

Baldivis Children's Forest Ambassador 2011

Baldivis Primary School, nomination ballot:

Voting by students;	Total																
<u>Nominees</u>																	
Skye:	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	3	1	3	1	36
Brielle:	2	3	3	1	1												10
Tanisha:	1	3	3	1	3	1											12
Reece:	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2					23
Oliver:	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	3	1	2	3					26
Chelsea:	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	3			29
Georgia:	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2						21
Ryan:	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2					18
Dayna:	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	2									15

Baldivis Primary School's nomination for Forest Ambassador 2011 is:

Skye Makking- Robinson

The ballot and subsequent Baldivis nominee was upheld by the Principal and teachers involved in the Forest in 2010.

Well done to those who nominated for the position. You have all received the support of your peers who have recognised your commitment to the environment. We encourage you to continue your efforts in 2011 as the success of Children's Forest is testament to the ideas and work of students like yourselves.

Subsequently the result of the students' ballot is recognised by Baldivis Primary School and Skye will therefore be our candidate for the 2011 Baldivis Children's Forest Ambassador. We wish her well in the next round of the election process.

Baldivis Primary School's Nomination for Forest Ambassador for 2011



Skye Makking-Robinson

Elected by her peers and supported by the Principal and staff of Baldvis Primary School

Baldivis Primary School is proud to present Skye Makking-Robinson for the 2011 Baldvis Children's Forest Ambassador.

Skye is a year six student who possesses considerable academic ability, particularly in speaking and writing both of which she uses to great effect when she is telling others about what is perhaps her greatest passion, the natural environment: the environmental projects around the school

and particularly the Baldvis Children's Forest.

A very pleasant and articulate student, Skye has made a great contribution to the Baldvis Children's Forest. She has enthusiastically made an excellent effort in the revegetation program. Skye is happy to help with any task given to her, be it planting, weeding organising plants and making sure they are carefully protected with stakes and plastic sleeves. She is always ready to assist others and is a great team member in the Children's Forest.

Skye helping her team put in stakes and sleeves to protect the new seedlings. →



This willingness to undertake any task is reflected in our school vegetable patch and wider environmental programs. Skye will take the initiative to organise planting of our vegetables, weed or water. She will readily clean out the chook yard, turn the compost, collect the scraps from lunches and the canteen for the chooks and worm farm. This very industrious attitude is a great asset to both the school and the Baldivis Children's Forest.

Skye's ability to research and organise events has likewise been very positive in organising and carrying out Baldivis Primary School's special events to foster an attitude of positive sustainable practice. As a Waste Wise Witch in the school's Waste Wise recycling program, Skye helped promote our Earth Day event by encouraging classes to make recycled paper lanterns as a reminder to turn off lights and electrical appliances to conserve energy.



This was a great success and was followed by Skye helping to organise the school's Clean up Australia Day.

Once again Skye worked tirelessly as a Waste Wise Witch helping the younger students to collect rubbish and clean up around the school.

She later worked at the weighing station, overseeing the sorting and weighing of rubbish. Skye is a regular speaker at the assembly helping to the fortnightly Waste Wise Witch reports.

Skye genuinely enjoys helping our younger students learn what to do to help our fragile environment.



Skye is actively involved in promoting the need for environmental rehabilitation. She is active in initiating innovative ways to make people aware of the need for sustainability and



measures to reduce the effects of global warming. She is articulate and is very confident speaking to wider variety of audiences on the need to protect our unique natural environment. Rain hail or shine, Skye is determined to articulate her belief that Children should take an active role in caring for the environment. She is definite in speaking about the need for today's children needing to develop the skills so they can meet the challenges of global warming as tomorrow's adults.

Here we see Skye addressing the Mayor of Rockingham, Mr Barry Sammels on a wet and not so pleasant day in the Forest.

Skye possess a wonderful, natural, engaging personality her sincerity and commitment to the Forest has helped her carry out some very important public occasions in the Children's Forest in 2010. She has attended every Forest occasion she has been asked to participate in. This included weekend events such as 'Music in the Forest' when she was part of the Dreamtime Story performance as one of the readers, and the Wardanji Festival in Fremantle where she introduced our item.



Skye was one of the two host students who hosted the Forest's very successful 'Kids Teaching Kids' event when one hundred and twenty students from six local schools descended on the Baldivis Children's Forest.



As usual Skye was superb as one of the two MC's welcoming the visiting teachers, the students and the VIP guests including the Hon Gary Grey, Mayor Barry Sammel, and Richard Wood, Director of the 'Kids Teaching Kids' Youth Environment Organisation. Richard flying in from the Eastern States for the occasion was most impressed with the confidence and articulate manner of our two MCs.



Throughout the event Skye undertook a multiplicity of roles, as a MC of the official opening and closing sessions, as a presenter in our Forest walk and as a guide and Forest information speaker to our VIP guests.



2010 has been an enormous year for the Balddivis Primary School. What has been most appreciated is the Skye's willingness to take a leading role in any Forest activity, but what perhaps is even more pleasing is her wonderful inclusive manner and pleasant ways which encourage other students to join her in her endeavours. 2010 has seen Skye strongly supported by her family. Their commitment in helping Skye has allowed Skye to attend all important Forest and school occasions whether in the week or one the weekend. This family support is indeed very beneficial in the busy life of a Children's Forest Ambassador.

In the next few weeks, Skye will be attending a morning tea Parliament House and will introduce and talk about our successful PALS indigenous project which won the Arts and Culture Award. She will continue to be part of our student publicity team speaking about our projects in environmental studies, both at Balddivis

Primary School and in our particular projects in the Balddivis Children's Forest which are undertaken and carried out by Balddivis Primary School.

In all Skye undertakes and achieves in carrying out her roles as a presenter of projects, a team participant or as a creator of new ways to engage more students in the Forest's environmental programs, Skye always maintains her pleasant and caring manner and her wonderful sense of fun. Her ability as a public speaker and her commitment to the environment is a wonderful asset to the Balddivis Children's Forest.

Skye is a wonderful leader whose initiative and organisational skills make her a standout applicant for the position of Balddivis Children's Forest.



Balddivis Primary School is proud to endorse Skye Makking-Robinson as our candidate for the position of Balddivis Children's Forest Ambassador 2011.