



PENRITH

*Upcycled pallet planter,
Windsor High School*

SUSTAINABLE TIMES

Schools Newsletter

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*Waste teaching resources,
photo comp winners, boomerang
bags, network update, 2018
meeting dates and more*

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PHEEN - Network name change

We're excited to announce that HEEN has now become PHEEN! The updated name, Penrith & Hawkesbury Environmental Educators Network, reflects the broader regional focus that the network has taken on over the last couple of years.

This year we've seen a variety of new faces from our Penrith based schools which has been great, and with the updated name we're hoping we'll be able to attract even more.

The HEEN network evolved out of the Alive project. The grant funded project was coordinated by Zhan Patterson, and saw a number of Hawkesbury based schools undertake some great projects. The Penrith area has had the Penrith

Sustainable Schools Network for a number of years, delivering resources like this Sustainable Times schools newsletter to local teachers.

By combining the two networks together into PHEEN, we're able to provide better support and inspiration for our local schools. The intention is to have a balance, with two of our meetings held in the Hawkesbury and two to be held in the Penrith region each year.

PHEEN is coordinated and supported by Hawkesbury City Council, Penrith City Council, Brewongle Environmental Education Centre, Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Kurrajong Public School and Windsor South High School.

Waste teaching resources

The ABC series the War on Waste with Craig Reucassel was a sobering and enlightening look into the waste created by our modern society.

Not only did the show rate really well, the associated clips shared on the ABC's social media were the most shared posts in the ABC's history - showing, rightfully so, how the despair over this waste was shared across Australia.

The series will be returning in December, looking at some of the great outcomes since it aired, some areas that still need attention, and some new areas as well.

The good news is the Department of Education have a great range of



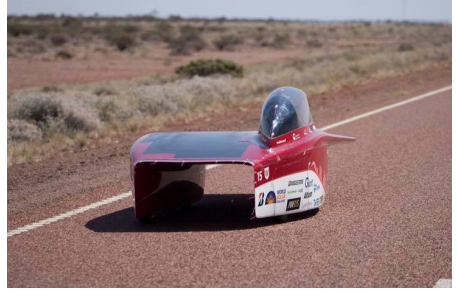
curriculum based teaching resources to help your students explore the world of waste more:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/sustainability/teaching-and-learning-resources>



Boomerang Bags

Boomerang Bags has launched in Kurrajong! Boomerang Bags is a grassroots, community driven movement tackling plastic pollution at its source. Volunteers from all walks of life get together to make re-useable 'boomerang bags' using recycled materials, as a means to provide a sustainable alternative to plastic bags. The group in Kurrajong is strongly supported by Kurrajong Public School. To learn more, check out their facebook page facebook.com/plasticbagfreevillage/



Solar team comes 6th in the world

A massive congratulations to the Western Sydney University Solar Car Team. In the recent Bridgestone World Solar Challenge, they came 6th out of 42 teams from across the world!

The team of students, designed and built the car themselves, and then raced over 3,000km from Darwin to Adelaide. To see more, visit their facebook page facebook.com/WestSydSolarTeam/

Upcoming meetings

PHEEN MEETINGS

Our meetings are a great way to connect with other teachers and share ideas and experiences. Meetings are usually 3.30pm to 5pm.



Term 1, week 5
- Wednesday 28 February
Glossodia Public School

Term 2, week 4 -
Tuesday 22 May
Kurrajong Public School

Term 3, week 8
- Thursday 13 September
Venue to be confirmed

Term 4, week 4
- Monday 5 November
Venue to be confirmed

Environmental photo competition

The winners in Penrith City Council's 2017 Environmental Photo Competition were recently presented their prizes at an awards ceremony. The photo competition encourages budding photographers of all ages to explore Penrith's river and creeks and the life they support. More than 120 entries were received across three categories – Kids, Youth and Open. The winning entries captured the beauty and diversity of Penrith's waterways and our natural environment. Water is one of our most vital and valuable natural resources and Council continues to work with our community for healthier waterways. A display of all of this year's winners is on Council's website penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/photocomp/

KIDS CATEGORY WINNERS:

1st Place - Darcy O'Brien

(Penrith Public School)
- winning image below

2nd Place - Billy Hutton

(Penrith South Public School)

3rd Place - Olivia Barrett

(Surveyors Creek Public School)

YOUTH CATEGORY WINNERS

1st Place - Letisha Hopton

(Cranebrook High School)

2nd Place - Giorgia Apap

(Nepean High School)

3rd Place - Jessica Kinsella

(Caroline Chisholm College)



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