HOW TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL TALKS ABOUT WATER?

World Water Day 2015 Canberra Friday 20 March 2015

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Our students promote sustainable water management and participate in World Water Day 2015 by organising an all-day event on Friday 20 March 2015 at Telopea Park School.

The school, already involved in different sustainability projects, will organise an exciting event to celebrate World Water Day 2015.

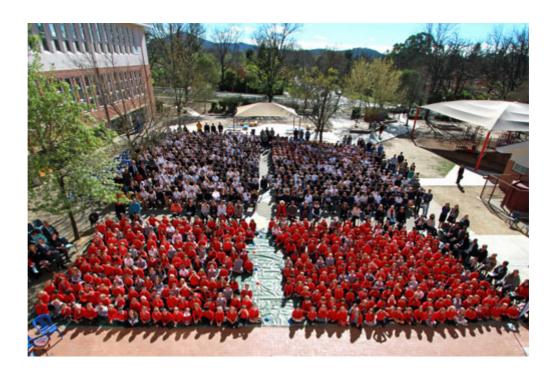
2015 is a big year for water, with two major international events taking place during the year. First, the 7th World Water Forum will take place in Korea. Second, the UN will validate its new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting the critical importance of ensuring clean water for all.

In this global context, the World Water Day event at Telopea Park School aims to:

- raise awareness students and their relatives of the importance of water and sustainable management
- share students' vision of water both locally and internationally.

Thanks to a partnership between the International Secretarial for Water (ISW), Telopea Park School, UN-Water and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), students from Telopea Park School will participate in a range of water-themed activities during the School event on Friday 20th March, including:

- a water and film contest
- water-themed debates
- water management games
- an interactive water messengers exhibition: "A wall for water"
- hands-on water testing activities
- a conference on water management



The Telopea Park School *World Water Day* program involves both students from the school community and the broader Canberra community ...

Telopea Park School students will enjoy a day of water-themed activities during the day. From 3.30-5.30pm, the school library will be opened to the public for a conference on water management.

The conference will involve Australian National University research staff, the ISW and the MDBA.

After the conference, we will showcase videos produced by Telopea Park School students for the International "Water and Film" Event (IWFE). The best three videos will be exhibited at the World water Forum, which will take place in South Korea in April 2015.

Partners



The ISW is an international non-governmental organisation created in 1990 in the context of the Decade for Water and Sanitation. Based in Montreal, the objective of the ISW is to facilitate the application of the four principles stipulated in the Montreal Charter on Drinking Water and Sanitation



Telopea Park School, Lycée Franco Australien, is a unique school. It has a long proud history, having taken its first students in 1923. Since 1983 is has been a binational French-Australian school, established as the result of an agreement between the Governments of France and Australia.



The International "Water and Film" Events (IWFE), which first appeared on the scene in Mexico in 2006, are a set of activities which, using images, film and other forms of artistic expression, prompt meetings among the general public, people from the world of movies and media and the water sector.



On the occasion of the 7th World Water Forum which will be held in Daegu and Gyeongbuk (South Korea) from April 12th to 17th, the International Secretariat for Water (ISW) launches the "water messengers" campaign. Through this campaign, the ISW wants to give everyone the opportunity to make their voices heard about water and sanitation and therefore, make the leaders raise awareness of the importance of water for the citizens of the world.



The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) is an independent, expertise based statutory agency. The MDBA undertakes activities that support the sustainable and integrated management of water resources of the Murray-Darling Basin in a way that best meets the social, economic and environmental needs of the Basin and its communities.



UN-Water is the United Nations inter-agency coordination mechanism for all freshwater and sanitation related matters. Building on a long history of coordination in the UN System, UN-Water was formalized in 2003 by the United Nations High Level Committee on Programmes.



The Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE) is a government institution supervised by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Founded in 1990, it is responsible for monitoring and managing the network of French schools abroad.

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