

Wednesday 27 October 2010.

## **RYDE STUDENTS BECOME WASTE WATCHERS**

St Kevin's Public School at Eastwood is the first of eight local schools who will be treated to a visit from the popular *Waste Watchers* 'Wide World of Waste' and 'Sustainability Sleuths' environmental education program during November and December.

A joint partnership between the City of Ryde and Keep Australia Beautiful NSW, the interactive mobile program uses games and quizzes to help children learn about protecting their local environment and to raise their understanding of the environmental challenges faced today.

City of Ryde Waste Communications Officer, Helen Kerley, said: "The *Waste Watchers* program is part of the Council's strategy to increase environmental awareness in local children.

"The interactive nature of *Waste Watchers* is really popular. It educates the students to do the right thing in a fun way by teaching them best practice environmental management, including disposal of rubbish to reduce waste to landfill.

"The modules also include education on wider environmental issues such as the concept of ecological sustainability, water and energy conservation."

Developed by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW for school children, and funded by the City of Ryde, *Waste Watchers* has been made available to local schools for several years as part of Council's Ryde Environmental Education Network (REEN) initiative.

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**Photo opportunity: See a *Waste Watchers* lesson in action:**  
**Where: St Kevins Public School, 28 Hillview Road, Eastwood**  
**When: Thursday 28 October 2010**  
**Time: 9.55am – 10.55am**  
**Please report to the school office.**

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