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Aussie kids join to have their voices heard on climate change

Hundreds of school children from all over Melbourne will come together for a unique educational initiative on how they can make a difference to climate change.

The free event to be held at Grimwade House, Melbourne Grammar Junior School on Wednesday 11 November 2009 will include a series of fun activities for grade five children. The day will feature speakers from a wide range of organisations including the Australian Conservation Foundation, The Climate Project, Greening Australia and Applause for A Cause.

Free showbags will be given to all attending students including a reusable water bottle by BRITA Water.

The aim of the day is to inspire and educate children on how they can make a difference through the arts, drama, music, politics, sports and media.

The educational event is part of the Climate Quilt Campaign, a global not-for-profit initiative which unites children around the world while giving them a voice and the satisfaction that they are helping to raise awareness and save the planet.

For the past few months, kids from around Australia have been sewing and decorating patches for the Climate Quilt Campaign. Their handiwork will represent Australia at the United Nations Summit on climate change in Copenhagen in December, before being joined with segments representing children from around the world.

"The future of the planet is in the hands of our children and many of them desperately want to help to do something about climate change," says Sharon Lowe, founder of the Climate Quilt Campaign and environmental education website, Habitat Heroes.

"By sewing a pledge patch they not only help, but also represent their country and have their handiwork displayed on the world stage."

There are still spots available for Melbourne grade five school children to attend. Schools interested in attending should contact the Climate Quilt Crusader at info@climatequilt.org.

Sharon urges all school children to create 'pledge patches' on climate change. It's as simple as finding a 16.5cm square of recycled fabric, decorating it with beads and embroidery, using a fabric pen to write your pledge to protect the environment, and to add your name, age and location.

For exact details and specifications, please visit the Climate Quilt Campaign website at www.climatequilt.org. Completed patches can be sent to PO Box 2280, Caulfield Junction VIC 3161.

The Climate Quilt Campaign is made possible by environmentally conscious organisations Habitat Heroes (www.habitatheroes.com) and the Green Schools Alliance (www.greenschoolsalliance.org).



Picture: The Australian Climate Quilt so far

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