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WA Primary Schools Make Safety a Priority

31 WA Primary Schools and over 1,500 students participated in IFAP's annual Safety Calendar Poster Competitions, a community-based safety project designed to spread the safety message at grass roots level.

The 2008 IFAP Safety Calendar initiative, sponsored by Main Roads Western Australia, BHP Billiton - Nickel West and supported by RAC Community Safety Month, is designed to facilitate communication of work-related safety issues between children and their families at home.

Children from participating schools designed posters highlighting important safety issues such as drugs and alcohol, road safety, bullying, stranger danger, protective personal equipment, workplace hazards, mine safety and more with the best selected to feature in IFAP's 2008 Safety Calendars.

IFAP, Main Roads WA and BHP Billiton - Nickel West would like to congratulate all of this years winners, particularly:

WA Competition and Goldfields Competition

1st Place - \$1000!

Olivia Tan, Year 7, Ardross Primary School - *We Need You! Work Safely*

Harley Hocking, Year 6, Kalgoorlie Primary School - *No Light No Life*

2nd Place - \$500!

Claudia Emanuele, Year 2, Beechboro Primary School - *Don't Go With Strangers*

Georgia Kerr, Year 4, North Kalgoorlie Primary School - *Slip, Slop, Slap*

IFAP will be acknowledging the winning students whose artwork is included in the calendar at special presentations in December where a cheque will be donated to the school to assist in their fundraising activities and the students will display their winning artwork.

Emma Scott, Teacher of last year's winning student, Molly Johnson from Currambine Primary School, said, "Being involved in the IFAP Safety Calendar Poster Competition was a highlight of our educational program on occupations.

The children in Year 2/3 at Currambine Primary School completed activities involving health and safety issues and the competition allowed us to emphasise safety issues for our students and their parents in their respective work places.

We are looking forward to directing our second place prize money into our road safety initiative in 2007."

The OS&H Manager of Main Roads WA, Brian Ballard, said "Main Roads believes that people are the most important consideration in all we do, and along with the WA community considers that family safety is paramount. We all want our family members returning home safe and healthy. The IFAP Safety Calendar provides an effective means to encourage discussion and raise awareness in safety, with our families' future in mind - our children!"

The 2008 IFAP Safety Calendars are full of colourful pictures and safety messages by primary school students.

For copies of the 2008 IFAP Safety Calendars or for more information phone IFAP on 9430 6611.

Photo opportunities will be available at:

Ardross Primary School Assembly
6th December 2007, 9.00am

Beechboro Primary School Assembly
7th December, 9.00am

Kalgoorlie Primary School Assembly
4th December 2007, 9.00am

North Kalgoorlie School Assembly
7th December 2007, 9.00am
