

Go for a Landcare grant...

MCMC staff can help you apply for Landcare grants to expand your environmental projects. You could fund water quality testing equipment or buy plants to develop your school's indigenous gardens. Look for:

- ❖ *Watercare Grant*
- ❖ *Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program*
- ❖ *BILO Junior Landcare Land Grant*
- ❖ *Australia Post Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant*



Landcare Grant applications

are due 17 May 2007. Go to:

http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6

Call MCMC to make a plan...

Contact us soon to arrange a **Storming for Cleaner Water Session** with a range of activities for your students to do.



Students from East Preston Islamic College

And, when you're ready, call us to discuss how MCMC can support your Landcare grant application.

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Storming for Cleaner Water



Year 7 artwork from East Preston Islamic College

TERM 2: APRIL - JUNE 2007

Contact Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) to join in *free* environmental education activities during Term 2, 2007 focusing on:

- ❖ *Stormwater*
- ❖ *Indigenous plants*
- ❖ *Local water quality*



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These three free activities are available in a single session...

ACTIVITY 1: Stormwater ... what is it?

During Term 2, 2007 MCMC's education officers will have a 3D stormwater model, environmental displays and activities for your students to learn about water.

- ❖ What part of the water cycle is stormwater?
- ❖ How do our streams become polluted?
- ❖ Is litter the only pollutant to spoil creeks?



Bell Primary School students

Call us to plan an excursion in a park near your school or we can arrange to come to your school.

...Students in small groups will take turns to do each activity...

ACTIVITY 2: Does that plant belong here?

Weeds and indigenous plants affect the health of our local creeks in different ways. Your students will learn about plants and their connection to creeks and stormwater through:

- ❖ Outdoor botanic drawing
- ❖ Developing plant herbariums
- ❖ Examination of school grounds to plan indigenous gardens



St. Joseph's Primary School, Richmond

Your school's indigenous habitat is a link to restored natural areas.

...Students will do three hands on activities with experienced staff...

ACTIVITY 3: How healthy is your local creek?

A Waterwatch officer will work with students to identify water bugs (macroinvertebrates) and undertake water quality testing in your local creek.

- ❖ What can water bugs tell us about water quality?
- ❖ What pollutes your local creek?
- ❖ What qualities does a creek have?



Students enjoy learning about stream life

Incursions and excursions with MCMC's experienced staff open the door for outdoor learning!