

2010 School Environmental Education Calendar - North East

This calendar has been designed to help you to link your schools curriculum planning with the environmental events that will take place both globally & locally in North East Victoria during 2010. Consider linking your curriculum with the following days or events to ensure a comprehensive program.

Month	Event	Further information
2 February	World Wetland Day	A day to celebrate the importance of wetlands around the world. The 2010 theme is "Wetlands, Biodiversity, and Climate Change." http://www.ramsar.org/wwd/wwd_index.htm
19 February	Sustainable Living Festival Education Day (Melbourne)	An interactive day for years 4-12, for more details and booking from please go to http://festival.slf.org.au/apply/festival-main-event/education-day
5 March	Schools Clean Up Day	Go to http://cleanup.org.au/ to register your school. An information pack will be delivered to assist your school.
11 March	School Environmental Day Yarrowonga	A FREE all day environmental education event for grade 5 students. Students will rotate through four environmental hands-on VELs linked activities. Places are limited. To enquire about booking your school into this event contact Karen Jones at SEED seed@nevrwaste.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5722 9232
17 March	Ride to School Day	A day to celebrate students riding or walking to school http://www.bv.com.au/ride2school/
19 March	Toolbox for Environmental Change (Melbourne) 'Living Lessons'	An opportunity for teachers to inspire each other in environmental and sustainability education. The day will include presentations, workshops and displays by Sustainability Victoria, AuSSI Vic, DEECD, VCAA, Primary and Secondary Schools and Environmental and sustainability organisations for more information contact Greening Australia on (03)9450 5300 or visit www.greeningaustralia.org.au
22 March	World Water Day	A day to promote awareness of world water issues. The 2010 theme is "Communicating Water Quality Challenges and Opportunities". To find out more http://www.worldwaterday.org/
29 March	Earth Hour	Join over 50 million people in switching off for an hour http://www.earthhour.org/
3 – 9 May	Saltwatch Week	A chance for your school to be involved in state wide monitoring of salinity levels and an opportunity to compare regional levels of salt in our waterways. http://www.vic.waterwatch.org.au/monitoring-&-data/994/
14 May	Walk Safely to School Day	It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment http://www.cancer.org.au/cancersmartlifestyle/nutritionphysicalactivity/campaignsandevents/Walksafelytoschoolday.htm
20 May	School Environmental Day Mansfield/Benalla	A FREE all day environmental education event for grade 5 students. Students will rotate through four environmental hands-on VELs linked activities. Places are limited. To enquire about booking your school into this event contact Karen Jones at SEED seed@nevrwaste.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5722 9232
5 June	World Environment Day	Coordinated through United Nations to stimulate worldwide awareness of the environment and enhance political attention and action. http://www.unep.org/wed/2009/english/ Link to 2009 program (2010 not on line yet)
21 -27 June	Arbor Week	Run through the NRCL of Victoria, the event is a chance for schools and community groups to be involved in tree planting activities. http://www.nrcl.org.au/arbor.php
29 July	School Environmental Day Wangaratta	An all day environmental education event for grade 5 students. Students will rotate through four environmental hands-on VELs linked activities. Places are limited. To enquire about booking your school into this event contact Karen Jones at SEED seed@nevrwaste.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5722 9232
30 July	Schools Tree Day	An opportunity for schools to participate in National Tree Day http://treeday.planetark.com/
1 August	National Tree Day	Indigo and Wangaratta Councils provide trees around this time to schools in their municipality to assist in participation in National Tree Day. http://treeday.planetark.com/
September	Biodiversity Month	A range of local biodiversity activities are held in North East Victoria during Biodiversity Month. For more information contact your local Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) office or visit http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/month.html
12 September	Sustainable House Day	This is the 9th year of the successful Sustainable House Day – where houses across Australia are opened to show you how to live more sustainably http://www.sustainablehouseday.com/
22 September	World Car Free Day	Give priority to cycling, walking and public transport, instead of to the automobile. http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd/
21 October	School Environmental Day Yackandandah	A FREE all day environmental education event for grade 5 students. Students will rotate through four environmental hands-on VELs linked activities. Places are limited. To enquire about booking your school into this event contact Karen Jones at SEED seed@nevrwaste.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5722 9232
17-23 October	National Water Week	A number of water related activities will occur in NE Victoria this week for all schools to participate in, to protect, conserve and learn more about our precious water resources, including the annual school's poster competition http://www.nationalwaterweek.org.au/
8 - 14 November	National Recycling Week	A day to promote involvement in recycling within the community http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/
27 Nov	Buy Nothing Day	Everything we buy has an impact on the environment. Buy Nothing Day highlights the environmental and ethical consequences of shopping. http://www.buynothingday.co.uk/