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Children's Week Awards of Recognition - Nominations Now Open



Every year all over Australia, Children's Week focuses the spotlight firmly on children and their rights - to education, to feel safe, to be healthy and to have fun.

An important part of Children's Week are the Awards of Recognition, which identify individual children and groups of children across Western Australia who have shown generosity, compassion and a strong sense of spirit, so we can say thank you and reward them for their efforts.

The Awards also recognise adults and services or programs that have made an outstanding contribution to improving opportunities for Western Australian children (aged 3-12 years), families or the community. Nominations are received from all over the state and the judges have the difficult job of finding a winner and highly commended person or group in each category.

The Awards are organised by Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation Inc. and supported by the Department for Communities, School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA), Lotterywest, the Department of Education, the West Australian, Channel 7 and Mix 94.5.

Nominations for the Children's Week Awards of Recognition opened on Tuesday 20th April and close on the 10th September 2010.

Previous entrants have been school groups, child care centres and playgroups, sporting teams, community clubs, cultural groups, scout/guide units, peer groups and non-for-profit organisations as well as deserving individuals.

Winners receive a cash prize for their school, group or organisation and a medallion and certificate for themselves and will be invited to the official presentation ceremony held on Universal Children's Day, Wednesday 27th October 2010.

The awards will be attended by over 200 people including Mrs Julie Michael, Patron for WA Children's Week, senior government representatives, Bruno Camarri AM LLP, the President of Meerilinga's Board and Fairy Queen Caroline, Children's Week Ambassador.

Categories are:

- The Department of Education - Caring for Myself – (Individual Children's Award)
- The Department of Education - Caring for Others – (Individual & Group Children's Award)
- Children's Week Art Awards (Three age categories)
 - 3 to 6 years of age (Group Award)
 - 7 to 9 years of age (Individual Award)
 - 10 to 12 years of age (Individual Award)
- Meerilinga Award of Recognition (Individual Adult)
- The Department for Communities Outstanding Children and Family Service or Project (Metropolitan)
- The Department for Communities Outstanding Children and Family Service or Project (Regional)

To send us your nomination details or for more information contact Meerilinga on 08 9489 4022, email childrensweek@meerilinga.org.au or visit www.meerilinga.org.au.

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