

Cairns District Science and Sustainability Enrichment Program

Provides opportunities to extend and enrich identified Year 5 students through being involved with the development and facilitation of community based initiatives.



See them: Pia Falberg and Julia Lawson, both 10, on the Barron River.

Photo: BREWSTER FRANKS

Students wade into beach issues

ENVIRONMENTAL weed invasion, fertilizer impacts and marine debris are just some of the issues a group of environmental crusaders will study this week.

More than a dozen year 5 students from Whitefield, Redlynch, Proshwar and Trinity Beach primary schools took part in an environmental program through the Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre yesterday.

Program adviser Helen Underwood said the program was based on the Barron River catchment.

"They identify an issue in the catchment and they have to find a solution," she said. "On Sunday we took the students to Green Island and did a marine debris collection. Yesterday we did a bus-

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TRASH TOYS: Redlynch State College students Lily Eggert, Jesse Fopp and Mackenzie Russell at the centre. Photo: BREWSTER FRANKS

Students get to wise up on waste

KIMBERLEY WILKINSON Cairns schoolchildren were taught talking trash in class this week as they learned about waste and recycling at Cairns Regional Council's new

education facility, the Bio-Discovery Centre.

Friday's official opening marked the completion of recent upgrades to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Portsmith. The Bio-

Discovery Centre is twice the size of its predecessor and features a floor of baled aluminium cans, marals, activewear and a couch rowed with recycled materials.

Science students set stage

CAPTED local primary school students will take the stage at Cairns Creek University tonight to pitch their environmental sustainability initiatives to scientists and industry leaders.



The Industry and Community Forum run by Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre will celebrate and showcase the environmental initiatives of 13 Year 5 students, all located on the Barron River catchment.

Four Trinity Beach State School students will present their study of the impact sediment and plastic run off has on the Great Barrier Reef and local surveys, developed through practical field work in Portsmith on the Barron River and in Creek Road and plenty of experiments.

"They're applying their research and enthusiasm to real life situations with the help of experts, so it's a powerful learning experience," said deputy principal Mark A. Sin.

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the facility helped students and the public understand the life cycle of waste.

A public tour of the Bio-Discovery Centre will be held on June 5 as part of ECOweek. Group visits can also be arranged a.cairns.qld.gov.au