## Students embrace importance of water conservation

WULGURU State School's year 3CL class have taken out the 'Creek 2 Coral' Art Competition title run by Perc Tucker Regional Gallery.

The class received its award at a presentation earlier this month and were also rewarded with a fish tank for the classroom.

A total of 10 schools participated in the art competition with the theme based on understanding and conserving water.

At the presentation, Wulguru students displayed the class entry they created with the help of artist Kath Cornwall, titled 'Water Through the Trees'.

Year 3CL teacher, Leann Clausen, said the piece was chosen to demonstrate the transpiration process with students making raindrops, bark and water vapour. "The students collaged raindrops that had images of the different places that water may be stored," Ms Clausen said.

"Students had so many creative storage ideas such as rainwater tanks, birdbaths, the fridge, water filters, gutters, in flowers, valleys and even our water park at The Strand."

Ms Clausen said the most important part of the competition was that students were more eager to learn about ways to save water.

"The students gained such an insight into how important it is to protect our waterways and explored different means of doing so from simple changes made at home." she said.

"I had many parents and siblings of the students in my class say that they had been making changes at home as a direct result of the water unit we studied.

"It was great to hear the children were passing on simple tips to save water and care for our environment."

Students also examined bark to create rectangles of their own bark creations to make a tree trunk and made three dimensional water drops to hang in the air to represent water vapour.

"This was a fantastic project to work on, the children had so much fun and gained an insight into the importance of protecting our waterways as well as exploring different means of water conservation," Ms Clausen said.



ISAAC Rogers, Brianna Thomas and Jack Campin from Wulguru State School Year 3CL were the winners of the Creek to Coral art competition
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