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Green kids for a greener world

Sustainable living is the message of a new interactive learning tool

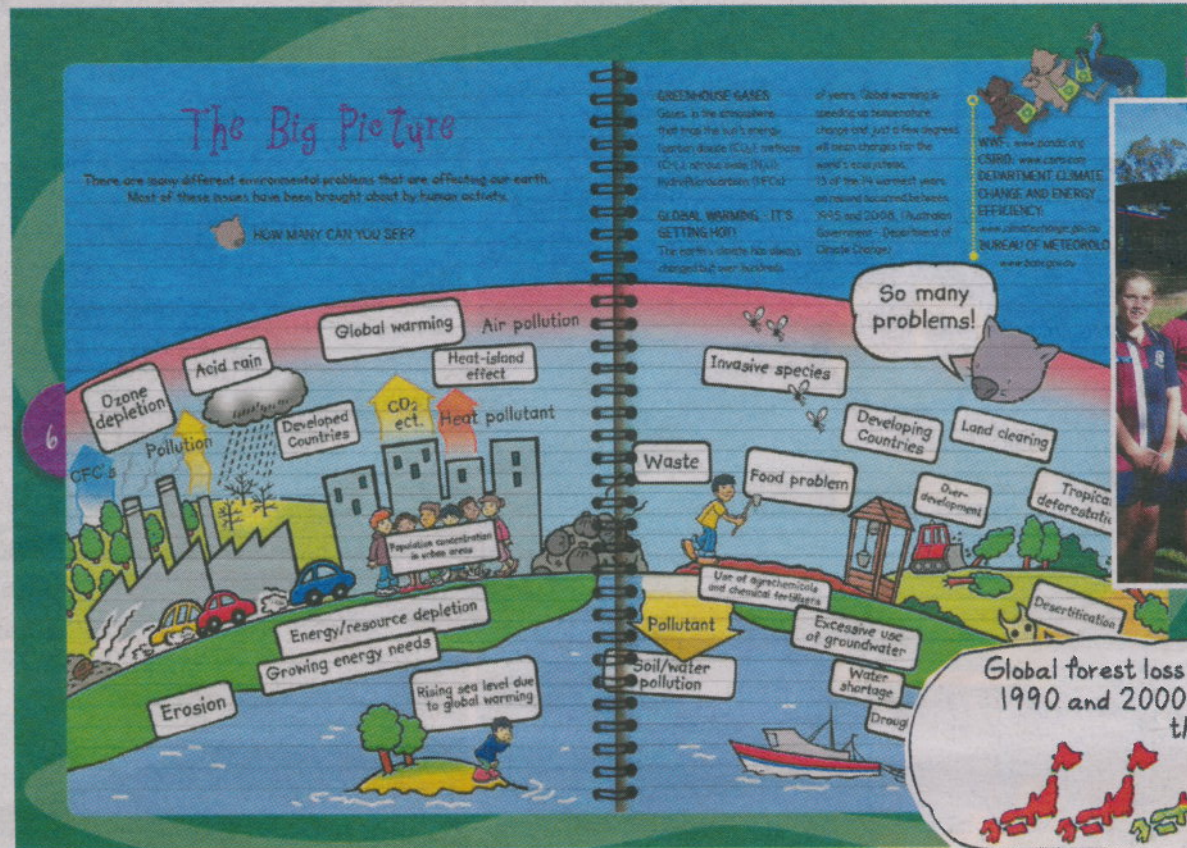
AN EXCITING new and free environmental education program for students 10-12 years was launched on World Environment Day last week by Green Cross Australia.

The environmental program, Green Lane Diary, is a curriculum-linked education program designed by environmental educators to help children become aware of the stresses our planet confronts and how sustainable living can make a difference.

It enables students to learn about how the natural environment is connected to the way we live and work, and encourages them, their families and their schools to take action which will make a difference in protecting our natural environment. Topics studied include climate change, biodiversity, waste management, natural resource management, and our cities and coasts.

This project began 11 years ago under the auspices of Green Cross Japan. Over 600,000 Japanese students have participated since 1999.

Queensland teachers participating will be provided with lesson plans, projects and assessment ideas to help in their classroom. The project aims to help shape environmental values through learning practical eco-friendly activities and about sustainable living. Students will be encouraged to keep a written record



WRITE STUFF: A competition will be held to find the best diaries about ecological activities.



of their ecological activities and discoveries every day in Term 3. A competition will be held to find the best diaries.

The project is a snug fit for the Queensland Government's Year of Environmental Sustainability (<http://deta.qld.gov.au/yes/index.html>). All students in Years 5-7 are invited to

participate in the Green Lane Diary pilot and teachers are encouraged to express their interest by registering now. Email your name, school, number of students, contact number and email to info@greencrossaustralia.org

The program will be roll out nationally in 2011. Learn more: [Green Lane Diary](http://www.greenlanediary.org/) <http://www.greenlanediary.org/>

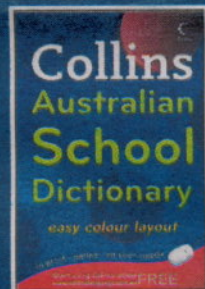


GREEN CROSS
International

GREEN Cross International is a Geneva-based non-governmental organisation founded by former Russian president Mikhail Gorbachev in Kyoto, on April 18, 1993. To date, GCI is represented in 30 countries around the world. The mission of GCI is to help ensure a just, sustainable and secure future for all by cultivating a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility in humanity's relationship with nature.

Learn more at www.greencrossinternational.net.

"I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defence of our resources is just as important as defence abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?" - Robert Redford, Green Cross International Honorary Board Member.



Win! Win!

For students

Headst@rt, The Courier-Mail and HarperCollins are offering students the chance to win one of 10 Collins Australian School Dictionaries. To enter, email name, age, grade, school and home address, including postcode, to competitions@thecouriermail.com.au with Spelling Bee in the subject line.

Competition closes midnight Sunday, June 27. Winners will be drawn on Monday, June 28. Only one entry per email address will be accepted. Winners will be notified by mail. Total prize pool value \$250. This information is being collected by QNPL for the purpose of this promotion only.

Searching for spelling champions



Registrations are now open for students to participate and test their spelling accuracy in The Courier-Mail Spelling Bee. Registrations can be made by teachers and parents. Major prizes include Toshiba laptops, WOW Sight & Sound vouchers, Nintendo Wii consoles and class excursions to Dreamworld. Every participating school student registered will be automatically entered into a random draw to win an \$8000 pallet of honey that can be used for school fundraising.

Register: couriermail.com.au/spellingbee
Tip for success:
Read widely, increase your vocabulary.
Try to learn some new words each day.

Learn the following eco-themed words.

air	biodegradable	carbon	chlorofluorocarbons	conservation
contaminant	contamination	ecology	environmentally	energy
emissions	geothermal	greenhouse	hazardous	non-renewable
organic	pollution	recycling	solar	sustainable

Use articles in today's The Courier-Mail to find 9 new words to learn.
