

Secondary entry #14: Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College – Tumbi Umbi Campus



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TRIUMPH: Honoured principal Shayne Player with one of her students. Picture: Sarah Cook

Top principal wins national recognition

By **ELIZA CHIDIAC, REBEKAH JEISMAN, JESSICA LEESE and MADELINE NAJDUCH-JONES**

PRINCIPAL of the Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College – Tumbi Umbi Campus, Shayne Player, has received the 2012 Australian Secondary Principal of the Year Award, bringing honour to her campus, its students and the local community.

Through close interviews of students, teachers and parents, it was proven that Mrs Player is an excellent role model and inspiration to students and teachers alike, and deserving of this prestigious award.

"All the students are very aware that Mrs Player deserves it," a student said. "She is an inspiration to anyone and everyone."

This positive outlook was affirmed by a teacher.

"She understands how each student is smart and gets the best out of everyone. I wouldn't want to work anywhere else."

Managing the campus with a unique set of core values for the pupils to uphold, Mrs Player endorses "Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Fairness" throughout the campus, especially through the use of the Standing Taller parent feedback program, which incorporates these values into everyday school life and also promotes them in the community.

Mrs Player encourages teachers to ask of their students "How is this child smart?" and to find what each individual excels at.

By **TALLISETT BRYANT, BRADY JACOBS and JORDYN LAWTON**

MORE than 80 million pieces of plastic are dropped on the ground each year, with each piece taking 10 years to break down.

Littering is an increasing problem in today's society.

The degradation of the environment prompted Amanda Marechal, Tim Silverwood and Roberta Dixon-Valk to formulate the revolutionary yet simple Take 3 initiative in 2009, on the Central Coast.

Take 3 is the simple message to pick up three pieces of litter from any waterway.

Ms Marechal was inspired to take action in helping to save the marine ecosystem when on a surfing trip to Hawaii.

"I want to give a voice to those who can't speak," she said.

Ms Marechal witnessed a documentary on the Pacific Trash Vortex – a giant floating island the size of Texas containing nothing more than millions of minuscule pieces of accumulated plastic. It is located between the coasts of Hawaii and Japan.

Ms Marechal was shocked by the realisation that her "big blue backyard was under attack".

She returned home determined to make a change. She consulted her good friend, marine biologist Tim Silverwood, and together they



EVERY LITTLE HELPS: Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College – Tumbi Umbi Campus students collect rubbish from The Entrance Beach. Picture: Jack Bastin

began to form the basis for a revolutionary program.

"I realised ... that I could fix this by forming this initiative," said Ms Marechal on her reasons for starting the program.

Ms Marechal believes that with this simple initiative, the amount of litter in Australian waterways can

be reduced and the lives of millions of animals could be saved.

She emphasises that anyone can take part in the Take 3 initiative, from the youth to the elderly.

With many schools like TLSC – Tumbi Umbi Campus taking part, together everyone can make a huge difference.

"I feel rewarded when I pick up plastic from the ground," Ms Marechal said.

"If you feel passionate about something, do it. Make a difference in our society."

Together everyone can make a drastic improvement, just by picking up three pieces of rubbish.



LIMELIGHT: The Tumbi Umbi Campus Rock Eisteddfod group performing. Picture: Sarah Cook

Farewell RockEi, hello Wakakirri

By **COURTNEY O'HARA, RENEE BUTLER and TAYLAH CLAASSENS**

THE Rock Eisteddfod Challenge is a dance and drama competition for primary and secondary students with prizes and bragging rights. It aims to promote healthy lifestyle choices among students.

In November 2012, the Rock Eisteddfod program ended after 32 years and in

its place a new competition started called Wakakirri.

The Association of Wakakirri is an organisation that uses drama and dance to tell a story. Wakakirri was originally for primary students but is now available to all, much to the delight of last year's Rock Eisteddfod winning coach Kerry Bandy, from TLSC – Tumbi Umbi Campus.

"I'm glad that the students will get a chance to show-

case their unique talents again this year," she said.

Having the chance to compete in Wakakirri is life-changing for young students, such as last year's winning captain Maddison O'Grady-Lee, who said: "Tumbi will win again!"

Wakakirri will be held at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts in Sydney.

Last year's winners are excited to be competing.

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