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More AWESOME artworks for Kwinana Kids

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AWESOME's highly successful community development program Creative Challenge kicked off in Kwinana last week with 'OPEN BOOK', a story-telling project for young people.

Usually a regional program, BHP Billiton Nickel West has brought Creative Challenge to Kwinana, enabling metropolitan students an experience similar to those of young people in regional and remote Western Australia.

Over the last week, the bright young things of Medina Primary School have been challenged and inspired to create their own version of a 'book'.

AWESOME artist-in-residence Lee Kennedy has been facilitating workshops to explore the stories, ideas and identity of the young people to then create a 'book' that reflects the culture and environment of the Medina community. The book is open to interpretation so the outcome could be a variety of artworks.

"So far we've been creating collector cards so each student is making a card based on themselves, which will be combined together as a class set," said Mr Kennedy.

"The class seems to be really getting into it. They're so keen to try new things so they are looking forward to the top secret 2nd week project we will be starting on soon," he said.

AWESOME's Community Development Manager Li-anne Carroll said AWESOME is looking forward to working with the young people of Medina.

"With the support of BHP Billiton Nickel West, AWESOME has been able to extend this opportunity to Medina Primary School for the second year in a row and we have seen from last year's Creative Challenge that there is definitely a talented bunch of budding young artists in Medina," said Ms Carroll.

"We look forward to developing this relationship further in the future to keep showcasing the inspiring talents of Kwinana's young people," she said.

The artworks of each community, including Medina, will be showcased in the OPEN BOOK Installation at the 2009 AWESOME Festival in the Perth CBD from 22 – 29 November. The AWESOME Festival is an international contemporary arts festival for young people, showcasing the latest and greatest in new media, sculpture, visual arts, performance, contemporary dance, animation and street art. For more information and full program go to www.awesomearts.com or call the AWESOME Team on 08 9485 0560.

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LEE KENNEDY BIO

Lee started out making hip hop before it was cool at 15, with the hybrid hip hop group The Freakz of The Nature, who recently collaborated with Speech from Arrested Development. At 17 he started organizing his own music events locally and beyond, including being one of the founding members of The Semikazi Collective. He performs as a solo electronic artist as Krazie Kraze and has had multiple releases. After attaining an Advanced Diploma of Screen specializing in Directing, by day (or night) Lee now keeps himself alive by freelancing with his video production business. Having previously worked as a Youth Officer and in other youth arts roles, Lee has been a panelist and chairperson of many arts funding panels and has also had his own shows on Radio Fremantle and Sound FM.



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