short Expression of Interest below.

[CLICK HERE to complete out Expression of Interest](#)



New things to come in 2022!

Eco-Schools website

We are super excited to announce that the Eco-Schools website will be getting a facelift in the new year!

The upgrade will allow for all forms and templates to be electronic, being saved directly to a school's account upon completion. This will allow them to be counted towards award application, dramatically improving time efficiency and reducing paperwork and waste.

Keep your eyes out on our social media channels to hear about the launch!

FREE registrations in 2022

This year has been really tough for our schools because of Covid, so we have decided to give back to the community and spoil our existing and new Eco-Schools with a gift.

In 2022, all interested schools will be able to **participate in the program for free!**

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