

Science Fairs/Expos – always a favourite!

Day-long community science fair

This included a display of students' work from the Crest Awards (CSIRO), interactive stands and displays from industry partners (BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina, Doral Sands Ltd, Simcoa Industries) community partners (Bunbury Leschenault Rotary Club, City of Bunbury, Wooldridges Book store). Students also ran interactive workshops on their dolphin research, tours of our environmental centre, aquacultural facilities and our wetlands.

Apart from our school, visitors came from the general community, the Mayor, representatives from each of our partners mentioned above and the Marine biologist along with the General Manager from the Bunbury Dolphin Center. Over a hundred primary school students from three different schools also attended. Students ran the interactive activities and showed the public and students how each activity operated. This included a range from using computerized robots to blowing up balloons with dry ice.

(Newton Moore SHS, WA)

Science Fair – Evening

We held a science fair (from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm) to showcase and celebrate the excellent science work that the children had completed in their classrooms. This work was displayed for the night. Teachers also set up interactive activities that linked in with the classroom science topic, so that children could actively engage with the activities at the science fair.

Community groups were also invited to attend to have added displays and demonstrations to show how science is in our everyday life. A local newsagency brought books and science kits that could be purchased. There were also 2 competitions on the night - a guess the photo competition (photos of parts of objects from around the school) and a 'make wind powered land yacht' competition that generated a multitude of interest. The land yacht entries were still being trialled past 7.00 pm.

(Bridport Primary School, TAS)

Science Fair – Kinder to 10

Each class contributed a display with hands-on activities demonstrating various science investigations. Exhibits covered topics including mixing colour (Kinder), human touch (Prep/1), melting (Yr2), optics with lenses (Yr3), pneumatics (Yr4), sound insulation (Yr4/5/6), seed germination (Yr7), chemical reactions (Yr9), acids and the pH scale (Yr10).

(King Island DHS, TAS)



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