



Top shots tell vital tale

Students from around the State have learnt and relayed important lessons about the natural world using cameras and captions in our annual Chevron Focus Environment competition

GAIL ANTHONY

Bucketloads of brilliant young snappers have once again captured stunning shots of WA's incredible biodiversity while learning about the importance of protecting it, in our annual Chevron Focus Environment competition. Hoping to win one of many cash prizes on offer across four age categories and three environmental ones, students from kindergarten to Year 12 ventured outdoors to capture birds, sealife, plants, ants, beaches, a bath and more, and then composed thoughtful captions to raise awareness about our responsibilities towards the natural world.

Judges considered both photos and captions equally in determining the best entries. Congratulations to all winners, in particular Ebony Barker from Australian Christian College – Southlands, who won four awards, and Blake Fields from Walliston Primary School who bagged three. West Coast Secondary ESC excelled once again, claiming five prizes, the most of any school. Accolades must also go to Walliston Primary School and South West John Calvin Christian College, which received four apiece.

Enjoy some of the winning entries on pages 3, 4 and 5, and more online at mediaeducation.com.au/students.



WA'S NATIVE SPECIES, Years 7-10, 2nd place, Gabrielle Crowley, Bunbury Catholic College – Marist Campus.
MY WA DAYS: I'm a red-tailed cockatoo and my population is decreasing. There are fewer and fewer of us in WA. I'm loud because I want you and my family to know I am here.



SUSTAINABILITY IN WA, Years 3-6, 1st place, William Thorne, All Saints College Junlor School. **SOUTHERN GIANTS OF A DIFFERENT NATURE:** The eco-friendly turbines of Albany's giant wind farm offer a spectacular view.



WA'S HABITATS AND ECOSYSTEMS, Years 3-6, 1st place, AJ Greenhalgh, Eden Hill PS.
A PLACE TO CALL HOME – PAST AND FUTURE GENERATIONS: Kalbarri National Park is over 540 million years old and home to over 200 animals, 150 birds and 800 wildflower species.



WA'S NATIVE SPECIES, Years K-2, 2nd place Blake Fields, Walliston PS.
DONKEY ORCHID: On a bush walk I saw lots of donkey orchids. They are my favourite wildflower. We must remember not to pick them.



WA'S HABITATS AND ECOSYSTEMS, Years 3-6, 2nd place, Rosette Del Rosario, Karridale PS.
OCEAN EYES: Hi, I'm Mr Crab. I live on the river banks of Augusta. My family and friends live here too. We should take responsibility for taking good care of and loving the environment so that there's a place for us to live.



SUSTAINABILITY IN WA, Years K-2, 2nd place, Claudia Fields, Walliston PS.
NEW TREES GROW: When a tree is cut down, it is important to plant more. We need lots of trees and plants to have a healthy planet.



SUSTAINABILITY IN WA, Years K-2, 1st place, August Graham, Parkerville PS.
FROG POND: An old bath in the school veggie patch makes a great frog pond.