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Winners of National Trust Heritage Festival Schools Competition

This week, the winners of the National Trust Schools Competition were announced at a special prize giving ceremony held at the National Trust Centre on Observatory Hill. Over 100 schools participated in the annual Schools Competition as part of the Heritage Festival whose theme this year was "Our Place in Space".

At the prize ceremony, the winners and their teachers were awarded with \$500 for their school and individual prizes for the students.

Natalie Gross, Events Manager, National Trust said, "The projects were of a very high standard and it was very difficult to choose winners in each stage. We were thoroughly impressed with the effort put into all of the work".

The competition is designed to inspire students to celebrate their local heritage by reflecting on the theme of the Heritage Festival. "Our Place in Space" encouraged students to look at Space, how the planets interact and Australia's involvement in the history of astronomical discoveries.

The theme for the 2010 competition will be "The Making of Our Nation". The National Trust encourages all schools to participate.

List of Winners:

Science and Technology – Stage 2

Commended: Wirreanda Public School (Medowie), St Mary's Primary School (Warren), Chatswood Public School

Highly Commended: St Michael's Catholic Primary School (Thirroul)

Winner: St Michael's Catholic Primary School (Thirroul)

Science and Technology – Stage 3

Commended: Wyong Public School, Calare Public School (Orange), St Mary's Primary School (Warren)

Highly Commended: St Mary's Primary School (Warren)

Winner: Wyong Public School

Science and Technology – Stage 4

Commended: Oberon High School, St Ursula's College (Kingsgrove), Punchbowl Boys High School, Peter Carnley Anglican Community School (Wellard, WA)

Highly Commended: St Ursula's College

Winner: Willyama High School (Broken Hill)

Science and Technology Stage 5

Winner: St Ursula's College

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