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Students to swap books for an outdoor lesson

Beechworth Primary students will swap their schoolbooks for tree planting, bug searches, greenhouse activities and a recycling relay tomorrow (Thursday, 18 May).

The students will move to an outdoor classroom for SEED – a Schools Environmental Education Day- being held on and around the foreshores of Lake Sambell as part of Arbor Week.

Arbor Week (14-20 May 2006) has a 116 year-old tradition of promoting tree planting in schools and other community facilities and involves thousands of students across Victoria.

According to North East CMA Waterwatch Coordinator, Carolyn Humby, the activities will aim to be hands-on and fun, whilst also informing primary school students about a range of environmental issues.

“ Our activities will focus on four main themes – biodiversity, water, waste and atmosphere, “ said Carolyn.

The students will be involved in a range of activities throughout the day and will work with various local organisations in learning about a range of environmental issues.

One of the highlights of the day will be a performance by Vox Bandicoot, an Environmental Education performance group from Melbourne, at 12.45pm.

The Natural Resources Conservation League has provided funding of \$2500 for this Arbor Week event.

Representatives from the North East CMA, Indigo Shire, North East Greenhouse Alliance and NevRwaste will be coordinating activities at Lake Sambell.

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