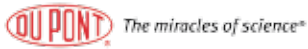


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Cotton Enviro reader competition

The Write-a-Reader Competition is a fun literacy program that promotes science and environmental education in Primary Schools.

For the second year running, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC joined forces with the Central West CMA and Peekdesigns to deliver this fun educational activity which encourages children across nine catchment areas to explore their local surroundings and write a 16 page school reader.

The development of these readers (a reader is a simple book that young children are encouraged to read as part of their literacy education) is an important learning process and teaching tool for the teachers, the students, and their parents.

The competition is based on the pedagogy of Kids Teaching Kids. There is a need in our communities to increase the number of local resources that children love to learn from and this competition has provided a means for this to happen.

The 'Enviro Reader' competition fits within the Cotton CRC's Education and Training Program which aims to encourage and promote science and agriculture in primary schools located within cotton growing communities.

This year, the 'Enviro Reader' theme was Creepy Crawlies... Life underground. Giving students in grades 3-7 an opportunity to research and illustrate a story about their favourite underground creepy crawlies, like worms, centipedes, spiders and ants. The response was overwhelming, with 403 entries from 25 schools across six catchments.

Winning entries are published and distributed throughout the nine cotton growing Communities from the Fitzroy basin in north QLD to the Murrumbidgee in southern NSW.

For more information contact Trudy Staines on 02 6799 2478.



Dalby State School winners receive their awards from the Cotton CRC's Geoff McIntyre.



The Enviro Reader Award winners from Narrabri Public School.



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