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School Kids Visit Wetlands Thanks to BDTNRM

Year 5 students from East Ayr State School will be getting a tour of local wetlands, courtesy of Burdekin Dry Tropics Natural Resource Management (BDTNRM), as runners up in the Townsville Bulletin Wetland Scrapbook competition.

The kids will be heading out to Loam Island and the Town common on Wednesday September 12th for a guided tour and will also visit the Great Barrier Reef Aquarium to learn more about the importance of wetlands in our ecosystem.

BDTNRM along with GBRMPA and Townsville Bulletin helped judge the student's scrapbooks. BDTNRM's Marine and Coastal Coordinator, Dr. Rachel Allan said the quality and variety was impressive and encouraging.

"Wetlands are so important to the overall health of our country and our school children are ultimately faced with the challenge of managing these important ecosystems into the future," she said.

While on Loam Island the kids will take a boat tour and lend their hand at Macro-invertebrate catching. At the Town Common they'll see the wetland and bird life and walk across the salt pan and through the mangroves. The trip to the Aquarium provides the students with the opportunity to see the important connection between the wetlands and the reef.

As competition co-sponsors BDTNRM also provided highly commended prizes to two students to the value of \$500. The prize included books and other educational material to further their wetland learning.

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