

# Ribbons of Blue Study of the Avon River Basin

## Avonvale Primary School



The Avonvale Primary School wanted to run a program to educate local students and community about caring for the Avon River and appreciate its cultural value. They applied to Wheatbelt NRM for a Small Community Grant to buy a Ribbons of Blue testing kit, and to train staff and Aboriginal community members how to use the kit. The project aimed to cultivate in students an awareness of their environment and the importance of conserving it. Partnerships and collaborations were created with Department of Water (Mr Sheperd Chipfunde), the Environmental Society of Avon Valley (Mr Peter Weatherly), Wheatbelt NRM (Ms Tarsha Woods), Aboriginal community (Mr Trevor Davis), WA Ribbons of Blue (Mr Richard Olive) and Ms Karen Ducat.

The students learnt about many aspects of the river including pH, temperature, conductivity and the ecosystems.

This fundamental understanding gave them an insight to natural environment and this education was carried forward onto NAIDOC and Science Day, River Festival Float and Outdoor Adventure Camp. Students were heard to say, *"I enjoyed studying the River"*.

*"Wow, I did not know there were so many things in the River." "Visting the farm was great and I really saw how a farm is..." "Thankyou for taking us as your environmental leaders" "Great float on the values and the environment." The students created a power-point presentation and a booklet about their river monitoring work.*

### Wheatbelt NRM Small

### Community Grants 2010

**Recipient:** Avonvale Primary School

**Amount Funded:** \$6380

**People Involved:** 150



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