

Education News

Spring 2025



We're celebrating **National Water Week**

Welcome to our Term Four education newsletter. It's National Water Week and that's like Christmas, a Grand Final and your birthday all rolled into one for us! The week kicks off with the National Water Week poster competition winners' announcement – congratulations to all our winners, especially the two students from our region who won prizes in the State competition.

Congratulations to our 2025 poster competition winners

The National Water Week poster competition is not just about the artwork. We want to thank all our educators who took our education resources and ran with them.

In a way we hope that the poster becomes just an incidental part of water literacy learning – and it was evident from seeing all the entries that you've done an outstanding job conveying some very important

messages about sustainability and water conservation. Kudos to you, educators!

We received a massive 650 entries from 15 schools. Eight judges from Wannon Water, Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority and Southern Rural Water had the very difficult task of voting for our favourites, and here are our winning artists!



Prep

First: Hugh, Our Lady Help of Christians

Second: Ruby, St Thomas Primary School Terang

Third: Jordy, Port Fairy Consolidated School

Years 1-2

First: Archie M, Our Lady Help of Christians

Second: Archie H, Our Lady Help of Christians

Third: Sage, Camperdown College

Years 3-4

First: Harriet, St Thomas Primary School Terang

Second: Phoebe, Camperdown College

Third: Alexis, All Saints Parish School, Portland

Years 5-6

First: Kira, St Thomas Primary School Terang

Second: Zoe, Camperdown College

Third: St Joseph's Primary School Coleraine

Make it a **watery week**

Looking for water-themed things to do with your class this week? You can access these fantastic programs and resources straight away – perfect for this week, or future lessons.

Discover our **free education resources** online

We have a range of education resources available at our Online Learning Centre.

The ready-to-go plans are curriculum aligned and designed to be delivered in preschool classes all the way through to Years 9-10.

The secondary lessons are perfect for your Science or Geography classes while the preschool and primary plans are a great way to incorporate water into your curriculum.

Check out all our education resources here at [our website](#)

Become a **SWEP School**

The Schools Water Efficiency Program allows teachers and students access to real time data for their school's water consumption and pairs it with a tailored curriculum program.

Use your own data to explore maths and science concepts – and promote a more sustainable use of water at school and at home. The ability to monitor water use through SWEP has also helped schools to identify leaks straight away.

Participating south-west schools have saved thousands of dollars on water bills this year thanks to SWEP's high usage alerts.

Learn more about the program on the [SWEP website](#).



Congratulations **Archie & Hugo!**

All our category winners for the National Water Week poster competition were also put forward to the State competition, where the best of the best were judged by representatives from 13 Victorian water corporations.

We emerged with two winners in the State competition, not only from the same school, but also from the same family!

Congratulations to Hugh winning second prize in the Prep/ Foundation category and to Archie who won first prize in the Years 1-2 category.

Sign up for **Water Night** to go from habits to heroes

This annual Water Conservancy event challenges households to go five hours without turning on a tap.

Taking place on 23 October, this year's theme is "From habit to hero." It aims to improve water literacy and increase awareness about how much water we use without even thinking about it!

Hop on to the Water Night website for lesson plans, social media tiles, colouring in sheets, fact sheets and more. By registering you can also go into the running for a \$750 Ready Fund Grow campaign for your school.

Learn about the event and resources on the [Water Night website](#).

Got any questions about how we can support your school with water literacy? Get in touch with us at education@wannonwater.com.au or call us on 1300 926 666

